

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

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**TWENTIETH-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
October 14, 2018

Today's readings remind us that we do not possess anything in our life that we refuse to surrender to the Lord. In reality, these things often possess us, and we become the prisoners of our possessions. What we have really done is to give our "things" top priority in our lives. Thus, we violate the First Great Commandment, which demands that we give absolute and unconditional priority to God.

Aladdin's magic lamp and Solomon's dream:

Ala' Ad-Din is the Arabic title of one of the best-known stories in *The Thousand and One Nights*. The chief protagonist of the tale, Ala' Ad-Din, or Aladdin, chances upon an African magician who claims to be his uncle. At the magician's request, Aladdin retrieves a lamp from a cave and discovers that he can summon up powerful jinn or genies to do his bidding. "Your wish is my command," Aladdin is told, and he satisfies his desires for wealth, power and long life. Aladdin's

adventures and good fortune have left many young readers dreaming of sharing similar experiences. Imagine that you are Aladdin and that magic lamps and genies do exist... what would you ask for?

Solomon found himself in just such a situation as described in today's first reading. Although magic did not factor into the equation, God Himself appeared to the young king Solomon in a dream, asking for his wishes. In 1 Kings 3:5-14, Israel's great king was told by Yahweh in a dream: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." When Solomon asked for wisdom, i.e. for "an understanding heart to judge the people and to distinguish right from wrong," he was praised by God. He had not asked for long life or riches or for the life of his enemies; because of this he was given the gift of wisdom. (Sanchez Archives).

Life messages: We need to "Do something beautiful for God" by reaching out to others. That's the message we need to reflect on. Our most precious possession is our souls. Let us give ourselves away and give lavishly. Mother Teresa puts it in a different way: "Do SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL for God. Do it with your life. Do it every day. Do it in your own way. But do it!"

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
And all Men!

MASS INTENTIONS October 13 - 19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Layman E. Allen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Don & Gail Hanley

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

Mountain Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Become a volunteer or contribute

MNHN95033@gmail.com

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.

on Wednesday, **November 14, 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 to 2:30 PM. **October 24th, 2018**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flash.net

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

ATTENTION FAITH

FORMATION CHILDREN AND YOUTH

We would like to remind you that Faith Formation classes began last Sunday.

Please bring your children!

The classes for Grades 1 to 8 Every Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Please contact Nannette Thomas, Chris or Herb Curran

Every Saturday we pray **the ROSARY** together in the church at 4:30 pm. Please come to pray for our families, the Church and our Country!

Give warmth, donate a coat! CHRIST CHILD'S ANNUAL COAT DRIVE is about to begin!

Collection boxes will be in the Church foyer starting on **October 13, 2018**. Please ask friends, family, and neighbors to donate gently used coats, jackets, winter hats, gloves and scarves. We'll gladly accept all sizes and gender. Infant and toddler sizes are always needed. Our friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Greenfield, California greatly appreciate this kind act of giving. Thank you.

Need information - Contact Andrea & Joe Bruna 408 353-3101

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

Report Sunday Collection October 6 & 7, 2018 Total \$ 1,584.00

Second Collection Respect Life!

Total \$ 885.00

Thank you and May God bless you and protect!

PRAYER REQUEST Can be sent to christchildchurchprayerline@gmail or written and placed in the box provided in the Church foyer.

Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference
Save the Date 2018 Conference.

November 29 – December 1, 2018

Join over 3000 other catechists, liturgists, and lay ministers from parishes and Catholic schools for three days of education, collaboration, worship, & getting inspired.

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