

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

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EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE
LORD
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Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for three reasons. 1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). "Jesus is Lord, he is risen" (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the kerygma (or "preaching"), of the Apostles because Jesus prophesied his Resurrection as a sign of his Divinity: "Tear down this temple and in three days I will build it again" (Jn 2:19). The founder of no other religion has an empty tomb as Jesus has. In addition, neither Jews nor the Romans could disprove Jesus' Resurrection by presenting the dead body of Jesus. The Apostles and the early Christians were absolutely sure that Jesus had risen from the dead. They would not have faced martyrdom for a dead leader lying in the tomb. The sheer existence of a

thriving, empire-conquering early Christian Church, bravely facing and surviving three centuries of persecution, supports the truth of Christ's Resurrection. 2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies... (Jn 11:25-26). 3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer and gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

Life Messages: 1) Let us live the lives of Resurrection people: Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord who loves us in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life.

2) We need to live new, disciplined lives in the Risen Jesus. Our awareness of the all-pervading presence and love of the Risen Lord in and around us and the strong conviction of our own resurrection help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior. This salutary awareness inspires us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure

and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction that the loving presence of the Risen Lord dwells in our neighbors and in all those we encounter should encourage us to respect them and to render them loving, humble and selfless service. 3) We need to become transparent Christians: We are called to be transparent Christians, showing others through our lives the love, mercy, compassion and spirit of self-sacrificing service of the Risen Jesus living in our hearts.

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 by appointment.

For Pregnancy Support:

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 am. All women and all men.

MASS INTENTIONS March 31 – April 6

Saturday 8:00 p.m. Parishioners
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Murphy- Dwyer
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Don & Gail Hanley
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Mark Walsh
Friday 8:00 a.m. + Toñita Vilanova

Preschool Gospel during 10 am. Mass

The Second Sunday of every month!
Join other young Catholic Families!!!

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

March 24 & 25, 2018

Plate.....	\$ 1,145.00
EFT.....	\$ 581.00
Total	\$ 1,726.00
Second Collection Maintenance was \$548.00	
Thank you and may God Bless you!	

**CHRIST THE LORD is risen today,
Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say,
Alleluia! Raise you joys and triumphs
high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth
reply, Alleluia!**

**Celebrating our risen Savior with
you and wishing you abundant Easter
joy!**

Women's Group Meeting

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 pm. in the Community Center. Our next meeting is Wednesday April 25th! Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time... Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net

Many thanks to all the volunteers

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Acolytes, Ladies and Men who decorated the altar and ALL the people who participated in the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

The 10th Annual Blessing of the Hot Rods

Is right around the corner! Free Admission
Saturday, May 19th.
10AM to 3 PM

Please plan to attend and support our Parish Community. Remember this Fund/Fun raiser!!!

Cars, wine tasting, food, live music and raffle baskets... Fun for all!!! Please look here for updates and others Car Show information. We would love donations of "themed" gift baskets for our raffle.

Just let Nancy or Chris know what type of basket you are going to do.

Please like Us on Facebook, Blessing of the Hot Rods, to see more information.

Christ Child Men's Club

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 pm. on Wednesday April 11th 2018
"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."