

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

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May 14, 2017

**"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me...
Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do."
John 14: 1-12**

A business proposition

A man walked into Ralph's Auto and Truck Repair and asked to speak to Ralph. "That's my rig parked outside," he explained. "The company I drive for is looking for a place that can service our trucks when our drivers pass through this area." Ralph looked out at the rig and said that he and his crew work on trucks like his all the time. "Good," the rep said, and then, after a pause, continued: "Now, listen, from time to time, I may ask you to add a few parts and services to the bill. After you get paid, you'll keep a little extra cash for yourself and give me the rest when I come through. It's an arrangement I have with several of the mechanics who work for us." "Not going to happen," Ralph said sternly. "Look, I drive through here several times a

month," the trucker said. "This could be a sweet deal for both of us." "Not interested," Ralph said. "Only a fool would pass up a deal like this..."

Ralph had heard enough. "That's not the way I do business." And Ralph turned to go back into the garage. "It's not the way I do business either," said the rep, smiling. "I own this trucking company. I'm looking for a mechanic in the area that I can trust. I didn't mean to offend you, but I got burned by a driver a few years back.

Ever since then I test the waters,' so to speak."
"Well, not all mechanics are out to make a quick buck,"
Ralph said. "And I can assure you that everyone who works for me is above playing games like that. But I understand you have to look out for your interests."
"So will you take us on?" the owner asked. Ralph extended his hand to his new customer. "I think we can work something out."

For men and women of authentic faith, it is not enough just to "admire" Jesus and to "respect" his teaching and nod approvingly when his Gospel is real. Faith compels us to embrace the spirit of Jesus' Gospel and to make the purpose of Jesus' life the purpose of our own lives – our lives as parents, students, citizens, professionals and business operators.

During this Easter season, may Christ's "way" to God become the route of our lives' journeys; may his "truth" become our vision of seeing our lives and our world; may the "life" of his Resurrection become the meaning and purpose of our lives in this time and place as we journey to the kingdom of his Father.

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 am. All women and all men are invited!

MASS INTENTIONS May 13 - 19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Deceased Duncan Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Magnin
Thursday 9:00 a.m. The Stehly Family
Friday 8:00 a.m. The Schanner Family

FOOD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE...

We collect non-perishable food items for the food pantry of Santa Cruz every Saturday and Sunday. Your donations help feed the poor and hungry that come to the parish.

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. on the Wednesday, June 14th in the Community Center. We have a great conversation and very good dinner.

All men welcome!!!

All Women invited

The Sisters of Mary and Martha group's monthly gathering is **Wednesday the 24th** from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Community Center. First half is social, and the second half we will continue the sharing of how we are each living the Divine Mercy. Come join us and bring a friend! Please contact Ruth at 353-1017 ruthmcc@flash.net

First Communion for the children in Religion

Education Program next Sunday!!!

I know that you have learned who JESUS is. Your parents and teachers have taught you that He is the Son of God. They have told you that JESUS became a human being just like you and me. JESUS even died for us, so that we can live forever with Him in Heaven.

I pray that you will love JESUS forever, and I pray that you will let Him come into your heart and soul many, many times.

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Today Preschool Gospel

During 10 am. Mass!

9th Annual BLESSING of the Hot Rods

(Because insurance isn't always enough.)

Free Admission - No Vehicle Entry Fee

- **HOT RODS**
- **CLASSIC CARS**
- **CUSTOM CARS**
- **MUSCLE CARS**

**This Saturday May 20th 2017
10 am to 3 pm
For more information contact
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Kids' Activities!!!**