

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

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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
August 28, 2016

**Humility means to live as JESUS did – not
for ourselves but for others.**

The Parable

An Arabian parable concerns a horseman galloping through the night across a plain. He is headed for the City of the Sun, which lies on the other side of a great valley. As he rides along in the darkness, he suddenly hears a voice shout: "Halt! Dismount! Pick up some stones! Put them in your packet. Tomorrow at sunrise you will be sad and glad."

The voice sounded as if it should be obeyed, so the horseman dismounted, picked up several stones, and put them in his pocket. Then he rode on.

About an hour later, the horseman heard the same voice. Once again it gave the same command: "Halt! Dismount! Pick up some stones! Put them in your pocket. Tomorrow at sunrise you will be sad and glad." Again the horseman obeyed and rode on.

Then, about an hour later, as the horseman was about to descend into the great valley, the same thing happened. And, again, he obeyed.

Then the horseman began his descent into the great valley. The path was steep and dangerous. Soon the stones in his pocket began to pinch his leg and cause him pain. So he began to pull them out one by one and throw them away.

Finally, about sunrise the next morning, the horseman arrived at the other side of the valley. As he did, he reached into his pocket to throw away the last stone, because it is causing him great pain.

As he took the stone into his hand, he noticed that it felt strange. The horseman looked at it and saw that it had changed into a diamond. At that moment he was both sad and glad. He was sad that he had thrown away all the other stones, but he was glad that he, at least, had kept this one.

The story, of course, is a parable about life. The plain stands for childhood, when we are told to do this or that – without being told why. For example, we are told to be honest. WE are told to be truthful. We are told to be generous. If we do these things, someday we will be glad.

The stones that the horseman picked up and put in his pocket stand for the virtues of honesty, truthfulness, and generosity. We acquire these by obeying the commands of our parents and our teachers.

The steep valley stands for adult life, when these virtues are tested severely. Then we are tempted to throw them away, as the horseman threw away the stones when they began to pinch and to pain him.

We say to ourselves: Why be honest when other people cheat? Why be truthful when

other people are not? Why be generous when others are selfish?

Every adult gets temptations like these. And many adults give in to the temptations...

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

Pray Group in the Parish

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

MASS INTENTIONS August 27 – Sept 2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sandoval Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Caralie Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Communion Services

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Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday August 20 & 21, 2016

Total Plate	\$1,011.00
EFT	\$ 545.00
TOTAL	\$1,556.00

**Today the Second Collection is for
Maintenance!**

Thank you and God bless you!

WONDERFUL WOMEN'S WEEKEND

The St. Clare Retreat Center is putting on a special silent retreat **September 25th – 27th, 2015.**

The guest speaker will be Father Serge Propst, O.P. The retreat starts with Friday dinner and ends with Sunday lunch. The cost for this three day retreat is \$140 and single rooms are available for \$150. Please consider attending this wonderful weekend.

For reservation and/or questions, please contact **Jeanette Roberts 353-1880.**

Thank you.

Men's Club Meeting

We meet on the Second Wednesday of the month on September 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish's Community Center. Good Dinner and Drinks. We have very good support for one another. All men welcome!

**ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST
PARTY & DANCE**

**LIVE BAND – DANCING, FOOD &
DRINKS!!!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 2016
STARTS AT 6 O'CLOCK**

**There are just a few more tickets
available – get them after mass!**

**For information contact Don Boisvert
408.828.2035**

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