

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

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
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The parable of the sower.

The circle of kindness

A cashier at a local hardware store is nearing the end of her shift. The store's air-conditioning isn't working, several sale items aren't priced correctly, her last customer shouted at her and stormed out of the store because it took so long to ring up his order, and on top of that, her feet are tired and aching. She finishes ringing up her current customer's order, who turns to her before leaving, gives her a warm smile, and says, "Thanks, Kate, you have a nice day."

This unexpected gesture is a cool breeze that makes her forget about the heat, the tantrums, and her tired feet. She smiles and thanks her customer for his patience.

Suddenly his long wait in line seems trivial compared to what this woman has been dealing with all day. He, in turn, drives away from the store feeling more patient and upbeat himself. He spots an elderly woman approaching an upcoming crosswalk. He

stops and motions her to cross with a wave of his hand and a smile.

The woman is grateful to the driver for being patient enough to let her cross the street. As she continues on her way, she smiles at a young girl sitting alone on a porch.

The little girl, happy to be noticed, waves back and suddenly notices the little boy next door, whom she invites over to play Frisbee. The boy is delighted to finally have someone to play with. He has been moping around his yard all afternoon because his older brother is off with own friends, not wanting to be "stuck" with his kid brother.

As the children play, the Frisbee flies into the yard of the new family on the block. When he retrieves the toy, the boy invites the new kid on the street to come and play too.

This warms the heart of the new kid's mother. She hugs her husband and tells him that she thinks their son will make lots of new friends here.

This reassures the husband, as he leaves for the hardware store to pick up a few things needed to complete repairs on their new house. When he pays for his purchase he smiles at the clerk, who looks tired but cheerful. He notices her nametag. "Thanks, Kate," he says. "Have a good day..."

Every good word we offer, every kindness we extend, every good thing we give is seed sown. Some of the seeds we sow (like that of the sower of the Gospel who does not realize where his seed is falling) contribute to cycles of discouragement, anger, violence, abuse, ridicule, and injustice; but the call to discipleship calls us to be careful and deliberate "sowers" of a harvest far greater and lasting than our own interests and profit. Christ calls us to be realizing our vocation to be sowers of his Word in every situation and

relationship, along whatever "ground" we tread, humbly and selflessly working the soil in order to reap the promised harvest.

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 All Men.

MASS INTENTIONS July 15 - 21

Saturday 5:00 p.m. The Pangher Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Andrew Luella and Marc

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Soledad Gonzalez & Fam.

Friday 8:00 a.m. Communion Services

7th ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST

PARTY & DANCE

**LIVE BAND, FOOD, & DRINKS,
DANCING!**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

STARTS AT 6 O'CLOCK to 10 PM

Information: Don Boisvert

408.828.2035

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, **August 9th**

"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. **July 26th!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net 408 353.1017

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. 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

St. Clare's Retreat

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.

Keynote Speakers:

Bishop Richard Garcia – Bishop of Monterey
Fr. Gary Thomas - Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Saratoga

Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ – Founder & superior of the Contemplatives of St. Joseph
Michael Huston – Retreat Facilitator
Michael McDevitt – Mystical Humanity of Christ, Inc.

For information call 831.423.8093
stclaresretreatcenter.com

PARENTS...

Please continue to help your children to continue in union with **JESUS CHRIST** in the Eucharist.
Every Sunday...