

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

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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2018**

Today's Scripture readings describe leadership as the sacrificial service done for others and offer Jesus as the best example. They also explain the *servant leadership* of Jesus, pinpointing service and sacrifices as the criteria of greatness in Christ's Kingdom.

True Greatness: Nobel prizes are awarded every year in literature, economics, and science, among others. People who have made outstanding contributions in these fields are given due recognition for their achieved greatness. Excellence is recognized in the sports world, too. For example, when Pete Rose surpassed Ty Cobb's record number of hits in 1985, he assured himself a place in baseball's Hall of Fame. We all aspire to greatness in some form or another. It is a desire which our Lord addresses in today's Gospel. But if we look deeper into enduring examples of greatness, we see that the Lord is right. Alexander the Great was a remarkable leader because he stood by his men in battle. Albert the Great was an intellectual giant because he disciplined

himself for study. Beethoven was a master composer; he struggled long hours to get the right note. (Albert Cylwicki in *His Word Resounds*; quoted by Fr. Botelho.)

"I discovered that Service is Joy". It may sound unbelievable, but it is true that Asia's first Nobel Prize winner in Literature (1913), Rabindranath Tagore, was behind the three great national anthems of three nations, viz. Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka. He was also the first non-Westerner to win the Nobel Prize in literature. He did so in 1913. He wrote this short poem:

I slept and dreamt that life was Joy;  
Then I awoke and realized that life was Service.  
And then I went to work – and, lo and behold, I discovered that Service *is* Joy.

Today's Gospel teaches us that true happiness comes from surrendering ourselves completely in humble service to God through Christ. And all we need is a servant's heart, mind, eyes, and touch. So, "How's Your Serve?"

**Life messages:** We are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others. To become an authentic disciple of Jesus means to put ourselves in the humble, demanding role of servant to others, to seek intentionally the happiness and fulfillment of those we love regardless of the cost to ourselves. The best place to begin the process of "self-giving" service is in our own homes and in the workplace. We have to look upon our education, training, and experience as preparation for service to others. Whatever may be our place in society – whether important or unimportant—we can serve. We should learn to serve with a smile. This is

possible whether we are in military service, social service, law, medical services, government or business. We get chances to serve others every day – nurses serve their patients, teachers their students, parents serve the needs of their children, and spouses serve each another. In our parishes, we are also called to serve and not to be served...

**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:**

Birthing 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

**Prayer Group in the Parish**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS October 20 – 26**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Lola Schaefer**  
**+ Gerald (Gerri) Smith**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Dennis Stacey**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Luis Sandoval

**Stewardship of Treasury**

**Report Sunday October 13 & 14, 2018**

**Total \$ 1,726.00**

**Thank you and May God bless you for your generosity!**

**Women's Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month,  
**October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 2:30 pm.**

**Our focus is social and spiritual at their same time.**

Please contact Ruth McCormick  
[ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)

**The annual Christ Child COAT DRIVE is underway.**

Please ask friends, family, and neighbors about donating gently used coats, jackets, winter hats, gloves and scarves. We'll gladly accept all sizes and genders. It's a great way of making room in the closet and helping our friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Greenfield, CA. A collection box is located in the foyer of the church.

Please contact **Joe or Andrea Bruna,**  
**408 348-7061** with any questions.

**Thank you.**

**Men's Club Meeting**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, **November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."**

**Please use the envelope to inscribe the name of your beloved dead who will be remembered in prayer at the masses during the month November.**

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Giving at Greenfield**

It is a holiday tradition for the Christ Child parish to adopt 58 families from the Greenfield community. We will have the family information available after Mass on Nov. 3 & 4 and we will deliver gifts on **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Contact Karen if you have questions 353-2020**

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

**Family Social after mass.**

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