

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

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**TWENTIETH-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
October 1, 2017

Today's Scripture passages warn us that it is final the decision for or against God, that is, our choosing to obey Him gracefully by doing His will or our choosing to go against His will, which decides our eternal reward or eternal punishment.
As free beings, it is we who choose our eternal destiny.

Rigorous Arabian Horse Training

Arabian horses go through rigorous training in the deserts of the Middle East. The trainers demand absolute obedience from the horses, and test them to see if they are completely trained. The final test is almost beyond the endurance of any living thing. The trainer forces the horses to do without water for many days. Then he turns them loose and of course they start running toward the water, but just as they get to the edge, ready to plunge in and drink, the trainer blows his whistle. The horses who have been completely trained and who have learned

perfect obedience stop. They turn around and come pacing back to the trainer. They stand there quivering, wanting water, but they wait in perfect obedience. When the trainer is sure that he has their obedience, he gives them a signal to go back to drink.

Now this may be severe but when you are on the trackless desert of Arabia and your life is entrusted to a horse, you had better have a trained, obedient horse.

We must accept God's training and obey Him in words and deeds as demanded by the short parable in today's Gospel.

We need to lead a responsible Christian life, saying "yes" to 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 a.m. all Women and all Men!

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, **October 11, 2017**

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

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

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 PM. **October 25th, 2017** our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net

Villa Maria Del Mar- Spirituality Program

Offering: Monthly Retreats- Weekly Spiritual Direction- Peer Supervision- Retreat Mentoring- Spiritual Accompaniment Mentoring- Aspiring Deacon Spiritual Direction- Yearly Summer Intensive

Coordinators:

Sister Molly Neville SNJM

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Villa Maria Del Mar

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Are you an Adult?

And would you like to be Catholic or be confirmed or receive the Eucharist. Please call at 408.353.2210. We will be very happy to help you!
Fr. Eugenio

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)

CCD Registration - October 2017

You may register your child and/or children for CCD classes after Sunday Mass. CCD classes are conducted on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 am. CCD grades K-1, 2nd, 3-5, 6-8 will begin on Sunday October 1, 2017 @ 9:00 am. Preschool CCD classes are scheduled for the first Sunday of every month and will begin Sunday October 1, 2017 during Mass with Family Social following.

**We are in need of 3-4 gr. / 6-8gr. CCD teachers. Please consider volunteering to be a teacher. It is wonderful opportunity to strengthen and share your faith with others. Please contact Chris & Herb Curran

**Confirmation Class starting on:
Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM.**

Save December 9th for Greenfield

Sign up for a family after church Nov 4 - 19
Questions? Contact Karen @ 408 375-0984
Thanks, Karen

Weekly Plate Collection:

Plate Collection \$ 910.00

Weekly EFT \$ 638.00

Total \$ 1,548.00

Thank you! May God bless you!

Harvest Dance 2017 Income \$11,331.00
We work so well together!!! Thank you everyone!!

Baby Bottles – 3 Steps to Saving and Changing Lives

In honor of **Respect Life Month in October**, Christ Child is partnering with Birthright of San Jose in a Baby Bottle Campaign. It is simple 1) Take a bottle 2) Fill it over the next 3-4 weeks with spare change, cash or checks. 3) Return it on Collection Day, Sunday, October 29th. The donations are used to provide diapers, pregnancy tests and more. Your one bottle is important and to the future of a young woman and her child. Please, pick up a bottle today!!!