

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

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*"... The Father will give you another Advocate
to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom
the world cannot accept, because it neither sees
nor knows him."
John 14: 15-21*

A martyr of our time

Sadly, the age of martyrs is not over. In our own time, men and women of faith give their lives for the cause of justice and mercy. The world witnessed just such martyrdom two days before Valentine's Day. Sister Dorothy Stang was a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur from Dayton, Ohio. The 74-years-old nun had spent 35 years in Brazil, the last 22 living and working among 400 poor farmers and their families in Anapu, Para, a section of Brazil's Amazon rain forest. A slight, unassuming woman of boundless energy and irrepressible joy, Sister Dorothy had become an effective advocate not only for the poor but for the rain forest itself, one of the world's most important environments that are being destroyed by powerful economic interests. But the nun's work with the landless and her efforts to preserve the rain

forest proved too much for the wealthy logging and ranching interests. On February 12, Sister Dorothy was ambushed by two men contracted by a local rancher. Witnesses said Sister Dorothy, when confronted by the gunmen, took her Bible from her bag and began reading aloud. The two listened for a moment, then stepped back and fired. She died instantly from six gunshot wounds. Sister Dorothy knew that her work was dangerous but refused police protection for herself.

"I don't want to flee, nor do I want to abandon the battle of these farmers who live without any protection of the forest. They have the sacrosanct right to aspire to a better life on land where they can work with dignity while respecting the environment."

The Spirit of God speaks in all that is just and right, in every word of compassion spoken, in the simplest act of reconciliation. The Spirit spoke clearly and eloquently in the courageous voice of a slight 74-years-old woman who dared to call powerful interests accountable for their immoral treatment of the poor and their abuse of God's creation.

The Risen Christ's promise of the Paraclete/Advocate is a bittersweet blessing: God's Spirit is often difficult to accept, threatening our lives and lifestyles, confronting us with our irresponsibility and culpability. May we possess the integrity and courage to hear the Spirit of God in the many voices in which God speaks and to allow that Spirit to transform our skepticism, self-centeredness and blindness to the things of God into the justice, forgiveness and peace of the Easter promise.

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.

*We can never sufficiently recommend the saying
of the ROSARY, not simply with the lips but the
attention of the soul to the divine truths, with a
heart filled with love and gratitude.*

Saint John XXIII

We pray the **ROSARY** together every Saturday
at 4:30 PM.

Please come to pray for the families and our
Country!

MASS INTENTIONS May 20 - 26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Christ Zynda
Brian & Julie Stacey - Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Sylvia Cordle
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Tom Hughes
Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Vikki L. Banuelos
Friday 8:00 a.m. The Stehly Family

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

**Week Ending May 6 & 7 Collection was
\$ 2,017.00**

**Week Ending May 13 & 14 Collection was
\$ 2,042.00**

Thank you and May God bless you!

**Second Collection for Catholic Charity this
weekend!!!**
**"Catholic Charities is the compassionate,
strong arm of Social Justice in the Diocese of
Monterey."**

Bishop Richard J. Garcia

Christ Child Men's Club

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

JUNE 4th SUNDAY BBQ

Fire department

We need to support!!!

All need protection from fire!!!

All Women invited

The Sisters of Mary and Martha group's monthly gathering is this **Wednesday the 24th from 7-8:30 pm** 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 and bring a friend! Please contact Ruth at 353-1017 ruthmcc@flash.net

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