

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

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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Today's readings explain what true religion is. It is not simply a scrupulous, external observance of rules, laws, traditions and rituals. It is a loving, obedient relationship with God expressed in obeying His Commandments, worshipping Him, recognizing His presence in other human beings and rendering them loving and humble service. Prayers, rituals, sacraments and religious practices only help us to practice this true religion in our daily lives.

Ritual washing using drinking-water

William Barclay in The Daily Study Bible tells the story of an old Jewish rabbi in the Roman prison diagnosed with acute dehydration which would have led to his death. The prison guards insisted that the rabbi had been given his quota of drinking water. So, the prison doctor and the officer in charge instructed the guards to watch the rabbi and ascertain what he was doing with his ration of water. They were shocked to find that the rabbi was using almost all his

water for traditional ritual washing before prayers and meals.

Today's Gospel tells us how the tradition-addicted Pharisees started questioning Jesus when his disciples omitted the ritual washing of hands in public before a meal. (Mark Link in Sunday Homilies)

“I don't smoke during Lent!”

About 2 o'clock on a cold, blustery morning the rectory telephone rang. “I think grandpa is dying,” an excited voice declared. As it was just two blocks away Fr. Murray decided to walk to anoint the dying man. As he passed an alley a figure with a gun stepped out and demanded “Give me your money.” The priest told the gunman: “My wallet is in the pocket of my coat.” As the priest opened his coat the gunman noticed his Roman collar. He said “I am sorry, I didn't know that you were a priest. I beg your pardon Father! Keep your money.” In grateful relief Fr. Murray offered him a cigar. But the fellow shook his head saying, “No Father, thank you very much, but I don't smoke during Lent!” In today's Gospel, Jesus calls such blind observance of rules and tradition, hypocrisy. (Msgr. Arthur Tonne).

Gospel exegesis: A few of the local Pharisees accompanied the experts and started questioning Jesus when they noticed that Jesus' disciples had omitted the ritual cleansing of hands before a party meal.
Jesus' reaction: In response to the Sanhedrin's public criticism, Jesus stands in the prophetic tradition by citing Isaiah 29:13, where the prophet castigates the tendency to “teach mere human precepts as dogmas.” “This people pays me lip-service but their heart is far from Me, empty is the reverence

they do me, because they teach as dogmas mere human precepts.” The Pharisees placed emphasis, not on building a relationship with God and their fellow-human beings, but on checking out their own external behavior. Jesus was not criticizing rituals given in the Mosaic Law, but the giving of disproportionate importance to these things while neglecting what was far more important, the love of God and the care for one's fellow-human beings... Jesus contradicted the Pharisees, not because he undervalued the Jewish Law, but because he understood that Mosaic Law was primarily about love and freedom, and that its ritual elements were all subordinate to this primary concern.

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

Pray Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 am. All Women and All Men.

MASS INTENTIONS September 1 - 7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Donald & Gail Hanley

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

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

Thursday 9:00 a.m. The Kok Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Luis Sandoval

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. **September 26th!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flash.net

We pray the ROSARY together every Saturday at 4:30 PM.

Please come to pray for the families & Country!

WONDERFUL WOMEN'S WEEKEND

The St. Clare Retreat Center is putting on a special silent retreat **September 14-16**

The guest speaker is Father Serge Propst O.P.

The topic is “Inner Peace” Call St. Clare's retreat Center directly 831 423-8093

8th ANNUAL PARISH HERVEST

PARTY & DANCE

LIVE BAND - DANCING, FOOD & DRINKS!!!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

STARTS AT 6 PM.

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE TODAY!

For information contact Don Boisvert 408.828.2035 PLEASE SUPPORT!!!

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August 25 & 26, 2018

Total \$ 2,131.00

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