

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

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME**  
**February 11, 2018**

**Introduction:** All three readings today teach us that we are called to become pure and holy. But we don't become holy by some ritual observances. We become holy by confessing our sins to God and offering our lives for God's glory and by sharing God's love with everyone around us without discriminating against anyone on the basis of color, race, culture, religion, life style or social status.

**Scripture lessons:** The word *Vayikra* (the Hebrew name of the Book of Leviticus) means that God called Moses and His chosen people to holiness and purity. That is why the first reading teaches the theme of freedom from bodily and ritual impurity as a sign of internal holiness. This freedom is symbolized by the precaution against contracting leprosy given in the first reading and the healing of the leper described in the Gospel. The first reading shows the ancient Jewish attitude toward leprosy and gives the rules for the segregation of lepers. This provides a background for Jesus' healing of a leper.

In today's Responsorial Psalm 32, the psalmist says: **"I confessed my faults to the Lord, and You took away my guilt."** He teaches us that we become holy by confessing our sins and being reconciled with God every day. **"I turn to You, Lord, in times of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation."** In today's second reading, St Paul exhorts us to become holy by doing "everything for the glory of God" and by showings sensitivity toward others who are different from us, rather than passing judgment on them. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus heals a leper, liberating him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust and inhuman social isolation and ostracism to which the lepers were subjected.

**St. Francis of Assisi and the leper**

Today's Scripture lessons teach us that the sick and the maimed are not to be objects of scorn, but potential reservoirs of God's mercy for us. St. Francis of Assisi, for instance, understood this. At one time in his life, he had a terrible fear of lepers. Then one day when he was out for a walk, he heard the warning bell that lepers were required to ring in the Middle Ages. When a leper emerged from a clump of trees, St Francis saw that he was horribly disfigured. Half of his nose had been eaten away; his hands were stubs without fingers and his lips were oozing white pus. Instead of giving in to his fears, Francis ran forward, embraced the leper and kissed him. Francis' life was never the same after that episode. He had found a new relationship with God, a new sensitivity to others and a new energy for his ministry.

**We need to tear down the walls that separate us from others and build bridges of loving relationships!**

**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 February 10 - 16**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. The Boisvert Family**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen**

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Sylvia Cordle**

**Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners**

7:00 p.m. All the families

**Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Judith Hammond**

**Friday 8:00 a.m. Mark Walsh**

**SUNDAY February 25<sup>th</sup> Care Packages  
for our Troops**

Once again we will join with **The Mountain Bible Church** to put Jesus' love and mercy into practice with small practical gifts of encouragement to our men and women serving in the military overseas.

**This has also proven to be a great event to invite you non-church neighbors who have a heart to do well.**

**"MARDI GRAS PARISH PARTY!"**

**Fat Tuesday! "Martes de Carnaval"**

**This Fat Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> 2018**

The Men's Club extends a warm invitation to you, your family, and your friends. Come and enjoy a good time, good food, good libations, and great company. The social time will be from 6-6:30 pm, followed by dinner. We hope that you all have a great time just before the start of the Lenten Season

\*\*Please bring a salad to share!\*\*

**Stewardship of Treasury**

**Report Sunday February 3 & 4, 2018**

**Total Plate \$ 950.00**

**EFT \$ 655.00**

**TOTAL \$1,605.00**

**We Need Your Support. Thank you and May  
God bless you!**

**Women's Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**February 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 2:30 PM.**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

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**LENT 2018**

**"Such will be the spread of evil that many  
people's love will grow cold."(Mt 24:12)**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**The Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

**Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and  
abstinence in the Church**

**Prayer requests: can be emailed to  
[christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com) OR  
written and placed in the box provided in the  
Church foyer!**

**Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us!**  
**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-9pm**

We will have appetizers, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, fruit, and something for vegetarians as well. Also included are fabulous desserts, beer and wine. There will be music and 50/50 raffle. As this is a fundraiser for the young families group we are asking for a donation of \$15 per person or \$30 per family. Sometimes money is tight so any amount or nothing is also fine, just come and enjoy! More than money we want to raise our children in a community, the more the merrier! If you wish to donate you can pay at the door or see Ann, Chiara or Jocelyn after mass on Sundays.