

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

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TWELTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
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“Don’t be afraid! We have four bishops to pray for us.”

An elderly woman named Maude had a window seat on a big 747 jetliner that had just taken off for Rome from New York. She had been saving for years to fulfill her dream to visit the Eternal City. But it was her first flight, and she was terrified. Even the stately presence of four bishops seated behind her didn’t help. With fear and trembling she finally opened her eyes and peered out the window, just in time to see one of the plane’s four engines break loose from the wing and disappear into the clouds. “We’re going to die!” she cried out. “We’re going to die!” The stewardess consulted with the pilot who announced to the passengers that everything was under control and that they could fly back to New York and land safely with three engines. But Maude continued to cry out, “We’re going to die!” The stewardess went to her and said, “Don’t worry, my dear, God is with us. We have only three engines, but look; we have four bishops to pray for us.”

To which Maude replied, “I’d rather have four engines and three bishops!”
In today’s Gospel Jesus gives us three reasons why we should not be afraid and why we should have the courage of our Christian convictions.

Counting the hairs on your head: (“Even all the hairs on your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” Matthew 10: 26-33): It was just a few weeks after her surgery; the chemotherapy treatment had begun. Every morning, she would comb her hair – and every morning she would pull out another clump of her beautiful hair from the brush. This side effect was hitting her harder and harder. One morning, she felt the top of her head and, for the first time, she could count the strands. But she felt strangely at peace. She held each strand – just as God, in his providence, could count them from the moment God breathed his life into her. She became aware of God present in the love of her family and friends who were supporting and suffering with her. She remembers: “I felt comfort knowing that God knew many strands were in my brush, on my pillow, in my hat, and in my hand. God had counted them all. With or without my hair, God knew me and what my future held. I was still afraid – of the cancer, of the chemo, the upcoming brain scan, and its results – but I knew that God would be with me through it all.”
May we find peace and reason to hope in the providence of God who has “counted... all the hairs of your head,” a providence that manifests itself in the love of family, the comfort of friends, the support of church and community.

(Adapted from “I lost my hair but not my faith” by Kathryn Lay, Catholic Digest, May 2008.)

King of all nations hears us.
For peace among all nations, families, and individuals, and a growth of harmony 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 24 - 30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Philip Brennan
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Fred & Bea Wagner
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Gary Thomas
Thursday 9:00 a.m. The Stehly Family
Friday 8:00 a.m. The Schanner

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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Parents – please continue to help your children to continue in union with JESUS CHRIST in the Eucharistic Bread! The Mass!!!

TREASURY REPORT

Saturday & Sunday June 17 & 18, 2017

Plate Collection \$ 842.00

EFT \$ 629.00

Total \$1,471.00

Thank you and May God reward your generosity!

The Financial Committee Meeting on Thursday July 20 at 7:30 PM.

The Pastoral Committee Meeting on Wednesday August 30 at 7:00 PM.

Please save the dates and everyone is welcome! Fr. Eugenio

ROSARY

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

The new Priests for Diocese of Monterey:

Rev. German Rodriguez – Parochial Vicar – Sacred Heart Church – Hollister, CA
Rev. Gabriel Okafor – Parochial Vicar – Madonna Del Sasso Church – Salinas, CA
Rev. Phil Vincent Dumanacal – Parochial Vicar – St. Patrick’s Church – Watsonville, CA.

Pray for the new priests and vocations!

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 surroundings of quiet, reflective contemplation that is **St. Clare’s Retreat**, located in the majestic Santa Cruz Mountains.

For information St. Clare’s Retreat 2381 Laurel Glen Road Soquel, CA 831 423.8093
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