

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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY
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The Jewish Pentecost: Both the Jews and the Christians now celebrate Pentecost. Along with the Feast of the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles, Pentecost was one of the major feasts of the Jews. During these three great Jewish festivals, every male Jew living within twenty miles of Jerusalem was legally bound to go to Jerusalem to participate in the feast. The word Pentecost is Greek for *pentecostes* which means “fiftieth.” The feast received this name because it was celebrated fifty days after the Feast of the Passover. Another name the Jewish Pentecost is *Shavuot* or “The Feast of Weeks” (the “week” of seven Sabbaths between Passover and Pentecost). It was originally a day of thanksgiving for the completion of the harvest. During Passover, the first omer (a Hebrew measure of about a bushel), of barley was offered to God. At Pentecost, two loaves of bread were offered in gratitude for the harvest. Later, the Jews added to the Feast of Pentecost the element of Yahweh’s Covenant with Noah, which took place fifty days after the great deluge. Still later, they made this

feast an occasion to thank God for His Sinaitic Covenant with Moses, which occurred fifty days after the beginning of the Exodus from Egypt.

The event: On the day of Pentecost 1) The **Holy Spirit descended** upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as fiery tongues. 2) The frightened apostles were **transformed into fiery preachers and evangelizers** and were given the gift of tongues by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. 3) The **listeners experienced a fresh anointing** of the Holy Spirit through the apostles’ gift of tongues: they heard Peter speaking in their native languages. 4) The early Christians became **powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for their Faith in Jesus.**

The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life: 1) As an indwelling God, He makes us His Living Temples (1 Cor 3:16). 2) As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by transparent Christ lives. 3) As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: a) He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven through Baptism. b) He makes us temples of God, warriors and defenders of the Faith, through Confirmation. c) He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. d) He gives us spiritual nourishment via the Holy Eucharist by converting bread and wine into Jesus’ Body and Blood through Epiclesis. 4) As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ’s teachings. 5) As a listening and talking God, He listens to our prayers and enables us to pray, and He speaks to us mainly through the Bible. 6) As a Giver of

gifts, He gives us His gifts, fruits and charisms.

Life messages: **We need to permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives:** 1) By constantly remembering His holy presence and behaving well; 2) By praying for His daily anointing so that we may fight against our temptations and control our evil tendencies, evil habits and addictions; 3) By asking His daily assistance to pray, listening to God through meditative Bible reading and talking to Him; and 4) By asking the help of the Holy Spirit to do good for others and to be reconciled with God and others every day.

+ Jesus breathed on them and said,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”
John 20: 19-23

Alleluia!!!

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 men are invited!

MASS INTENTIONS June 3 - 9
Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Martina Durham
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. The Stehly Family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. Patricia Muller and Fam.

Stewardship of Treasury
Report Sunday May 27 & 28, 2017

Total Plate	\$ 812.00
EFT	\$ 629.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,441.00

The Second Collection for Maintenance was \$ 296.00
THANK YOU! And MAY GOD the Father bless you!

Men’s Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at
6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 14th
“Together, supporting each other, we can do great things.”

June 4th Sunday BBQ for the Fire Department at Gazebo. We need your support!!!

Women’s Club/Prayer Group
We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-2:30 pm. June 28th! Note new time! Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net 408 353.1017

We pray the Rosary together every Saturday at 4:30 PM. Please come to pray for the families and our Country!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
Remember That God is with you...
As your friend, to support you...
As your shield, to protect you...
As your strength, to sustain you...
As your life, to enrich you.
May you be blessed with every success and happiness!

CONGRATULATIONS!