

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 17, 2017

14th Greenfield

I only want to share a little of what happened Saturday, December 9, here at Holy Trinity. When we looked for families to receive the gift of food, we found a woman who was depressed, having separated from her husband due to his infidelity. She told me how very grateful she was for the food she received and how surprised she was at the strength of her gratitude.

Another family was very grateful for the gift they received. The mother told me she was in the US without papers, as were all of her children, and that they had no one here to help them. She also told me this will be the first year there will be presents in the house at Christmas.

I do not want to forget the woman who arrived at Holy Trinity and began to cry when she saw how happy the children were. She remembered her own childhood when she literally had nothing and only wore donated clothes. Her tears were tears of happiness as she had not known there was a program at

Holy Trinity that provided such blessings to the children.

Something that touched my heart this year is that people who are homeless and living in the street came to Holy Trinity on Dec. 9. These people were able to select jackets for themselves and their families from those brought down by Christ Child parishioners and were very pleased with their new clothes. Father, I am able to provide many more stories from participating families that live in fear of persecution and deportation but I only have time to share a few. I wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to you and all the Christ Child parishioners that made Saturday's event possible.

Thanks to each family that adopted a family here in Greenfield or provided a donation that made the purchase of gifts possible.

Many blessings for you Father, and everyone on your team.

Please give our thanks to everyone at Christ Child for all their work and generosity.

Flora Chan

(She is the person to help us connect with the families in Greenfield and leader to help people.)

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 16 - 22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Sylvia Muzzio

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + John Parker

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Boisvert Family

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Sylvia Muzzio

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Sylvia Muzzio

All flowers in the church this year in honor of you and especially for the children and young people in the Parish!!!

Treasury Report Sunday December 9 & 10, 2017

Total Plate	\$ 1,247.00
EFT	\$ 613.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,860.00

May God bless your generosity...!

Will the CHILDREN who want to be in the Christmas Eve Pageant

Please stay after Mass this Sunday December 17th for rehearsal and to pick up their costumes.

Thank you.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THAK YOU

For the warm, generous donations to the 2017 CHRIST CHILD COAT DRIVE.

You gifts of warmth and comfort put smiles on many faces on Saturday December 9th at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Greenfield CA.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas From, Joe & Andrea Bruna

Prayer requests: can be emailed to christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com
Or written and placed in the box provided in the church foyer!

A NEW YEAR'S EVE INTERFAITH VIGIL FOR PEACE

**Sunday, December 31st 2017
8:00 pm. – 10:40 pm.**

Holy Cross Parish Hall Across from Mission Plaza Santa Cruz, CA.

Join Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists and many who claim no affiliation with an organized religion for an evening of meditation, music, silence and walking the labyrinth in the 14th Annual Interfaith Peace Vigil sponsored by Sangha Shantivanam and hosted by the Holy Cross Catholic Community. Beginning at 8:00 pm in the parish hall at Holy Cross, there will be several short periods of silent meditation each hour interspersed with readings and music from universal wisdom traditions. The vigil ends at 10:40 pm. Come whenever you want and stay as long as you wish. For those who wish to attend MASS it will be celebrated at Holy Cross at 11:00 pm. Refreshments and fellowship will take place at the Rectory after the Mass.

24 December Sunday: VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Mass at 5:00 pm.

25 December Monday: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Mass at 10:00 am.

Pope FRANCIS **General Audience** Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Our continuing catechesis on the Eucharist today centers on the importance of Sunday Mass. As Christians, we celebrate the Eucharist in order to encounter the Lord, to hear his word, eat at his table and, by his grace to fulfil our mission in the world as members of his Mystical Body the Church. As the day of the resurrection and the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Sunday is the Christian holy day par excellence.

How could we pass this day without encountering the Lord?