

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

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**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST**
June 18, 2017

The historical development

Today's celebration of the Body and Blood of the Lord originated in the Diocese of Liege, Belgium, in 1246 as the feast of Corpus Christi. In the reforms of Vatican II, Corpus Christi was joined with the feast of the Precious Blood (July 1) to become the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord. We celebrate today Christ's gift to us of the Eucharist, the Source and Summit of our life together as the Church. The Church of Trent (1545 to 1563), declared that we must honor Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Faith of Catholics in the Most Holy Eucharist; we must be attracted to the Eucharistic Lord and believe in the Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in this Sacrament. "The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the God-man are really, truly, substantially, and abidingly present together with his soul and Divinity by reason of the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

This takes place in the unbloody sacrifice of the Mass."

The Biblical foundation:

Our belief in this Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist derives from the literal interpretation of the promise of Christ to give us his Body and Blood for our spiritual food and drink, as found in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 6, and also in the four independent accounts of the fulfillment of this promise at the Last Supper (Mt 26; Mk 14; Lk 22; 1 Cor 11).

Life Messages:

We need to receive this message of unity and sacrificial love: The Eucharist, (the Body and Blood of Christ), teaches us the importance of community, the bond that results from this sacrifice.

John Chrysostom says:
"What is the Bread actually? The Body of Christ.

What do communicants become? The Body of Christ.

Just as the bread comes from many grains, which remain themselves and are not distinguished from one another because they are united, so we are united with Christ."

Just as numerous grains of wheat are pounded together to make the host, and many grapes are crushed together to make the wine, so we became unified in this sacrifice.

Our Lord chose these elements in order to show us that we ought to seek union with one another, to allow the Holy Spirit, to transform us into Our Lord Jesus Christ and to work with Him in the process. Christ is the Head and we are the Body. Together we are one. That which unites us is our willingness to sacrifice our time, talents and treasure as needed with our fellow members in Christ's

Mystical Body. This is symbolized by our sharing in the same Bread and the same Cup. Hence, Holy Communion should strengthen our sense of unity and love.

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 call for an 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.

MASS INTENTIONS June 17 - 23

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Don & Gail Hanley
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Rosanne Reilly
+ Peter Reilly
Thursday 9:00 a.m. The Stehly Family
Friday 8:00 a.m. The Schanner Family

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

June 10 & 11, 2017

Plate..... \$ 1,159.00
EFT..... \$ 629.00
Total \$ 1,788.00

Thank you and God the Father Bless you!
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Parents – please continue to help your children to continue in union with JESUS CHRIST in the Eucharistic Bread! The Mass!

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, July 12th
"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 – 2:30 PM. June 28th!
Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick
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The Retreat

We pray that this spiritually enriching **August 18-19-20, 2017** summer retreat weekend will prove to be a prayerful inspiration to you – offered in the serene surrounding of quiet, reflective contemplation that is **St. Clare's Retreat**, located in the majestic Santa Cruz Mountains.

Keynote Speakers: Bishop Richard Garcia, Fr. Gary Thomas, from Saratoga, Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ, from South San Francisco, Michael Huston from Saratoga and Michael McDevitt – Mystical Humanity of Christ, Inc.
St. Clare's Retreat 2381 Laurel Glen Road Soquel, CA 831 423.8093
stclaresretreatcenter.com

Nisbet Scripture Retreat

Fr. Jim Nisbet, acclaimed scripture scholar, will be sharing his insights and wisdom during the 37th Annual Nisbet Scripture Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center this summer. The retreat is **August 11 – 13**. Openings are available for single and double occupancy. Register by calling the Retreat Center at 831 623.4234 For more information call Rudy and Virginia, 458.9169 or Jerry and Sylvia, 426.7058

**"The greatest miracle that Christ ever worked on earth. My Body. My Blood."
St. Thomas Aquinas
"O Sacrament of devotion! O sign of unity! O Bond of Charity!"
St. Augustine**