

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

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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
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**Someday we will have to answer this question:
What have you done with your life?**

Instant Replay

Jerry Kramer was an all-pro linesman for the Green Bay Packers in the late 1960s. He won fame not only for playing a great game of football but also for writing a best-selling book. It was called *Instant Replay* and dealt with a dimension of pro football that we rarely think about.

Taking the form of a diary, Jerry's book describes what goes on in the minds of athletes as they play their games week in and week out. And some of the things that go on in their minds surprise you.

For example one entry in Jerry's diary tells how he had just seen a film called *Cool Hand Luke*. It starred Paul Newman, who played the part of a wild man who had no goal in life and no fear of God or man.

Toward the end of the movie, Cool Hand Luke escapes from prison. As he flees, he comes upon an empty church. He goes inside,

kneels down, and prays to God in words like this:

"Old Man, whadya got planned for me? Whadya have in mind when you made me? Whadya put me on earth for, Old Man?" Jerry says in his diary: "I ask the same questions. I often wonder... What's my purpose here on earth besides playing the silly games I play every Sunday. I feel there's got to be more to life than that. There's got to be some reason for it... I didn't come up with any answers this morning. I just thought about it for a while." Twenty years later, in the 1980s, Jerry Kramer wrote a second book called *Distant Replay*.

It's a kind of sequel to his first book. In it he looks back over his life and career and asks himself the same questions he did in *Instant Replay*.

For example, there's one chapter in the book called "What Have I Done with My Life?" He begins the chapter by recalling a book he had just read, called *Life after Life* by Dr. Raymond Moody. It deals with people who were resuscitated after having been declared clinically dead. Kramer writes:

"One of the people recalled floating up; and encountering a being of light that somehow, nonverbally, asked, 'What have you done with your life?'"

Kramer then says: "I remember putting the book down and asking myself the same question. Then I answered it by listing my possessions – my ranch in Idaho, my cars, my boat. Suddenly, I stopped and said to myself, 'Isn't that wonderful?'"

Kramer says that when he was playing with the Packers, he thought he would live forever. Then he adds that as he nears age 50, he finds himself thinking a lot about death.

This, my friends, is the message of today's readings. It's one of the most important messages the Gospel can set before us. For it gets at the heart of everything. It gets at the heart of why we are here: To live in such a way that when we die and Jesus asks us, "What have you done with your life?" we will have something to say. We won't have to turn away in embarrassment – or in regret.

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 in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 am. All Women and All Men.

MASS INTENTIONS July 30 – August 5

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Karlo Simic

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Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Gina Boisvert

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Sandoval Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Robert Garcia

Men's Club Meeting

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

Dinner and we have very good support for one another. Please come, we need you!!!

August 6th and 9th are the anniversaries of the atomic explosions over Hiroshima and Nagasaki (1945).

As these events are recalled, all are urged to continue to pray for world peace and for increased "efforts in favor of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament."

6rd ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST PARTY & DANCE

LIVE BAND – DANCING, FOOD & DRINKS!!!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
STARTS AT 6 O'CLOCK

Information: Don Boisvert
408.828.2035

Choir Call If you'd like to sing or play an instrument in the choir, please give us your ideas. We need you! Questions? Call Norma Hammons @ 408.353.3326

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

Retrouvaille

Married Singles Lifestyle – describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriage. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the 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