

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

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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“They are no longer two but one flesh.”
Therefore, what God has joined together,
no human being must separate...
“Whoever does not accept the kingdom of
God like a child will not enter it.”
(Mark 10: 2-16)

Love that lets go

A husband and father remembers the night they met some 30 years ago:
It was love at first sight. I knew how the kid felt who clambered breathlessly through the front door and cried, “Dad! I’m in love!”
“How do you know its love?” his father asked.
“Because, when I kissed her good night, her dog bit me and I never even felt it till I got home!”
Though I’d not experienced the dog-bite test, I knew how he felt. I was sure it was love.
She was sure, too. But six weeks later I noticed some-thing peculiar about love.
“I love you too much to hold on to you,” she said,
“I want you to be happy, and if that means we don’t marry, then its okay.” Another time, she said, “I love you so much I want to let you go. Don’t feel tied to me.”
That sounded peculiar. You see, my love for her was different. “I love you so much I want to make

you mine” was my kind of love. “I love you so much I’m not going to let you go.” My love was a hanging-on kind of love. Hers was a letting-go kind of love. My love worried about what it might do to me if I lost the object of my desire. Her love worried about what it might do to me if she hung on too tight. Peculiar! One day she returned from a doctor’s appointment distraught. “He told me I can’t have babies.” Her swollen eyes overflowed. “I know you want children. I’ll understand if you don’t want to marry me,” she continued. “I love you too much to keep you.” There it was again – that peculiar letting-go kind of love. All of this happened thirty-plus years ago, and in that time, I’ve learned something about love. Love is letting go. It’s as simple and difficult as that. And I learned something else, too. The doctor was wrong about the babies. Three times. (Steve Goodier)

Thomas Merton wrote that “love seeks one thing only: the good of the one loved. It leaves all other secondary effects to take care of themselves. Love, therefore, is its own reward.” Such selfless love is the true bond of marriage. It is sacred and holy, mirroring the great and limitless love of God. A couple’s life together – a life centered in trust, forgiveness and love – and their generous response to the vocation of parenthood model the unfathomable and profound love of God, love that lets go rather than holds on, happily gives rather than takes, liberates rather than imprisons. The sacrament of marriage, as Jesus taught, is a total giving and sharing by each spouse so that the line between “his” and “hers” disappears into only “ours.”

Every Saturday we pray the ROSARY
together in the church at 4:30 pm. Please come
to prayer for our 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 in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. all Women & Men.

MASS INTENTIONS October 6 - 12

Saturday 5:00 p.m. The Kok Family

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

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Layman E. Allen

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Bishop Richard Garcia

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday September 29 & 30, 2018

TOTAL \$ 1,984.00

Second Collection Maintenance was \$ 362.00

Thank you and May God bless and protect you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

CCD classes will begin this Sunday October 7, 2018. Grades K-8 at 9:00 – 10:00 am.

Pre-School: The Second Sunday of the month during the 10 am. Mass.

Pre-School Family Social after mass.

Please sign up after mass or see Nannette Thomas, Chris or Herb Curran

Men’s Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, **October 10, 2018**

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

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month, **October 24^h from 1 to 2:30 pm. Our focus is**

social and spiritual at their same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net

SPARE CHANGE FOR LIFE

This Sunday is Respect Life Sunday and October is Respect Life month so in support of this theme, Christ Child is again partnering with Birthright of San Jose to raise money for our ministry of helping women potentially facing an unplanned pregnancy. We have been in San Jose for 46 years with our all-volunteer staff offering free, confidential and non judgmental services to all those who come to us. Christ Child community has been very generous with us in the past and we look to you again to help us keep these vital services available. The process is simple. Take home a bottle, keep it on the counter and over the next few weeks, put your spare change in. We also don’t mind checks and dollar bills. Then return at the end of the month! Or even empty so we can reuse the bottles. If you have any questions, call Norma or Dave Hammons at 408 353-3326. Thanks in advance for your support.

15th Annual Giving at Greenfield

It is a holiday tradition for the Christ Child parish to adopt 59 families from Greenfield community. We will have the family information available after Mass on Nov. 3 & 4 and following Saturdays and Sundays.
Contact Karen if you have question 353-2020

Give warmth, donate a coat! CHRIST CHILD’S ANNUAL COAT DRIVE is about to begin! Donation collection boxes will be in our Church foyer starting **OCTOBER 13, 2018.** All sizes of new or gently used coats, parkas, jackets, sweaters, caps, scarves and gloves are appreciated. Our friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Greenfield, CA benefit greatly from our generosity. Please contact Joe or Andrea Bruna for information 408-348-7061. Thank you.