

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

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S
PASSION
March 25, 2018**

The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments of glory and suffering – the royal welcome given to Jesus by his followers and the unjust drama of his trial culminating in his crucifixion.

Holy Week challenges us to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation, to appreciate gratefully the price Jesus paid for our salvation, and to return God's love for us (expressed through the suffering and death of Jesus), by loving others.

Proper participation in the Holy week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

Welcome to the triumph and the tragedy of Holy Week

On Palm Sunday, April 9, 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant, General of the Union Army, at the

McLean house in Appomattox, Virginia. This surrender ended the bloodiest war ever fought on American soil. Five days later, on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, America's most revered president, Abraham Lincoln, was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre. It was Lincoln who wrote the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation that ended slavery in the U.S. forever. It was Lincoln who wrote and gave The Gettysburg Address. Lincoln hated war, but he was drawn into this one because he believed it was the only way to save the nation. On Palm Sunday the war ended. Triumph. On Good Friday, Abraham Lincoln became the first U.S. president to be assassinated.

Tragedy! Welcome to Holy Week. Welcome to the triumph and tragedy of the six days preceding Easter. (Surrender location corrected by Fr. Richard W. Frank.)

Life Messages: Does Jesus weep over me?

There is a Jewish saying, "Heaven rejoices over a repentant sinner and sheds tears over a non-repentant, hardhearted one." Are we ready to imitate the prodigal son and return to God, our loving Father through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this last week of Lent and participate fully in the joy of Christ's Resurrection?

Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Am I a barren fig tree? Or do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness?

Do I expect Jesus to cleanse my heart with His whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of the Holy Spirit in me by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts, words and deeds; neither does He approve of my calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with 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 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 March 24 - 30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Harold M. Hoyt
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Toñita Vilanova
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Mark Walsh
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Murphy - Dwyer

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

March 17 & 18, 2018

Plate.....	\$ 732.00
EFT.....	\$ 581.00
Total	\$ 1,313.00

Thank you and May God the Father bless you!

CAR SHOW CORNER

Our 10th annual Blessing of the Hot Rods is right around the corner!

The date is May 19th

Please plan to attend and support our Parish Community. Remember this Fund/Fun raiser!!!

Cars, wine tasting, food, live music and raffle baskets... Fun for all!!! Please look here for updates and other Car Show information.

We would love donations of "themed" gift baskets for our raffle.

Just let Nancy or Chris know what type of basket you are going to do.

Please like Us on Facebook, Blessing of the Hot Rods, to see more information.

Christ Child Men's Club

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 pm. On Wednesday **April 11th 2018**
"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from **1 to 2:30 pm. in the Community Center. Our next meeting is Wednesday March 28th!** Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthcc@flash.net

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Monday and Tuesday March 26 & 27 at
7:00 p.m. in the church!!!**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2017

Holy Thursday March 29th MASS of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday March 30th
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m. around the Parish with the Mountain Bible Church.

The Passion of Our Lord – 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Night March 31
Solemn Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 1st
Sunrise Service with Mountain Bible Church at the Gazebo – 7:00 a.m.

MASS OF RESURRECTION OF THE LORD AT 10 am.

After Mass there will be an Egg Hunt on the Church grounds!