

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

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
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Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for
Lent 2017

Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the rich man.

Sin blinds us

The parable is unsparing in its description of the contradictions associated with the rich man. Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called "a rich man". His opulence was seen in his extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities and kings, while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly ostentatious about his

wealth, and in the habit of displaying it daily: "He feasted sumptuously every day". In him we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: **love of money, vanity and pride.**

The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils". It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol. **Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing well and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.**

The parable then shows that the rich man's greed makes him **vain**. His personality finds expression in appearance, in showing others what he can do. But his appearance masks an **interior emptiness. His life is a prisoner to outward appearances, to the most superficial and fleeting aspects of existence.**

The lowest rung of this moral degradation is **pride**. The rich man dresses like a king and acts like a god, forgetting that he is merely mortal. For those corrupted by love of riches, nothing exists beyond their own ego. Those around them do not come into their line of sight. The result of attachment to money is a sort of blindness. The rich man does not see the poor man who is starving, hurting, and lying at his door.

Looking at this character, we can understand why the Gospel so bluntly condemns the love of money: **"No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave of both God and of money"** (Mt 6:24).

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

Sacrament of Baptism and Marriage

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by appointment

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 11 & 12 at the Masses at 5:00 pm. and 10:00 am. - Anointing of the Sick -

For Pregnancy Support:

Birthing 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Group in the Parish

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

MASS INTENTIONS Feb 25 – March 3

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Margaret Rau

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Adeline Laranjo

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. + Sylvia Cordle
7:00 p.m. Parishioners

Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.

LENT 2017

The annual Lenten season is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter.

ASH WEDNESDAY March 1st

Masses 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

A Day of Universal Fast and Abstinence in the Church

Stewardship of Treasure

Report Sunday February 18 & 19, 2017

Total Plate	\$ 1,591.00
EFT	\$ 637.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,228.00

We Need Your Support, Thank you and
God bless you!

6th Annual Fat Tuesday Parish Party

February 28th

Happy Hour at 6 P.M.

Dinner at 7 P.M.

Invite ALL parishioners and friends to attend

Please Bring...A Salad, Dessert, or..?

Main Entrée, Side Dish & Drinks

provided by the Men's Club

Welcome everyone!

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

We offer year-round sessions to explore the Catholic faith. For more information, call Fr.

Eugenio, 408.353.2210 or

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Every Friday of LENT 6:30 p.m. Soup and after Pray the Stations of the Cross!

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE –

Retrouvaile. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorces have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaile is not a retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on May 2017, call; 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Meet Young Catholic Families.

The Second Sunday of the Month at 10 is Pre-School GOSPEL

11 am Young Family Social!

Recycle – Free cycle Men's Club

asks you bring all your cans!!!

You give something...you get something.