

Christ Child Catholic Church

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

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*Jesus was transfigured before them, and his
clothes became dazzling white, such as no
fuller on earth could bleach them.*

Mark 9 2-10

A transfigured career

Peter had just accepted a generous buyout offer from Verizon, effectively ending his 30-years career as a manager. He was 51.

Now came the challenge: What to do with the rest of his life.

Peter had always wanted to teach, but back in college, he didn't think he could raise a family on a teacher's salary. Now that he was financially secure, Peter decided to embark on a new career as a teacher.

He was hired by an inner-city elementary school. His students were eight-year-old boys with autism. Nothing in the business world prepared him for facing the darker side of their disability. On the second day of school he was slapped in the face by a child who was frightened by his new surroundings. One little boy, Freddy, had a vocabulary limited to 15 words. Another boy, in the throes of a temper tantrum, had to be restrained after biting a classroom aide.

Peter began to wonder if he had made a mistake. He remembers: "To learn how to be a good

teacher I had to forget how to be a good Verizon manager. Verizon's corporate culture embraced 'Total Quality Management,' which meant that in order to do a quality job, it was necessary to 'do it right the first time' and 'almost was not enough.' This doesn't work with a classroom of children with disabilities... I had to create realistic goals and celebrate near misses. I had to change my attitude about what constituted an achievement. For these kids, perfection was not an option. When Freddy began to point to the letter A or trace a number by himself, we celebrated together with a gleeful embrace. As I began to change my teaching style, I realized that my new career might work after all. I no longer saw my students as autistic kids, but rather as kids who happened to have autism. And I no longer yearned for the glory of my old job.

By the end of the school year, Freddy was reciting his ABC's and counting numbers 1 through 20. His mother was ecstatic. His classmates showed similar advancements. For the first time, I was experiencing a reward that wasn't supposed to be hung on a wall or placed into my bank account. And it felt good."

Peter's students helped him discover within himself the dedication and skill to become the teacher he always wanted to be. That same sense of compassion and yearning to make a difference dwells within each one of us, as well.

In the Gospel of the Transfiguration, the disciples see in Jesus the very life and love of God that dwelled within him. That same divinity dwells within each of us, calling us to "transfigure" our lives and our world. In the transforming love of Christ, the Messiah-Servant, we can re-create and "transfigure" despair into hope, sadness into joy, anguish into healing, and estrangement into community.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or by 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.

MASS INTENTIONS February 24 – March 2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. +Toñita Vilanova, Fr. Tom

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mark Walsh, Fr. Tom

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Murphy–Dwyer, Fr. Rudy

Thursday 9:00 a.m. +Toñita Vilanova, Fr. Rudy

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Jesus Plaza Montero,
Fr. Rudy

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us!

Saturday, March 17th from 6pm-9pm

We will have appetizers, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, fruit, and something for vegetarians as well. Also included are fabulous desserts, beer and wine. There will be music and a 50/50 raffle. As this is a fundraiser for the young families group, we are asking for a donation of \$15 per persons or \$30 per family. Sometimes money is tight so even if you cannot afford that amount, any amount or nothing is also fine, just come and enjoy! More than money we want to raise our children in a community, the more the merrier! If you wish to donate you can pay at the door or see Ann, Chiara or Jocelyn after mass on Sunday.

Lenten Stations of the Cross Friday's

Soup and Pray the Stations of the Cross. Meet at 6:30 pm; afterwards pray in the Church.

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month.

February 28th from 1 – 2:30 pm.

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flasj.net

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.

on **Wednesday March 14th, 2018**

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

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday February 17 & 18, 2018

Total Plate \$ 1,186.00

EFT \$ 655.00

Total \$ 1,841.00

Today!! Sunday February 25th 11:30am at

Christ Child Church with Mountain Bible Church Care Packages for our Troops, build packages together...

Lunch will be provided afterward!

Car Show Corner:

Our 10th Annual, Blessing of the Hot Rods, is Sat May 19th. Please mark your calendars to include this fund/fun raising event for our Parish. Look in the Bulletin each week to read updates and needs for our event. Currently we are in need of Baskets for our Raffle and jewelry donations for our jewelry sales table. Thanks!

Lent's Mission

"Forgiving and Healing"

With Father Tom Allender, S.J.

On Monday & Tuesday March 19 & 20 at Christ Child Church. Time: 7:00 pm. to 8:30 pm.

Prayer requests: can be emailed to christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com OR written and placed in the box provided in the Church foyer.