

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

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TWENTIETH-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
October 9, 2016

The central theme of today's readings is **gratitude**- in particular, the expression of gratitude **God** expects from us. Today's Gospel presents a God Who desires gratitude from us for the many blessings we receive from Him, and Who feels pain at our ingratitude.

Scripture lessons: Naaman, the Syrian military commander in the first reading, was an outcast not only because of his leprosy; he was also a non-Israelite. But he returned to thank the Prophet Elisha for the cure of his leprosy, and as a sign of his gratitude, transferred his allegiance to the God of Israel. St. Paul, in the second reading, advises Timothy to be grateful to God even in his physical sufferings and amid the dangers associated with spreading the Word of God because God will always be faithful to His people. Today's Gospel story tells us of a single non-Jewish leper (a "Samaritan heretic"), who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the nine Jewish lepers went their way.

Perhaps under the false impression that healing was their right as God's chosen people, they hurried off to obtain health certificates from the priests. "*Where are the other nine?*" Jesus asked the crowd. Today's readings also remind us that Faith and healing go hand in hand. It was Faith that prompted Naaman to plunge himself into the water of the Jordan River, and it was Faith in Jesus which prompted the lepers to present themselves first to Jesus and then to the priests. The readings also demonstrate the universal love of God for all peoples, including the Samaritans (whom the Israelites hated), and the pagan, Israel's enemies whom Naaman represented.

"Then where's his hat?"

Winston Churchill loved to tell the story of the little boy who fell off a pier into deep ocean water. An older sailor, heedless of the great danger to himself, dove into the stormy water, struggled with the boy, and finally, exhausted, brought him to safety. Two days later the boy's mother came with him to the same pier, seeking the sailor who rescued her son. Finding him, she asked, "You dove into the ocean to bring my boy out?" "I did," he replied. The mother quickly demanded, "Then where's his hat?" In today's Gospel Jesus tells the story of nine ungrateful lepers.

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 a.m. all Women
And All Men!

MASS INTENTIONS October 8 - 14
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Herb & Chris Curran
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Herb & Chris Curran
Thursday 8:00 a.m. + Teresa Dunajski
Friday 8:00 a.m. Mark Romo

Stewardship of Treasury
Report Sunday October 1 & 2, 2016

Total Plate	\$ 611.00
EFT	\$ 566.00
TOTAL	\$1,177.00

Thank you and God bless your generosity!

Mountain Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Become a volunteer or contribute
MNHN95033@gmail.com
Patricia Wood 316-2938

Men's Club Meeting
Meeting Wednesday October 12th starting at 6:30 pm. Dinner is served around 7 pm.
All men welcome!!!

Women's Club/Prayer Group
We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month, October 26th from 7-8:30 pm. Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.
Please contact Ruth McCormick
rithmcc@flash.net

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

**ATTENTION FAITH
FORMATION CHILDREN AND YOUTH**
We would like to remind you that Faith Formation classes began last Sunday.
Please bring your children!
The classes for Grades 1 to 8 every Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. Please contact Nanette Thomas or Herb Curran after Mass for more information
Nanette (408) 353-5479
Grades 9 -11
Formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Please contact with Fr. Eugenio "Kid's Club" – Free After-School Program
Classes on Wednesdays @ 1:30-3:00 **Mountain Bible Church**, Grades K-5. For info: Pastor John Haak at 353-2302 or Father Eugenio at 353-2210. **Games, songs, crafts, Bible stories and character lessons!**

It's time to clean out the closet for the ANNUAL CHRIST CHILD COAT DRIVE
Collection box will be in the Church foyer starting on October 15, 2016. Please ask friends, family, and neighbors to donate gently used coats, jackets, winter hats, gloves and scarves. We'll gladly accept all sizes and gender. Infant and toddler sizes are always needed. Our friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Greenfield, California greatly appreciate this kind act of giving. Thank you. **Questions? Contact Andrea & Joe Bruna 408 353-3101**

SAVE THE DATE: Come to Monte Carlo Night on Saturday November 12th from 6:30-10 pm. at St. Lucy's Church for a fun evening of gaming, good fun and good company for the benefit of **Birthright of San Jose, The Knights of Columbus and St. Lucy's. For just \$35 you get \$200 in chips, all the finger food you can eat and your first drink. Winnings give you tickets for beautiful prize baskets and there will also be a silent auction. **Support! Invite your friends. See you there! Questions, call Norma Hammons at 408 309-7011.****