

Christ Child Catholic Church
***Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the
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ORDINARY TIME
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Diversity in harmony

While celebrating mass at Santa Marta, Pope Francis called the faithful to three essential duties: “to build, safeguard and purify the Church.” His plea was offered on the liturgical Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome. “We are all members of the diocese of Rome” the Pope affirmed, and because our Cathedral is “the primatial see,” it “is called the mother of all the churches.”

Francis began with an explanation of the notion of ‘building the Church.’ “According to the commission of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it.” Thus, “Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Church, there is no other,” the Pope affirmed; only “He is the cornerstone,” and “If one constructs a church without foundation, what happens? It all collapses.” Similarly, “if there is not Jesus Christ alive in the Church, it will collapse.”

“The foundation does not change” Francis continued, “and we are living stones that build up this structure.” Indeed, in the process of construction, “one seeks to arrange the stones soundly with each other, so that they are aligned” and yet, “not equal.” “Each one of the stones is different, each one of us is different, and this is the richness of the Church,” the Pope noted. “Each one of us builds according to the gift that God has bestowed. We cannot consider a uniform Church; this is not (the) Church.

To explain this notion, the Pope referred to the image of the human body: “the hand needs the nose and the eyes in order how to grip onto something; they complement each other” he explained, and similarly, each one of us has our own unique input for the construction of the Church, a concept which the Pope said lies “at the core of synodality” and he suggested that the Church should be a synodal nature, “because each one of us has our own charisms at the service of the unity of the Church.” Consequently, there is no need to “be afraid of differences, on the contrary, rather be afraid when someone wants to render everything equal.”

Regarding the second word, “safeguarding” the Church, the Pontiff warned against thinking that one can pass a “coat of paint” every year and believing that this will suffice. Rather, he stressed, it means “safeguarding the Spirit that dwells within us, both in the Church and each one of us...He is the life of the Church, and your life, my life.” We, he asserted, “are temples of the Holy Spirit and we have to safeguard the Holy Spirit.”

Finally, Francis indicated that the third word, “purifying” the Church, is revealed in the Gospel reading of John 2: 13-22. “When the Lord saw what was happening at the entrance to the temple,” the Pontiff said, “he did not

speak. He took a whip of cords and cast everyone out of the temple.”

“We are all sinners, all of us” the Pope affirmed, and “if one of you is not, raise your hand, because it would be quite an oddity; we are all sinners, and for this reason we must purify ourselves continually, and purify the community as well; the diocesan community, the Christian community, the universal community of the Church in order to make it grow...”

*We pray the Rosary together every Saturday at
4:30 PM Please come to pray for the families
and our Country!*

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

Every Tuesday at 8:15 AM. All Women and all
Men.

MASS INTENTIONS August 18 - 24

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. John Paul
O'Brien**

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Fr. Geronimo Cuevas

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Bishop Richard Garcia

Thursday 9:00 a.m. +Luis Sandoval

Friday 8:00 a.m. +Marie Ann Shore

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.
on Wednesday, September 12th

**“Together, supporting each other, we can do
great things.”**

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month
from 1 to 2:30 pm. **August 22nd**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact **Ruth McCormick**

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Back to School

We as a Catholic Community would like to wish
a very good year 2018-2019 to the children,
teens, teachers, workers...

May God our Father be with you and protect,
and give to you His wisdom and love. We pray
for you every day; we promise.

Have a good year!

Coming Soon....

8th PARISH HARVEST PARTY & DANCE

Steak Dinner, Drinks, Dancing to a Live Band

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Starts at 6:00 PM

Tickets available after Mass

Or Contact Don Boisvert

408 828-2035

Donation of \$40 Requested.

Ladies, September 14-16 is the date for our
silent Christ Child Retreat with Father Serge
Propst, OP. the topic is “Inner Peace” Call St.
Clare's retreat Center directly 831 423-8093

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Can be sent to

christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com or written

and placed in the box provided in the Church
foyer.

Are you an Adult? And would you like to be

Catholic or be confirmed or receive the

Eucharist. Please call at 408 353-2210 we will be

very happy to help you! Fr. Eugenio