

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

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
September 4, 2016**

**The parables of the tower and the king
preparing for war: “whoever does not
carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.”**

Luke 14: 25-33

A book of hours

We treat our daily planners and calendar books the way monks and nuns used to treat their prayer books. We keep them close at all times. We clasp them with missionary zeal as we head from meeting to meeting, from appointment to appointment. As religious marked the hours and seasons with the psalms and canticles in their office books, our days and weeks are marked off with schedules, agendas and never-completed TO DO lists.

The cycles of our lives are marked in our planners. Our “time managers” do their job: they keep our lives on track; they keep us focused on our priorities and the job at hand. Our planners announce to the world that our

lives are of value and that our time is worth something.

But the various sections of today’s calendars and planners only show that part of our lives that is bound by the clock – our “horizontal” lives. There is another dimension of our lives – call it the “vertical” life – that is not confined by the clock. It is the life of the holy and transcendent, the life of compassion and reconciliation that is seldom reflected in the pages of our planners.

But without the hours of God in our lives, what really is the point of the other hours? A busy executive used to write in his calendar, 7:30-8, Prayer, but in the course of his busy days, he would often skip the entry. Then he started writing, 7:30-8, God. God, he found, was much harder to skip over.

In the parables of the unfinished tower and the king preparing for war, **Jesus** reminds us that we do not live the life of God by accident, that to live our baptisms demands focused attention and deliberate action. To be a faith disciple of Christ means to live beyond the pages of our calendars and planning books; to make time in our lives first for the things of God; to mark the passing of our days by building loving, nurturing relationships with family and friends; to realize the fullness of our “vertical” life – the life of God.

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 am. All Women and All Men.

MASS INTENTIONS September 3 - 9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Schaner Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Gina Boisvert
Thursday 8:00 a.m. Sandoval Family
Friday 8:00 a.m. + Harry Furlong

Christ Child Men’s Club

Next Wednesday, **September 14th** at 6:30 pm. in the Community Center.

Dinner and we have very good support for one another.

Please come, we need you!!!

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7 – 8:30 pm. Next meeting - **September 28th**. Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net

Only 2 Weeks Left to Sign up for Retrouvaille

This is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Other experience conflict in their relationship. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for, the September program beginning with a weekend on **September 23-25, 2016** call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

**6th ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST
LIVE BAND – DACING FOOD &
DRINKS!!!**

Saturday September 10, 2016

Starts at 6 O’clock

CHRIST CHILD CHURCH

Just a few tickets left!

Information Don Boisvert

408.822.2035

Wonderful Women’s Weekend!

Enjoy a wonderful women’s weekend at St. Clare’s Retreat! A silent retreat will be held on **September 23- 25th, 2016** with the topic being “Three essential virtues for growth and holiness in family life.” The guest speaker is **Father Serge Prost O.P.** The retreat starts with Friday dinner and ends with Sunday lunch. The cost for all three days is \$140.00; single rooms are available upon request \$150.00

**For reservations & more information,
contact Jeanette Roberts at 408-353-
1880**

Saint Mother Teresa

“Saint of Mercy”

Prayer to Saint Mother Teresa

**You allowed the thirsting love of Jesus
on the Cross to become a living flame
within you, and so became the light of
His love to all.**

**Obtain from the Heart of Jesus (here
make your request).**

**Teach me to allow Jesus to pierce and
possess my whole being so completely
that my life, too, may radiate His light
and love to others. Amen**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cause of Our
Joy
Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Pray For Me.**