

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 10, 2017

**John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for
the forgiveness of sins.**
Mark 1:1-8

Living between the steps

A professor was invited to speak at a military base and was met at the airport by a soldier named Ralph. As they headed toward the baggage-claim area, Ralph kept disappearing – once to help an older woman with her suitcase, once to lift up two toddlers so they could see Santa Claus, and again to give some directions. Each time he came back smiling.

The professor was impressed. “Where did you learn to live like that?”
“During my time in Vietnam,” Ralph said. He explained that he was part of a unit assigned to clear mine fields and he saw too many friends die right before his eyes. “I learned to live between the steps. I never knew whether the next step would be my last, so I had to get everything I could out of that moment between picking up my foot and

putting it down again. Every step felt like a whole new world.”
(Barbara Brown Taylor)

Ralph is a herald of Advent in the spirit of John the Baptizer. He understands that life is a journey of single steps, that every step is an opportunity to create a pathway for all to travel to God until that final step at the threshold of God. These days before the coming of the Christ call us to “live” between the steps of our lives, to straighten roads gutted by injustice and hatred, to repair highways made crooked by alienation and anger.

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
All Men

MASS INTENTIONS December 9 - 15

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+ Louis Bo + Gerald Boisvert
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+ Cecily Olsen + Gerald Boisvert
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Boisvert Family
	6:00 p.m.	Parishioner
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Murphy-Dwyer
Friday	8:00 a.m.	+ Sylvia Muzzio

DECEMBER 12, 2016 TUESDAY
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
MASS AT 6:00 P.M.
“HOT CHOCOLATE” AFTER THE MASS

Stewardship of Treasury
Report Sunday December 2 & 3, 2017

Total Plate	\$ 1,539.00
EFT	\$ 613.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,152.00

**THANK YOU! And may GOD blesses you in
your generosity!**

A message from Joe & Andrea Bruna.... We
appreciate the wonderful response to the **Annual**

Coat Drive. We're doing great!

Thank you for the effort.

Thank you and May God bless you.

**Every vocation is a call to love and every
baptized person has one!**

But how can you know God's plan for you?
Come and see! Single, Catholic women between
the ages of 18 and 38 years are invited to spend a
day with the cloistered Dominican Nuns of
Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park,
California, **Saturday, January 20th**. Learn more
about discerning God's will for your life and catch
a glimpse of the same hidden life of love that has
been lived at the heart of the Church and the
Dominican Order since Saint Dominic founded
the first community of Dominican nuns in 1206.
For more information days and events, visit our
website at www.nunsmenlo.org or contact

Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at
vocations@nunsmenlo.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession)

Friday, December 15 at 6:00 P.M.

Christmas Celebrations

December 24 – Sunday

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

December 25 - Monday

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Safety Message

Parents and Caregivers of children: When you
and your children are attending Mass or any
other events at the Parish, please keep your child
with you at all times. If your child needs to leave
the building, he or she must be accompanied by
an adult. Thank you!

**He who obeys me dwells in security, in peace,
without fear of harm.**

Proverb 1:33

What is so new about the promised “mountain of
the Lord” is not that the wolf and a lamb are both
there, but that the wolf remains a wolf and the
lamb a lamb, and yet they dwell together without
harm or hurt in God's Kingdom. Under God's
rule, conversion and obedience do not mean the
loss of identity but the discovery of our true
identity as one in Christ.

**The Lord has made know his salvation: come,
let us adore!**

Words from Pope Francis...

... There, in the poor, we find the presence of
Jesus, who, though rich, became poor
(cf. 2 Cor 8:9).

For this reason, in them, in their weakness, a
“saving power” is present. And if in the eyes of
the world they have little value, they are the one
who open to us the way to heaven; they are our
“passport to paradise.” For us it is an evangelical
duty to care for them, as our real riches, and to
do so not only by giving them bread, but also by
breaking with them the bread of God's word,
which is addressed first to them. To love the
poor means to combat all forms of poverty,
spiritual and material...