

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

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**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE
LORD**
August 6, 2017

The common theme of today's readings is the metamorphosis or transformation of Christ by the empowering of God the Father Who sent His Son as our Savior and Redeemer.

Today's Gospel describing Christ's Transfiguration challenges us to revitalize our Faith as true Disciples of Christ, just as the passage from Daniel and II Peter were written to strengthen the Faith of their audiences in time of persecution.

Baby powder and Christian transformation

You might remember comedian Yakov Smirnoff. When he first came to the United States from Russia he was not prepared for the incredible variety of instant products available in American grocery stores. He says, "On my first shopping trip, I saw powdered milk, you just add water, and you get milk. Then I saw powdered orange juice, you just add water, and you get orange juice.

And then I saw baby powder, I told myself, "What a country!" Smirnoff was joking, but we make these assumptions about Christian Transformation – that people change instantly from sinners to saints. Catholics call it transformation through repentance and renewal of life, deriving strength through the word of God and the Sacraments to cooperate with God's grace for doing acts of charity. Some other Christian denominations call it Sanctification of the believer. Whatever you call it, most denominations expect some quick fix for sin. According to this belief, when someone gives his or her life to Christ, accepting Him as Lord and personal Savior, and confesses his or her sins to Him, there is an immediate, substantive, in-depth, miraculous change in habits, attitudes, and character.

Can we go to Church as if we are going to the grocery store to get Powdered Christianity? The truth is that Disciples of Christ are not born by adding water to Christian powder. There is not such powder, and disciples of Jesus Christ are not instantly born. They are slowly raised through many trials, suffering, and temptations and by their active cooperation with the grace of God, expressed through works of charity. (Adapted from James Emery White, Rethinking the Church: A Challenge to Creative Redesigns in an Age of Transition. – Grand Rapids, Michigan Bake Books, 1997, 2003)

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 of Women and Men
Please come every Tuesday in the Church at 8:15 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 5 - 11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. The Roberts Family

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen
+ Adolph Donato, Jr.**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. The De Pangher Family

Thursday 9:00 a.m. The Sobrak-Seaton

Friday 8:00 a.m. Virginia Stehly

Are you an Adult?

And would you like to be Catholic or be confirmed or receive the Eucharist. Please call at 408.353.2210. We will be very happy to help you! Fr. Eugenio

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 to 2:30 pm. **August 23th!**
Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net 408 353.1017

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday July 29 & 30, 2017

Total \$ 1,529.00

Maintenance Second Collection \$308.00

Thank You & God bless you!

**7th ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST
PARTY & DANCE
LIVE BAND - DANCING
FOOD & DRINKS!!!
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2017
STARTS AT 6 O'CLOCK**

**\$40 Donation Requested
For more information contact: Don
Boisvert 408.828.2035**

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

The parish asks each family to contribute only one hour of weekly wage.

The import thing is that it should be given as a Prayer. **Thank you for your generosity! Then JESUS took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining. (John 6:11)**

The crowd's hunger was plea enough for Jesus. He fed them in abundance before they had so much as asked. Sometimes we do not recognize our true hungers, but if we simply admit our poverty and need before God, he will feed us with all we need to lead the full life of our covenant with him in Christ Jesus, our true Bread.

RETROUVAILLE – A lifeline for marriages
MARRIAGE HELPS – Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, or someone you know too. For confidential information or to register for the next program beginning with a Weekend on **September 22 – 24, 2017** Call 831 479.1260 or mail: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at: www.HelpourMarriage.com

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."