

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

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
August 14, 2016

**“Be God’s prophets and God’s
microphones”
(Oscar Romero)**

God sends His prophets to give the world His message in every century. Blessed Oscar Romero, Blessed Mother Teresa, Pope St. John Paul II, Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Martin Luther King, Fannie Lou Hamer, Dom Helder Camara, Maura Clark, Dorothy Kazel, Ita Ford, Jeanne Donovan, and Ella Baker were all twentieth century prophets who had the courage of their Christian convictions to follow Jesus and proclaim his undiluted message which cast fire on earth and caused healthy division in the society as today’s Gospel points out.

In 1980, in the midst of a U.S.-funded genocidal war against the leftist rebels in El Salvador, Archbishop Blessed Oscar Romero who sided with the poor, exploited farm workers, declared: *“If they kill all your priests and the bishop too, each one of you must become God’s microphone, each one of*

you must become a prophet. I do not believe in death without resurrection. If they kill me, I will be resurrected in the Salvadoran people.” Amid overarching violence, Romero wrote to President Jimmy Carter pleading with him to cease sending military aid to the brutal military regime because, he wrote, *“It is being used to repress my people.”* The U.S. sent \$1.5 million in aid every day for 12 years. Archbishop Romero’s letter went unheeded. Two months later, he was assassinated. Ending a long homily addressed to the pro-government land owners and peasants and the military and broadcast throughout the country, his voice rose to breaking, *“Brothers, you are from the same people; you kill your fellow peasants.... No soldier is obliged to obey an order that is contrary to the will of God.”* There was thunderous applause; he was inviting the army to mutiny. Then his voice burst out, *“In the name of God then, in the name of this suffering people I ask you, I beg you, I command you in the name of God: stop the repression.”* Oscar Romero gave his last homily on March 24, 1980, moments before a sharpshooter felled him at the altar of the hospital chapel. Reflecting on the day’s Scripture, he had said, *“One must not love oneself so much, as to avoid getting involved in the risks of life that history demands of us, and those that fend off danger will lose their lives.”*

In an interview as he was flying to Brazil in May, 2007 Pope Benedict told the reporters, “Romero as a person merits beatification.” In July 2007, the new Salvadoran conservative government said it would formally request the Vatican to beatify Romero although it will not accept responsibility for his slaying. Pope Francis beatified the martyred Archbishop Romero on May 23, 2015.

Today’s readings remind us that the Church needs prophets like Romero and cautions contemporary prophets that their course will not be easy.

**Let us learn to appreciate the
contemporary prophets in the Church...
We should have fire in our hearts...**

***We pray the Rosary together every Saturday
at 4:30 PM Please come to pray for the
families and our Country!***

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

Every Tuesday at 8:15 AM. All Women and all
Men.

MASS INTENTIONS August 13 - 19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Marc Demers

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen

Monday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Herb & Chris Curran

Thursday 8:00 a.m. + Fr. Geronimo Cuevas

Friday 8:00 a.m. The Sandoval Family

**COLLECTION for August 6 & 7, 2016
\$ 1,478.00**

Thank You for your Generosity!

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

Wednesday August 24th from 7-8:30 p.m.

**Our focus is social and spiritual at the same
time!**

Please contact Ruth McCormick

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Back to School!

We as a Catholic Community would like to wish a very good year to all the children, teens, teachers, workers, and administrators. May God our Father be with you and protect you, and give to you His wisdom and love. We pray for you every day; we promise. **Have a Good year!**

Men’ Club Meeting

We meet on the Second Wednesday of the month, September 14th – at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Community Center. Dinner and Drinks! We are very good support for one another.

Coming Soon....

6th PARISH HARVEST PARTY & DANCE

**Steak Dinner, Drinks, Dancing to a
Live Band**

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Starts at 6:00 PM

Tickets available after Mass

Or Contact Don Boisvert

408 828-2035

Donation of \$35 Requested.

The Year of Mercy

It Makes the World Less Cold

In the past few days I have been reading a book by a Cardinal ... on mercy... Cardinal Walter Kasper said that feeling mercy, that this word changes everything. This is the best thing we can feel: it changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to understand properly this mercy of God, this merciful Father who is so patient... Let us remember the Prophet Isaiah who says that even if our sins were scarlet, God’s love would make them white as snow. This mercy is beautiful. Make one act of mercy today, no matter how small it may be. Pope Francis

**Monday, August 15th: The Assumption of
Blessed Virgin Mary – Mass at 9:00 a.m.**