

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 30, 2017

Bad news and good news

"I've got some good news and some bad news to tell you. Which would you like to hear first?" the farmer asked. "Why don't you tell me the bad news first?" the banker replied. "Okay," said the farmer, "With the bad drought and inflation and all, I won't be able to pay anything on my mortgage this year, either on the principal or the interest." "Well, that is pretty bad," said the banker. "It gets worse," said the farmer, "I also won't be able to pay anything on the loan for all that machinery I bought, not on the principal or interest." "Wow, is that ever bad!" the banker admitted. "It's worse than that," the farmer continued. "You remember I also borrowed to buy seed and fertilizer and other supplies. Well, I can't pay anything on that, either principal or interest." "That's awful," said the banker, "and that's enough! What's the good news?" "The good news," replied the farmer with a smile, "Is that I intend to keep on doing business with you." (John C. Maxwell, "Developing the Leaders Around You")

Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, Inc., Publishers, p. 71.
I don't know if that was good news for the banker or not. Two of the disciples of Jesus were on the road that leads to Emmaus. They were as low as that farmer because their Master had been crucified like a common thief. But now they have heard reports that their Master is not dead at all. Reliable sources have told them that He has appeared to some of their most trusted friends. Is he really alive? The disciples are troubled and afraid. Should they believe the good news or the bad? And that's our dilemma, isn't it? DO WE BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS OR THE BAD? The Good News is that Christ is alive. The bad news is how little impact that event is having in the world today.

Find JESUS in the Breaking of the Bread.

In the Gospel story for today, we learn that we find Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. When we come to the altar to receive the Sacrament, we see and receive Christ.

In John 6, Jesus says, "Whoever eats My Body and drinks My Blood shall live with me eternally." The Eucharist is true "soul food," the Bread of life for eternity. It feeds us and fulfills our spiritual needs. It is a pity that often we don't realize what is happening during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the sacred banquet of all believers. In this meal, we are in communion, not only with Jesus, but also with our family and friends who have preceded us in death.

The Eucharist is not simply Bread and Wine for today, but a banquet for all eternity.

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 a.m. All women and all men are invited.

MASS INTENTIONS April 29 – May 5

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Deceased of Stacey Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Sylvia Cordle
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Communion Service
Thursday 8:00 a.m. The Stehly Family
Friday 8:00 a.m. Costantino & Leonor Silva

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY
April 22 & 23, 2017

Plate.....	\$ 973.00
EFT.....	\$ 637.00
Total	\$ 1,610.00

Thank you and may God reward you!

Christ Child Men's Club

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10th
We have a great conversation and very good dinner. All men welcome!!!

Women's Club/ Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7-8:30 pm. May 24th!
Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net 408-353-1017

The Preschool GOSPEL

During 10 am. Mass

The Second Sunday of every month!
Join other Catholic Families!!!

9th Annual BLESSING OF THE HOT RODS

(Because insurance isn't always enough)

Free Admission No Vehicle Entry Fee

Saturday May 20th, 2017

10 am to 3 pm

FOOD – FUN – CARS - WINE

**For more information contact
Herb & Chris 408 315-7662**

Car Show Corner:

The Blessing of the Hot Rods is Saturday, May 20th!

Please sign up to volunteer in the lobby of the church.

We are still in need of items to go inside of Raffle Baskets... wine, wine accessories, fun napkins/plates, picnic supplies, snacks... or you could put together your own Basket. Have Questions?? Ask Chris or Herb.

"Life is better when you are happy, but life is best when other people are happy because of you."

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 women facing unplanned pregnancy.

Hor 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 or call the Hammons at 353.3326