

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

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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 28, 2018**

Scripture lessons: The first reading tells us how a forgiving and compassionate God has been healing the spiritual blindness of His chosen People by subjecting them to captivity in Babylon and liberating them and bringing them back to their homeland. The Jerusalem journey of Jesus in the company of the lame and the blind connects the first reading to today's gospel.

The healing of the blind Bartimaeus in today's Gospel is also seen as the fulfillment of the joyful prophecy of Jeremiah about the return of the exiled Jews from Babylon to their homeland.

Today's second reading, taken from Hebrews 5, presents Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for sins and as the true High Priest of the New Testament. It also gives us the assurance that our High Priest, Jesus, is sympathetic to us because he has shared our human nature. The Gospel explains how Jesus shows the mercy and compassion of his Heavenly Father by healing the blind Bartimaeus. On hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, Bartimaeus loudly expressed his

trusting faith in the healing power of Jesus by shouting his request, "**Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me.**"

When Jesus invited him to come near, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak (symbolizing perhaps the baptismal divesting). His meeting with Jesus gave Bartimaeus the gift of spiritual as well as physical sight, and he became a disciple of Jesus.

Anecdote: An ancient eye test for spiritual blindness: Fr. De Mello tells a story which can help us to check our spiritual blindness. A hermit asked his disciples: "When do you say that the night is ended, and it is morning?" The first disciple said: "I say that it is morning when I can distinguish an oak tree from a maple tree." The hermit said: "No." The second disciple answered: "I know it is morning when I can distinguish a cow from a sheep at a distance." Once again, the hermit disagreed. The third disciple replied, "It is morning when no star is visible in the cloudless sky." "That is also a wrong answer," said the hermit.

Then he explained: "I know it is morning when I can recognize a person as a son or daughter of God, and, hence, my own brother or sister."

Joke: Two Polish men were taking their first train trip to Warsaw on the train. A vendor came down the corridor selling bananas which they'd never seen before. Each bought a banana. The first man eagerly peeled the banana and bit into it just as the train went into a dark tunnel. When the train emerged from the tunnel, he looked across to his friend and said, "I wouldn't eat that if I were you." "Why not?" asked his friend. "Because, it makes you temporarily blind."

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

Prayer Group in the Parish

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

MASS INTENTIONS October 27 – Nov. 2

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Gerald (Gerri) Smith
Margaret Tomei**

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Luis Sandoval

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Margarita Ortega

**Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Martina Durham
6:00 p.m. Ken Duncan**

Friday 8:00 a.m. All Souls

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday October 20 & 21, 2018

Plate Collection Total \$1,284.00

Mission Sunday Collection was \$326.00

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

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month,

November 28th from 1 to 2:30 pm.

**Our focus is social and spiritual at their same
time. Please contact Ruth McCormick**

ruthmcc@flash.net

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN! Please
remember to return your filled Baby Bottles
for the Respect Life Collection for Birthright of
San Jose by next weekend. God bless and thank
you for your generosity. 800 550-4900**

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.
on Wednesday, November 14^h, 2018

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

**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,**
408 353-3101 with any questions.

Thank you.

15th 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 following Saturday and Sundays.** And we will deliver gifts on **Saturday, December 8th**

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

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

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!

Let's Raise the Dough!
APPLE STRUDEL On Sale after Mass
Small \$25 Large \$35
**To Order or for information ... Contact
Gina Boisvert 408 656-7877**

Thursday November 1st ALL SAINTS
Masses 9:00 am. And 6:00 pm.
7:30 pm. Financial Meeting!