

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

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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 29, 2017**

**The central theme of today's readings is
the greatest commandment in the Bible
namely to love God and express that love
in action by loving Him living in our
neighbor.**

The inspiring five-word sermon

There is a legend handed down from the early Church about John, the beloved disciple of Jesus. Of the twelve original apostles, only John lived to a ripe old age. In his later years, not only his body but also his eyesight and his mind began to fail him. Eventually, according to the legend, John's mind had deteriorated to the point that he could only speak five words, one sentence which he would repeat over and over. You can imagine the high regard in which the early Church must have held the last surviving apostle of Jesus. The legend says that every Lord's Day, John would be carried into the midst of the congregation that had assembled for worship in the Church at Ephesus, where John spent the last years of his life. Total silence would fall over the congregation, even though they

already knew what John was going to say, he would repeat these words until he grew tired from talking, and no one yawned or looked at his watch or gazed off into space absentmindedly. They listened as John preached his five-word sermon over and over: **"My children love one another."**

Love them anyway

In Calcutta, India, there is a children's home name ShishuBhavan (Children's Home), founded by Mother Teresa. The home continues to be operated by her community, the Missionaries of Charity. On the wall of the home hangs a sign which reads:
People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. LOVE THEM ANYWAY.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives, DO GOOD ANYWAY.

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies, SUCCEED ANYWAY.

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow, DO GOOD ANYWAY.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable, BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.

What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight, BUILD ANYWAY.

People really need help but may attack you if you help them, HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth, GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY.

Mother Teresa counsels her young charges that the challenges offered by this sign can be met only if human beings are motivated by a love and a respect for one another which looks beyond faults, differences, ulterior motives, success and failure. Mother Teresa once said of herself, "By blood and origin, I am all Albanian. My citizenship is Indian. I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong

to the whole world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the heart of Jesus." It is this relationship of belonging and the loving service which grows out of that belonging which the Scriptural authors called Covenant. (Patricia Datchuck Sánchez)

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

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday's at 8:15 am. All Women and All Men!

MASS INTENTIONS October 28 – Nov. 3

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Frank Friass

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Marie Ann Shore

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Patrick Mahoney

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. + Martina Durham

7:00 p.m. Parishioners

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker

Friday 8:00 a.m. All Souls

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday October 21 & 22, 2017

Plate Collection Total \$1,639.00

Mission Sunday Collection was \$245.00

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

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month,

November 22nd from 1 to 2:30 pm.

**Our focus is social and spiritual at the same
time.** Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flash.net

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN! Please
remember to return your filled Baby Bottles
for the Respect Life Collection for Birthright of
San Jose by next weekend. God bless and thank
you for your generosity. 800 550-4900**

**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."**

**Update on Water Hookup and Painting
Projects**

**Thank you so much for your generous
outpouring of support for our appeal to fund
our much needed water hookup AND building
painting projects.** Working together we made
our goal and even received some extra that we
will put toward future maintenance projects. My
Lord continues to help and bless our shared
vision of a beautiful church and loving
community here in the Santa Cruz Mountains!
With Much Gratitude, Fr. Eugenio and the Christ
Child Finance Committee

14th Annual Giving at Greenfield

It is a holiday tradition for the Christ Child
parish to adopt 58 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 if you have questions
353-2020**

CONFIRMATION

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