

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

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JULY 8, 2018**

Anecdotes: Rev. Deacon Prophet: There is a funny story about a bishop who was interviewing a senior seminarian before his ordination as deacon. The Bishop asked him where he would like to be assigned as a deacon for pastoral training. The seminarian said, somewhat boldly, "Oh, my bishop, anywhere but New Canaan!" "Why not there," the bishop asked? "You know," the seminarian answered, "That's my hometown – and we all know that 'a prophet is not without honor except in his native place.'" The bishop replied, "Don't worry my friend! Nobody in your hometown is going to confuse you with a prophet."

Rejection hurts: Arnold Palmer played his last Master's Tournament in 2002. Palmer, who won the Master's in 1958, 1960, 1962, and 1964, had seen his game slip away with age and his stardom fade with the rise of Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. A reporter asked Palmer, "Why did you do it? Why did you quit?" To which Palmer replied, "I didn't want to get the letter that former champions

Ford, Brewer, and Casper have already received asking them to step down." Whether it's that girl in elementary school who looked in disdain when you offered her a Valentine card, or the boss that suggests you are not included in the company's new plans, rejection hurts. It causes pain.

Yet, Jesus said it's going to happen and we will be wise to live with it, for "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me." There is some rejection that's worth the cost.

**Today's readings introduce Jesus as a prophet and explain how prophets and other messengers from God inevitably experience rejection. The readings challenge us to face rejection and hardship with prophetic courage.
We must have the prophetic courage of our convictions.**

By our Baptism, God calls us to be prophets like Jesus, sharing his prophetic mission. The task of a prophet is to speak God's truth. We must never be afraid of this call. We may rely on Jesus to supply us with the courage to oppose the many evils in our society.

Our society tells youngsters that promiscuous sex, drugs and alcohol are means by which they can express their individuality. It is here that our country needs Christians with the prophetic courage of their convictions to fight against such moral evils.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Can be sent to christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com. Or written and placed in the box provided in the Church Foyer.

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 men are invited!

MASS INTENTIONS JULY 7 - 13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Don & Gail Hanley
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Harry Furlong
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker
Luis & Maria Sandoval
Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Marie Shore
Friday 8:00 a.m. Murphy - Dwyer

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on **Wednesday, July 11, 2018**

"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 – 2:30 pm. July 25th!
Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net 408 353.1017

8th PARISH HARVEST PARTY & DANCE

LIVE BAND, GREAT MUSIC!

FANTASTIC FOOD!

ADULT BEVERAGES...

SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

6 PM TO 10 PM

Christ Child Church invites you!!!

**For Information & Tickets: Don Boisvert
408 828.2035**

As you know, these are perfect opportunities for young women to get a glimpse of cloistered life and Dominican cloistered life in particular, and to help them listen more closely to God's voice in their hearts, whatever their calling.

Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun. Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., vocation directress, at vocations@nunsmenlo.org-days/ or visit our website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/> to learn more and to register for one of our upcoming Come and See Days: **Saturday July 21st, 2018**, Saturday, October 20, 2018, and Saturday January 12, 2019. The event is free and all meals will be provided. Space is limited and fills fast!

Nisbet Scripture Retreat

Fr. Jim Nisbet, acclaimed scripture scholar, will be sharing his insights and wisdom during the 37th Annual Nisbet Scripture Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center this summer. **The retreat is August 10 – 12.** Openings are available for single and double occupancy. This popular retreat fills up quickly, so don't wait too long. Register by calling the Retreat Center at 831-623-4234. for more information call Rudy and Virginia, 458-9169 or Jerry and Sylvia, 426-7058.

Today Saturday and Sunday Second Collection

Thank you for your generous support of Pope Francis's work through the Peter's Pence Collection.

Through this gift, you join in solidarity with him as a witness of charity.

To learn more about the Peter's Pence Collection, please visit www.vatican.va And search "Peter's Pence."

Thank you! Muchas gracias!