

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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 7, 2017**

**“The sheep hear the shepherd’s voice and he  
calls his own sheep by name and leads them  
out.”**

**John 10: 1-10**

**The Called of God**

Back in parochial school, vocation was as straightforward as if God had left a calling card on your desk. You knew the kid in the third row, second seat, was called. You knew it because she had Sister written all over her or because he served at the altar as piously as the statues to the right and left of the sanctuary. You knew who was called and who wasn't. The girl who chewed gum during class and wore her skirt rolled up was definitely not called. The boy who smoked cigarettes behind school could not be the one God wanted... The called were the few, the brave, the otherworldly. But vocation cannot be so narrowly defined. Jesus says his sheep hear his voice, which means we are all called. Whether we listen is another matter. But the call is issued broadly. We are called into union with God. We are called into relationship with each other. We

are called to work for the harvest and to produce the work of our hands. God’s signature is scrawled across the whole class, from the pious kid to the bully, across the weirdo and the popular student alike. The kid in the third row may have a vocation to religious life, but each of us receives the invitation to holy living. How we live that out will vary greatly, but that doesn’t mean God desires any one of us less than another... which means our lives matter – a lot! What we do with our time and energy and love matters. Our decisions count. We ought to be on a spiritual journey and not be halfhearted about it. God isn’t a hobby but our ultimate destiny.

In this Easter season Jesus calls out to all his sheep – not just the “professional” religious or the preordained saints among us, but every one of us: the confused and the conflicted, the lost and the lax, the unloved and the unappreciated. Every life here was created by God for one reason: to manifest his love for all lives. That is the ultimate test of a vocation that is the Good Shepherd’s call to everyone in his flock. In the “busyness” and stress of our lives, in the challenges of being a parent or child, a professional or laborer, a teacher or student, Christ calls every one of us to a life of holiness and fulfillment.

**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 by 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 are invited!

**MASS INTENTIONS May 6 - 12**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Sylvia Cordle  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Magnin  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Communion Service  
Friday 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

**TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY**

**April 29 & 30, 2017**

Plate..... \$ 1,401.00  
EFT..... \$ 629.00  
Total \$ 2,030.00

**Second Collection Maintenance: \$ 375.00**

**Thank you and May God the Father  
Bless you!**

**9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BLESSINGS OF THE HOT**

**RODS**

*(Because insurance isn't always enough)*

**Free Admission - No Vehicle Entry Fee!**

**HOT RODS**

**CLASSIC CARS**

**CUSTOM CARS**

**MUSCLE CAR**

**FOOD-FUN-CARS-WINE!!!**

**Saturday May 20<sup>st</sup> 10 am to 3 pm**

**For more information contact**

**Herb Curran & Chris 408 315.7662**

**FOOD – FUN – CARS**

**Kids' Activities**

**Car Show Corner:**

**Please sign up to volunteer in the  
lobby of the church.**

**We are still in need of items to go  
inside of Raffle Baskets... wine; wine  
accessories, fun napkins/plates,  
picnic supplies, snacks... or you  
could put together your own Basket  
Have Questions??? Ask Chris or  
Herb.**

**Women’s Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month  
From 7 – 8:30 pm. May 24<sup>th</sup>!

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same  
time. Please contact Ruth McCormick

[ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net) 408 353.1017

**Christ Child Men’s Club**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30  
p.m. on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

We have great conversation and very good  
dinner. All men welcome!!!

**Pre-school GOSPEL**

**During 10 am. Mass.**

**The Second Sunday of every month!**

**Join other Catholic Families!!!**

**My Fair Lady**

Come join us for a wonderful night of  
musical theater on **Thursday, May 25, 2017**  
to benefit **Birthright of San Jose**, whose  
mission is to help women facing unplanned  
pregnancy.

**Hor D’oeuvres & Champagne Reception  
6:15 PM – Play begins 8:00 PM – Coffee  
and dessert during intermission – Baskets  
Raffle and Silent Auction.**

**For online tickets go to [birthright.support](http://birthright.support)  
or call the Hammons at 353.3326**