

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

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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
August 21, 2016

**“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter
but will not be strong enough.”**
Luke 13: 22-30

The heart of a king

Boxing champion Muhammad Ali often told this story to his young daughter: A king sensed something special about his slave Omar. Omar served the king well as his personal attendant. The king rewarded Omar for his faithful service with a beautiful robe and set of clothes. A courtier was very jealous of Omar and looked for a way to discredit him before the king. The courtier noticed that every day Omar took a large sack into the royal treasury and left with the same sack. The courtier immediately reported to the king that Omar was stealing. The next morning, the king hid outside the chamber to see for himself. As usual, Omar entered the room, opened the sack - and took out of the sack his old slave robe. In the large

mirror in the treasury, Omar said to the reflection: “Omar, once you were a slave. Never forget who you are and how blessed you are.” The king was deeply moved by Omar’s humility. “I knew there was something special about you. I may be a king Omar, but you have a king’s heart.”

Our entry into the life of God requires of us an honesty and integrity that we cannot ignore or rationalize in order to justify our passage.

The “narrow gate” is the honest confrontation of who we are, what we believe, what we hear God asking of us in the depths of our hearts; the “narrow gate” allows for no acceptable margin of error, no “wiggle room,” no path of least resistance. It is the difficult way of limitless love, unconditional forgiveness, sacrificial selflessness – but Jesus promises that anyone willing to struggle through the “narrow gate” will be welcomed into the eternal dwelling place of his Father.

Put God first and you’ll never be last!

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

Women and Men every Tuesday at 8:15 am

MASS INTENTIONS August 20 - 26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Schaner Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Sandoval Family

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

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Stewardship of Treasury Report

Sunday August 13 & 14, 2016

\$1,645.00

Thank you and God bless you!

Wonderful Women’s Weekend!

Enjoy a wonderful women’s weekend at St. Clare’s Retreat! A silent retreat will be held on **September 23 – 25th, 2016** with the topic being “Three essential virtues for growth and holiness in family life.”

The guest speaker is **Father Serge Propst O.P.** The retreat starts with Friday dinner and ends with Sunday dinner. The cost for all three days is \$140.00; single rooms are available on request for \$150.00.

**For reservations & more information, contact
Jeanette Roberts at 408-353-1880**

Men’s Club Meeting

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month on September 14th - at 6:30 pm at the Parish’s Community Center. Dinner and Drinks!

All men welcome!

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
ruthmcc@flash.net**

Back to School

We as Catholic Community would like to wish a very good year 2016-2017 to the children, teens, teachers, workers, and administrators.

May God our Father be with you and protect, and give to you His wisdom and love. We pray for you every day; we promise.

Have a good year!

HARVEST PARTY & DANCE

**Saturday, September 10th 2016
Starts at 6:00 p.m.**

After Mass Dinner, Drinks, Music and More

**This is a Fundraiser and
All donations will go to help the Parish’s
Projected 2015/2016 Budget Deficit**

**TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS!
Or Contact Don Boisvert 408-828-2035
PLEASE SUPPORT!!!**

A Year of MERCY

St. Bernard (says): But what can I count on? My own merits? No, “My merit is God’s mercy. I am by no means lacking merits as long as he is rich in mercy. If the mercies of the Lord are manifold, I too will abound in merits.” This is important: the courage to trust in Jesus’ mercy, to trust in his patience, to seek refuge always in the wounds of his love.

***We pray the ROSARY together every
Saturday at 4:30 PM Please come to
pray for the families!***