

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

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**April 23, 2017**

The readings for this Sunday are about **God's mercy**, the necessity for trusting and the need for the forgiveness of sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." In the Responsorial Psalm, we repeat several times, "His mercy endures forever." God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only-begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine mercy is given to us also, in each celebration of the Sacraments, instituted to sanctify us.

**Scripture lessons:** The first reading from the Acts, tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy and sharing, the sacrificial "*agápe*" love practiced by the early Christians. In the second reading from 1 Peter, St. Peter glorifies God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for showing us His mercy by granting Resurrection from the death and glorious Ascension into Heaven to His Son, Jesus, thus giving us the assurance of our own

resurrection. Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

**Life messages:** We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "*If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action.*"

**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 by 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.

**Women' Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7-8:30 pm. April 26<sup>th</sup>! Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick [ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)

**Christ Child Men's Club**

Our next meeting will be a 6:30 pm. on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Great conversation, drinks and dinner. All men welcome!!!

**MASS INTENTIONS April 22 - 28**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Deceased of Duncan Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Fred & Bea Wagner  
Ryan Magnin  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Tom Hughes  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Vikki L. Banuelos  
Friday 8:00 a.m. The Schamer Family

**TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY**

**April 16, 2017**

**Plate Collection \$ 1,920.00**  
**Easter Platter \$ 3,485.00**

**Thank you and God the Father Bless you!**

**We pray the ROSARY together every  
Saturday at 4:30 PM.  
Please come to pray for the families and our  
Country!**

**9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE HOT RODS**

**When: Saturday, May 20<sup>st</sup> ...10-3pm.**

**No Registration Fee!!!**

**Awards at 2:00 PM.**

**For More Information Contact**

**Herb & Chris 408 315-7662**

**FOOD – FUN – CARS**

**Kids' Activities**

**Many thanks to all the volunteers**  
**Jeanette Roberts, Caralie Olsen,  
Rosanna Kennedy, Regina Boisvert,  
Norma Hammons and Peggy Parker  
who made the soup for Friday's of  
Lent.**

**My Fair Lady**

Come join us for a wonderful night of musical theater on **Thursday, May 25, 2017** to benefit **Birthright of San Jose**, whose mission is to help woman facing unplanned pregnancy.

**Hors D'oeuvres & Champagne  
Reception 6:15 PM – Play begins 8:00  
PM – Coffee and dessert during  
intermission – Baskets Raffle  
and Silent Auction. For online tickets  
go to [birthright.support](http://birthright.support) or call the  
Hammons at 353.3326**

**Many thanks to all the volunteers**  
**For the Easter Vigil – Sunrise Service –  
Egg Hunt**

**Gina Boisvert, Regina Devlin, John  
Devlin, Nannette Thomas, Carmen  
Madrigal and Gail Mantey.  
And thanks for all the donations!!!**

**A Lifeline for Marriage - Retrouvaille**

It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **May 5 – 7, 2017** call 831-479-1260 or email: [Monterey@RetroCA.com](mailto:Monterey@RetroCA.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)