

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

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**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
November 12, 2017**

This Sunday's readings bring the usual warnings about preparation for the end of our own world, the end of our own time and our passage to another world. They tell us that a searching, watching and evolving heart are essential for a lively, dynamic Faith in God. They ask us whether we are ready for these events and how we are preparing for them.

“What's your purpose in life, Bob?”

Josh McDowell tells about an executive “Head-hunter” (recruiter) who goes out and hires corporate executives for large firms. This recruiter once told McDowell that when he gets an executive that he's trying to hire for someone else, he likes to disarm him. “I offer him a drink,” said the recruiter, “take my coat off, then my vest, undo my tie, throw up my feet and talk about baseball, football, family, whatever, until he's all relaxed. Then, when I think I've got him relaxed, I lean over, look him square in the eye and say, “What's your purpose in life?” It's amazing,

said the recruiter said, without blinking an eye, “To go to Heaven and take as many people with me as I can.” “For the first time in my career,” said the recruiter, “I was speechless. (Stories For the Heart, compiled by Alice Gray (Sisters, Oregon: Multnomah Books, 1996), p. 112.
No wonder – he had encountered someone who was really prepared! In today's Gospel parable of the ten virgins Jesus warns us to be ever prepared to meet God our Creator at the end of our lives to give an account of how we have lived.

Life messages: We need to be wise enough to remain ever prepared: Wise Christians find Jesus in the most ordinary experiences of daily living – in the people they meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which they find themselves, and they carefully make their daily choices for God. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by showing kindness, mercy and forgiveness.

Let us be sure that our Lamps are ready for the end of our lives: Spiritual readiness, preparation and growth are the result of intentional habits built into one's life. We cannot depend on a Sunday Mass or morning service to provide all our spiritual needs. We cannot depend on Christian fellowship to provide us with spiritual development. The meeting of spiritual needs and spiritual development itself come through routine, mundane attention to ordinary spiritual disciplines – making sure we have enough oil or spiritual fuel: oil of compassion and mercy, oil of patience and sympathy and forgiveness.

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 a.m. All Women and Men.

MASS INTENTIONS November 11 - 17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Richard E. Moeller

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Boisvert Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. All Souls

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday November 4 & 5, 2017

Total Plate	\$ 1,176.00
EFT	\$ 646.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,822.00

**God bless your generosity, you make the difference in the life of the Parish.
Thank you!**

Women's Club/Prayer Group

**We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month,
November 22th from 1 to 2:30 pm.**

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

ruthmcc@flash.net

14th Annual Giving at Greenfield

Sign up for a family this weekend. We are also collecting gently used toys, books, and stuffed animals.

We will deliver gifts on Saturday, December 9th.

**Contact Karen if you have questions.
408- 353-2020 Or kjoesten@scusd.net**

STRUDEL SALE

Order your Thanksgiving and Christmas STRUDEL!!!

Sign up following Mass this weekend.

Large \$35 and Small ones \$25

Great for holiday gifts!

A delicious way of supporting our Church!

The Christ Child Coat Drive

We are looking for nice, gently used coats, jackets and outerwear.

A collection box is in the church foyer. Let's give our friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Greenfield, CA a beautiful and warm Christmas.

Please contact Andrea Bruna with questions... 408 353-310

Baby Bottle Thank You

Our sincere thanks to all the generous Christ Child donors who faithfully filled and returned the baby bottles for our Respect Life drive benefiting **Birthright of San Jose**. The total collected was \$844! That's a lot of spare change to help spare babies' lives and support women in pregnancy. If you still find a bottle rolling around your house please return as they can be used for another church campaign.

May God bless you for your dedication to the cause of life!

**SAVE the Day on Sunday December 10th
The Christmas Party in the PARISH after the Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

A program of meditative music by Barber, Bernstein, Brahms, Finzi, Janacek and others to encourage and benefit victims of the Northern California fires.

**Holy Cross Church, 126 High Street
Santa Cruz**

Sunday November 12, 4 p.m.

Free admission; donations gratefully accepted for Northern California fire disaster relief.