

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

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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**July 2, 2017**

**“...whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”**  
Matthew 10: 37-42

**Time out**

A professor of religion at a small college was growing more and more concerned about her students. Some were taking five courses while working full-time jobs and caring for small children. Others were trying to keep their scholar-ships along with their commitments to their sports teams, the school newspaper, and the choral and theater groups on campus. A few still lived at home, where their families depended on their help. Despite their constant state of exhaustion, they refused to slow down or give an inch. They were immersed in a culture in which a B+ was a sign of failure. So, when the course came to the section on meditation, the professor struck on an idea. Rather than assign a research paper on the

topic of meditation, the professor assigned her students to actually do it, to meditate – not once, but at least three times for at least 20 minutes. Their assignment was to stop and give themselves fully to the practice, to resist the urge to give up and get busy with something “useful.” They were then to write about what they discovered about meditation – and about themselves.

Most students admitted in their papers that meditation was plain stupid,” one wrote. “It’s basically vegging out and I’d rather do it my way, watching television with a beer.”

Another reported what happened when she felt the wind in the trees blowing across the hairs of her skin: “When I stopped to notice this, it gave me chills. Then I began to cry. I cannot explain it, but I did. I believe I was in shock that I do not notice and appreciate the little things in life that are absolutely wonderful.”

One student, a hunter, did his meditation in a deer stand and confessed that he went temporarily insane. “For one crazy moment, I thought I was the deer. I thought I was the forest, the sky, the sun coming through the leaves. Man, was that weird.”

The professor assured her students that what they experienced was not unusual, that it was, in fact, very Biblical. She writes of the assignment: “I don’t know if I convinced them, but they did look more rested. Now if I could only convince them to repeat this act of resistance on a regular basis – to stop running for a few moments each day, to stop answering all the sirens long enough to hit the bottom they never hit, feel the wind they never feel, sense the union they never sense... Their only hope is to remember how alive they felt, for 20 minutes at least, and to want that as much as they want the customary rewards of their busy lives.”

(From “Time out” by Barbara Brown Taylor, The Christian Century, November 2, 2004)

Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel, which strike us at first reading as cold and heartless, are an invitation not to walk away from life but embrace life’s essence to the full. We can become so absorbed with building a career that we fail to develop our full potential and talents as a human being; we can become so obsessed with creating and maintaining a lifestyle that we do not live a life worth living. Christ calls all who would be his disciples to “lose” life’s obsessive, meaningless and petty pursuits in order “find” a life fully human and alive in hope and joy.

**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 July 1 - 7**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Dennis Stacey**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Friday 8:00 a.m. Communion Services

**Men’s Club Meeting**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

**“Together, supporting each other, we can do great things.”**

**Welcome Father Tom Allender – Jesuit Priest to help with the Masses for next two weekends!**

**Women’s Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1-2:30pm. Next month’s meeting is **July 26<sup>th</sup>!** Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick [ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net) 408 353.1017

**Sister Joseph Marie, O.P.**

Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun. Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., vocation directress, at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org) or visit our website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days> to learn more and to register for one of our upcoming Come and See Days: Saturday July 15, 2017; Saturday, October 21, 2017; and Saturday January 13, 2018. The event is free and all meals will be provided. Space is limited and fills fast!

**Nisbet Scripture Retreat**

**Fr. Jim Nisbet**, acclaimed scripture scholar, will be sharing his insights and wisdom during the 37<sup>th</sup> 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. This popular retreat fills up quickly, so don’t wait too long. 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

**TREASURY REPORT - June 24 & 25, 2017**

**Plate Collection \$ 1,288.00**

**EFT \$ 629.00**

**Total \$ 1,917.00**

**Thank you and May God reward your generosity!**

**Please Consider Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your ongoing giving to Christ Child. It is a safe, convenient, and efficient way to give to our Parish.**

**Contact Rosanna Kennedy to sign up... [rosanna\\_kennedy@yahoo.com](mailto:rosanna_kennedy@yahoo.com)**