

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 3, 2017

***Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know
when the time will come.***
Mark 13: 33-37

Crash!

We have all experienced the crash:
Your computer screen suddenly goes dark;
the project you have been working on for
hours disappears in an instant. You are left
stunned, frustrated and confused.
Crash! A virus has crept into the system. A
power surge has fried your unit. Files have
been corrupted. Programs won't run.
Crash! The information technology
department sends word around to all the
offices (on paper, of all things!) asking for
everyone's patience. Some files have been
restored but it will take some time to bring
the whole system back up.
Crash! The technician looks at your computer
and asks what you were doing when it went
down. He suggests that your computer's
mother board may be shot or that you have
overloaded the memory chip with
incompatible software or that your unit
doesn't have the technological capability to
accommodate your new hardware. In the

other words, your computer – which you
bought less than two years ago – is obsolete.
Crash! Is there any chance of recovering what
I was working on? You ask. The technician
smiles that sad smile that says without words,
Not a chance.

Crash! So you are left to wait for the system
to come back up. You pray that the
technician will call with the good news that
everything is fine and you can pick up your
computer. You begin looking at new
programs and upgrades; you inquire as to the
possibilities of increasing the power or speed
of your system. You start to reassemble the
notes necessary to re-create the work you
lost.

Crash! You try to embrace the message from
the tech folks: *Be patient. Some files may be
corrupted or lost. It's time to update the
system.*

**The anxiety and frustration, the waiting,
the anger and grieving over what has been
lost, the confusion over what to do next
that we have all experienced when our
computer crashes is what this season of
Advent is all about.**

**Our lives are Advents of waiting to be
healed, waiting to make things better,
waiting to complete and move on; the
everyday Advents we live are filled with
fear, doubt, and struggle.**

**Into our Advents comes the Messiah Jesus,
who makes our lives complete and whole,
who brings healing and liberation to those
difficult times we all experience. May we
welcome his coming into our homes and
hearts this Advent; may his dwelling in
our midst bring hope and healing
transformation and wholeness, direction
and purpose to our Advent journey.**

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

Birthing 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. All Women and
All Men

MASS INTENTIONS December 2 - 8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Sylvia Muzzio

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Murphy – Dwyer Family

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Kay Stacey

Friday 9:00 a.m. Boisvert Family

7:00 p.m. Parishioners

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSION)
FRIDAY DECEMBER 15 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Friday, December 8th Masses at 9:00 a.m.
and 7:00 p.m.

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday November 25 & 26, 2017

Total Plate	\$ 1,244.00
EFT	\$ 646.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,890.00

Second Collection for Maintenance \$ 475.00
Thank you! And May God bless you in your
generosity

14th Annual Giving at Greenfield

Did you miss adopting a Greenfield family?
Contact Karen at 408-353-2020
Consider a cash donation or gift card. We are
also collecting gently used toys, books, and
stuffed animals. All gifts should be dropped off
at Christ Child no later than **11 am on Sunday,
Dec. 3rd** We will deliver gifts **SATURDAY,
December 9th!**

STRUDEL SALE

We are taking orders this week-end and will give
to you for Christmas: small and large one this
year. Large \$35 and Small ones \$25
Contact Gina Boisvert at 408 656-7677 or order
after Mass.

**Coats, jackets, and sweaters for toddlers,
children, and teens are a most welcomed
donation for ANNUAL CHRIST CHILD
COAT DRIVE. A collection box is located in
the foyer of the church. Please contact Joe &
Andrea Bruna 408 353-3101, with any
questions. Thank you.**

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12th Mass at 6:00 p.m.
Bilingual! After Mass gathering with Mexican
Food!!!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th AFTER

**THE MASS AT 10:00 a.m.
CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!**

**THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE
LORD**

Sunday, December 24th
The Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS**

Monday, December 25th
The Mass at 10:00 a.m.