

Did You Know...



News and trivia from our parish and the Catholic Church

-- contributed by the Christ Child Church Women's Club --



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A Tune for an "Un-Sung Hero"

Or in this case, a heroine. One of our parish members, quietly and without fanfare, is making a huge impact for our Church and its operations. As a matter of fact, within the space of this short newsletter, it's difficult to do justice to all the activities in which she is involved.

Caralie Olsen was living in San Jose in 2004 and early 2005, when both of her parents passed away within six months of each other. Through an intricate series of coincidences, likely with a touch of God's hand involved, she became involved with Father Eugenio and Christ Child Church. Caralie joined the parish in 2005, and in fact Father Eugenio still says a monthly Mass for both of her parents.



Over the course of time, Caralie began to take part in Church activities, spanning an ever-wider variety of operational tasks and projects. Along the way, she also took on the role of lector and Eucharistic minister on weekends.

If you have ever stopped for a moment to wonder how "all that stuff" gets done at the Church, you are likely to have pondered one or more of Caralie's projects. Here is a list -- not even 100% complete -- of some of the things that she has contributed, large and small, on either a one-time or regular basis.

Weekly cleaning and vacuuming of the Church

Finance committee member

Overseeing bids and work for Church projects

- New windows
- Stained-glass windows
- Saltillo tiles in sanctuary
- Wall repairs and re-painting
- Re-roofing and re-painting rectory
- Front doors replacement in Church and rectory
- Rebuilding retaining walls
- Re-surfacing parking lot
- Construction/installation of desk in religion/education building
- Construction/installation of cabinets in vestibule
- Design/fabrication/installation of stiffening tubes for Church walls

Help with multiple events, projects, and tasks

- Blessing of the Hot Rods
- Christmas, Mardi Gras, etc.
- Greenfield donations
- Lists for Mother's Day and Father's Day announcements



Pretty impressive, don't you think? As you can see, we have been deeply and profoundly blessed with a meticulous, caring, and generous "volunteer" in the person of Caralie Olsen. Please give her a smile (or a hug) for her help and dedication.

[We try to keep this newsletter "snug" to a couple of pages or so. If you'd like more details on Caralie's history or activities, please feel free to ask her.]

--- Karin and Greg Illes