

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

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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 22, 2017**

The Pig & the Chicken

Huey Long was a very colorful Louisiana politician who had hopes of running for the presidency in 1936. He began as an unschooled farmboy and ended up in the governor's mansion, one of the most popular politicians in the history of the state. Long was born in the central part of Louisiana, and when he first campaigned for governor he was given some advice about the voters in the New Orleans area, "South Louisiana is different from the northern part of the state," he was told. "We have a lot of Catholic voters down here."

Long nodded knowingly and went out to make his speech. It began, "When I was a boy, I'd get up at six every morning, hitch our old horse up to the buggy, and take my Catholic grandparents to Mass. I'd bring them home and then I'd take my Baptist grandparents to church."

The speech was a rousing success. Afterwards, a New Orleans political boss said, "Huey, you've been holding out on us.

We didn't know you had Catholic grandparents." Huey looked at him slyly and said, "We didn't even have a horse." Don't let anyone mislead you. Around the banquet table of God there won't be Baptists, or Catholics, or Methodists. There won't even be a head table reserved for the very saintly. There will only be sinners for whom Christ died. Everyone is invited, that's the good news. Here's the bad. You see, the RSVP requires commitment and a serious effort to change.

This invitation of Jesus –to each one of us- is freely given – no pressure – no strings. Some of us will accept and some won't – too busy - too risky. There are a lot of excuses. The man in the gospel accepted Christ's invitation, but that was all. No enthusiasm after that, no serious effort to change – to draw closer to Jesus Christ.

Like myself, some of us here were baptized, made First Communion, were ordained or married, but also some of us have made no serious effort to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Being in a relationship with Jesus Christ may require us to change our lifestyle. Forgive someone who hurt us, stop cheating on our family or in school. We may be challenged to readjust our priorities, let go of some bad habit or certain friends that gets us in trouble. I leave you with this: The story is told of a pig and a chicken that are walking past Christ Child's Church one Sunday morning...

Says the chicken to the pig, "You know, over the years, those people in there have been very nice to us. I think we ought to do something nice for them." The pig replies, "Good idea, what do you have in mind?" "I think we ought to have a big banquet," says the chicken. "I'm all for that," say the pig. "But what shall we serve them to eat?"

"Bacon and eggs," say the chicken. Not on your life says the pig. "For you, that's just a contribution. For me, it's a total commitment. RSVP – to Jesus Christ – It's never too late. (Father Ron Shirley)

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 October 28 – Nov 3

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Adolph Donato Jr.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Martina Durham
All Souls

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Richard & Jan Olsen
Friday 8:00 a.m. + Patrick Mahoney

Stewardship of Treasury Report

Sunday October 7 & 8, 2017

Total Plate \$ 1,766.00

Sunday October 14 & 15, 2017

Total Plate \$ 1,862.00

**Thank you and May God bless you for your
generosity!**

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month,
October 25th from 1 to 2:30 pm.

**Our focus is social and spiritual at the same
time.**

Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net

**The annual Christ Child COAT DRIVE is
underway.**

Please ask friends, family, and neighbors about donating gently used coats, jackets, winter hats, gloves and scarves. We'll gladly accept all sizes and gender. It's a great way of making room in the closet and helping our friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Greenfield, CA. A collection box is located in the foyer of the church.

Please contact **Andrea Bruna,**
408 353-3101 with any questions.

Thank you.

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, **November 8th, 2017**
**"Together, supporting each other, we can
do great things."**

**Please use the envelope to inscribe the
names of your beloved dead who will be
remembered in prayer at the masses
during the month November.**

14th Annual Giving at Greenfield

It is a holiday tradition for the Christ Child parish to adopt 59 families from the Greenfield community. We will have the family information available after Mass on Nov. 4 & 5 and we will deliver gifts on **Saturday, December 9th**

**Contact Karen Joesten if you have
questions 408 353-2020**

CONFIRMATION

**The next Class Saturday November 4th at
3:30 PM.**

**Pre-School: The Second Sunday of the
month during the 10 am. Mass.**
Family Social after mass.