

Christ Child Catholic Church
*Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the
Challenges of Loving Service*

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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
July 24, 2016

“Never give up!”

Years ago in Illinois, a young man with six months schooling to his credit ran for an office in the legislature when he was 23 and was beaten. Next he entered business with a partner but failed in that too, and spent the next seventeen years paying the debts of his worthless partner. He fell in love with a charming lady and they became engaged, but she died. The next year he had a nervous breakdown. Relying on the power of prayer, he ran for the post of Speaker (at 29), of Elector (at 31) and a seat in Congress (at 34). He was defeated each time. He then tried to obtain an appointment to the U.S. Land Office, but didn't succeed. He became a candidate for the Vice-Presidency and lost. Two years later he was defeated in an election to the Senate (at 46). He ran for office once more and was elected the sixteenth President of the United States in 1860 when he was 51. That man was Abraham Lincoln who put his trust in the

power of persistent prayer coupled with never-fading faith in God's goodness. It took Winston Churchill three years to get through the eighth grade, because he couldn't pass English! Ironically, he was asked many years later to give the commencement address at Oxford University. His famous speech consisted of only three words: "Never give up!"
In today's gospel after teaching the Lord's Prayer, Jesus instructs us that we should never give up in our prayer life.

Today's readings tell us what to pray and how to pray. The main themes of today's Scripture readings are the power of intercessory prayer, the ideal prayer, the Our Father, and the necessity for persistence and perseverance in prayer, with trusting faith and boldness.

The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis, gives us a model of intercessory prayer provided, by Abraham in his dialogue with God. Although Abraham seems to be trying to manipulate God through his skillful bargaining and humble, persistent intercession, God is actually being moved to mercy by the goodness of a few innocent souls.

The responsorial psalm, "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me," is a hymn of hope and trust in the Lord, reminding us that God is close to the humble of heart and to all those who call upon Him in their need. In the gospel passage, after teaching a model prayer, Jesus instructs his disciples to pray to God their heavenly Father with the same boldness, daring, intimacy, conviction, persistence and perseverance shown both by Abraham and by the friend in need in Jesus' parable...

Sacrament of Reconciliation
By request or appointment
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Call the office for an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually call, for an appointment

For Pregnancy Support:

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Group of Women and Men

Please come every Tuesday in the Church at 8:15 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS July 23 - 29

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Patricia Krouse
+ Robert Garcia**

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Don Oaker

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. John Parker

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Friday 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Are you an Adult?

And would you like to be Catholic or be confirmed or receive the Eucharist. Please call at 408.353.2210. We will be very happy to help you! Fr. Eugenio

Men's Club Meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday August 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

We have Dinner and very good support for one another.

Please come, we need you!!!

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7 – 8:30 pm. **July 27th!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flash.net

**6th ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST
PARTY & DANCE
LIVE BAND - DANCING
FOOD & DRINKS!!!**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

STARTS AT 6 O'CLOCK

\$35 Donation Requested

**For more information contact: Don
Boisvert 408.828.2035**

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

The parish asks each family to contribute only one hour of weekly wage.

The important thing is that it should be given as a Prayer. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Then JESUS took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining. (John 6:11)

The crowd's hunger was plea enough for Jesus. He fed them in abundance before they had so much as asked. Sometimes we do not recognize our true hungers, but if we simply admit our poverty and need before God, he will feed us with all we need to lead the full life of our covenant with him in Christ Jesus, our true Bread.

RETROUVAILLE - A lifeline for marriages

MARRIAGE HELPS - Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, or someone you know too. For confidential information or to register for the next program beginning with a Weekend on **September 23-25, 2016**

Call 831 479.1260 or email:

Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at: www.HelpourMarriage.com

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday July 16 & 17, 2016

Total \$ 1,548.00

Thank You & God bless you!