

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

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TIME
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**“Come after me, and I will make you
fishers of men.”**
Mark 1: 14-20

What’s in a kiss...?

A mom learns about the power of a mother’s kiss:

“My youngest daughter always had me kissing her boo-boos. I did it because, as every mother knows, it makes it feel better. What I never understood was the thought process behind the action.

“One day my daughter asked me to kiss her boo-boo when I was pressed for time, so I hurriedly obliged. She cried, telling me it wasn’t any good because my kiss didn’t have any love in it. I realized that kissing boo-boos was really about loving the pain away.

“This simple truth, along with the value of mindfulness my daughter taught me, has encouraged me to slow down, to become more aware and present in the moment. Slowing down is a conscious decision to live at a gentler pace and to make the most of the time I have.

“When my own mother passed away, I did not forget the love she gave me; it will live on in my heart forever. She gave me life, but beyond that, she gave me love...”

“With that errant kiss, I realized it was my responsibility as a mother to watch over my child’s spiritual growth...By simply showing my child kindness through listening, I believe I have satisfied my child’s earliest spiritual needs. By being genuine – that is, personally connected and physically present – I have satisfied my child’s developing spirit.”

(Mary Ann Rollano, writing in Spirituality & Health, November/December 2005)

Christ entrusts to each one of us – whether we are a fisherman or a mom – the work of discipleship: to extend, in whatever our circumstances, the Love of God to all; to proclaim, in our own homes and communities, the compassion, the forgiveness, the justice of the Gospel. As God is present to us in the person of Jesus, we are called to be present to one another in our love and care. To be the “fishers” that Christ calls us to become is to “cast the net” of God’s love that we have experienced upon the waters of our time and place, to reach out and grasp the hand of those who struggle and stumble, to “love” away the hurt and pain and fear of those we love.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

Sacrament of Baptism and Marriages

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by 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 January 20 - 26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Judith A. Hammond

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Murphy - Dwyer

Thursday 9:00 a.m. The Boisvert Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Alba Luna Aramburo

**This month January 30th is the 11th Anniversary of the installation of Bishop Richard Garcia as Bishop of Monterey. You may send him a card at:
425 Church Street. Monterey, CA 93940 or P.O. Box 2048 Monterey, CA 93942.
Please prayers for our Bishop!!!**

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

We offer year-round sessions to explore the Catholic faith. For more information, call Fr.

Eugenio, 408.353.2210 or

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January 25th One Weapon

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

St. Paul has but one weapon; the message of Christ and the gift of his entire life for Christ and for others. It is precisely this readiness to lay him open, personally, to be consumed for the sake of the Gospel, to make himself all things to all people, unstintingly, that gives him credibility and builds up the Church.

Pope Francis

Would people know that you are a Christian by your daily example?

In what one area can you grow so that your daily life witnesses to your faith?

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.

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month, **January 24th from 1 to 2:30 PM.** Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

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We pray the ROSARY together every Saturday at 4:30 PM. Please come to pray for the families and our Country.

Pope at Mass: How to pray the Our Father

(Vatican Radio) To pray the **Our Father** we have to have a heart at peace with our brothers. We don’t pray “my Father,” but “our Father,” because “we are not an only child, none of us are.” This was the focus of Pope Francis’ homily at Mass Thursday morning in Casa Santa Marta. The pope emphasized that we believe in a God who is a father, who is “very close” to us, who is not anonymous, not “a cosmic God.”

Prayer is not magic, rather it is entrusting ourselves to the Father’s embrace. Pope Francis centered his homily on the prayer of the “Our Father” taught by Jesus to His disciples, of which the Gospel speaks today. Jesus, he said, immediately gives us a piece of advice in prayer: “In praying, do not babble,” do not make “worldly noises, vain noises.” And he warned that “prayer is not a magical thing, there is no magic with prayer.” Someone once told me that when he went to a “witch doctor,” they said a lot of words to heal him. But that “is pagan.” Jesus teaches us, “We should not turn to Him with so many words, because “He knows everything.” He adds the first word is “Father,” this “is the key of prayer.” “Without saying, without feeling, that word – he warned – you cannot pray: You must pray to the Father! It is a strong word, ‘Father.’ You must pray to Him who generated you, who gave your life. Not to everyone: everyone is too anonymous. To you. To me. To the person who accompanies you on your journey; He knows all about your life. ...”