

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

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 4, 2016**

**John's invitation is to practice the octopus-  
evangelism churches as opposed to the  
sponge evangelism of traditional  
Churches:**

Most traditional churches are pretty good about sponge evangelism. We soak up visiting folks with warm welcome, ushers offer those seats of their choice, and many members greet them with miles of smiles. But octopus-evangelism of mega-churches is something else. It means reaching, stretching, finding, touching, drawing in those who are in need of the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ and may not have even realized it yet. Mega-churches are growing, not primarily because of their programming or preaching, building, video screens or cute, thirty-something pastors. They are growing primarily because members are actively inviting others to join them in worship. Eighty percent of all first-time visitors to a church come because a friend or neighbor invited them. It's the active verb...**inviting**, Bible-centered Christian congregation that draws thousands of people to its weekly

services. The phenomenon started about thirty years ago as a way to bring people back to the basics of Christianity – a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. You may have heard of Rick Warren, pastor of a mega-church in southern California whose book, *The Purpose-Driven Life*, has over 20 million copies in print. You may also have heard of Joel Osteen, author of two national bestsellers, who runs a mega-church in Houston, Texas that attracts 38,000 people to its Sunday services and 200 million households to its television broadcasts. You may even have heard of Bill Hybels (HIGH-bills), the founder of what many consider the first mega-church ever – Willow Creek Community Church, near Chicago, Illinois – that currently has more than 100 ministries operating out of its home base. These are just some of the better known mega-church leaders, but mega-churches are springing up throughout North America, and they are even sending missionaries abroad. One little known fact about these mega-churches is that **more than 25% of their members are former Catholics** whom nobody in their former parishes actively invited to the liturgical celebrations and whom nobody involved in various church ministries. Today's Gospel presents John the Baptist reaching out and touching the lives of people through his brand of fire-brand-octopus-evangelization.

**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 December 3 – 9**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Martina Durham**

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

**Tom Mc Cormick**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Martina Durham

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. + Kathleen Stacey

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Mc Grath Family

7:00 p.m. Parishioners

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Judith Ann Hammond

Ramirez Family

**DECEMBER 12, 2016 MONDAY**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**MASS AT 7:00 P.M.**

**“HOT CHOCOLATE” AFTER THE MASS**

**Stewardship of Treasury**

**Report Sunday Nov. 26 & 27, 2016**

**Total Plate \$ 1,106.00**

**EFT \$ 459.00**

**TOTAL \$ 1,565.00**

**Second Collection Maintenance was**

**\$ 410.00**

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Giving at Greenfield**

**Saturday Dec 10 @ 9 AM - Caravan to**

**Greenfield to deliver gifts.**

Please contact Fr. Eugenio (353-2210) or Karen

Josten (353-2020) if you need special

arrangements.

We appreciate the wonderful response to the **Annual Coat Drive**. We're doing great but need to obtain more women's and children's coats and jackets. Thank you for the effort.

**Please contact Joe & Andrea Bruna 408 353-3101 with any questions.**

**Thank you and May God bless.**

**Christmas Celebrations**

**December 24 – Saturday**

**VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS**

**Mass at 5:00 p.m.**

**December 25 - Sunday**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

**Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> AFTER**

**THE MASS AT 10:00 a.m.**

**Celebration the Parish's Christmas  
Please come and enjoy sharing your  
favorite salad or dessert with others and  
we make the party!!!**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER**

**ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**

Christmas flower donation envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. Please take one, print clearly the names of your deceased loved ones and return to us.

Memorial names will be posted in the bulletin.

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary**

**Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> Masses at 9:00 a.m.  
and 7:00 p.m.**

**The Food Drive was very good!**

**And the money to the food banks  
collected on Sat. & Sun. was \$912.60!**

**Very good year!**

**Annual Mountain Churches Interfaith**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Saturday, December 3 at 7pm**

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
Chapel (The Mormon Church across the  
street). **Enjoy beautiful carols, good  
neighbors & holiday cookies**