

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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 20, 2018

Treasure within

An old beggar lay on his deathbed. His last words were to his young son who had been his constant companion during his begging trips. "Dear son," he said, "I have nothing to give you except a cotton bag and a dirty bronze bowl which I got in my younger days from the junk yard of a rich lady." After his father's death, the boy continued begging, using the bowl his father had given him. One day a gold merchant dropped a coin in the boy's bowl and he was surprised to hear a familiar clinking sound. "Let me check your bowl." the merchant said. To his great surprise, he found that the beggar's bowl was made of pure gold. "My dear young man," he said, "why do you waste your time begging? You are a rich man. That bowl of yours is worth at least thirty thousand dollars."

We Christians are often like this beggar boy who failed to recognize and appreciate the value of his bowl. We fail to appreciate the infinite worth of the Holy Spirit living within each of us, sharing His gifts and fruits and

charisms with us. On this major feast day, we are invited to experience and appreciate the transforming, sanctifying and strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit with us. This is also a day to renew the promises made to God during our Baptism and Confirmation, to profess our Faith, and to practice it.

"Lower your bucket – taste and see"

More than a century ago, a great sailing ship was stranded off the coast of South America. Week after week the ship lay there in the still water with not a hint of a breeze. The captain was desperate; the crew was dying of thirst. And then, on the horizon, a steamship appeared, headed directly toward them. As it drew near, the captain called out, "We need water! Give us water!" The steamship replied, "Lower your buckets where you are." The captain was furious at this cavalier response but called out again, "Please, give us water." But the steamer gave the same reply, "Lower your buckets where you are!" And with that they sailed away! The captain was beside himself with anger and despair, and he went below. But a little later, when no one was looking, a yeoman lowered a bucket into the sea and then tasted what he brought up: It was perfectly sweet, fresh water! For you see, the ship was just out of sight of the mouth of the Amazon. And for all those weeks they had been sitting right on top of all the fresh water they needed!

What we are really seeking is already inside us, waiting to be discovered, waiting to be embraced: the Holy Spirit of God Who has been living within us from the moment of our Baptism. The Holy Spirit is saying to us at this very moment from deep in our heart, "Lower your buckets where you are. Taste

and see! Come, Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts and set us on fire! Amen

+ **Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."**
John 20: 19-23

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 men are invited!

MASS INTENTIONS May 19 - 25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Brian & Julie Stacey

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Murphy - Dwyer

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Friday 8:00 a.m. Fr. Frank J. Muscolino

Meet Young Catholic Families

The Second Sunday of the Month at 10 am is Pre-School GOSPEL; 11 am Young Family Social!

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday May 12 & 13, 2018

Total Plate	\$ 886.00
EFT	\$ 554.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,440.00

The Second Collection for Catholic Charities
was
\$ 519.00

THANK YOU! And MAY GOD the Father
bless you!

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at
6:30 PM. on Wednesday, June 13th
"Together, supporting each other, we can
do great things."

Firefighter's BBQ – June 3rd

We need to support!!!

All need protection from fire!!!

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 **Wednesday May 23th!**
Our focus is social and spiritual at the same
time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net 408 353.1017

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

CONGRATULATIONS!
First Communion children

Gavin Inghim
Brandon Laurence Maldonado
Haley Belle Maldonado
Willem Johannes Markert
Max Joseph Markert
Sophia Annelies Markert
Thuan Ngoc Nguyen
Hoa Ngoc Nguyen
Luciano Vincent Pucci
Patrick Davey Slone
Jackson Toeniskoetter

I am the bread of life...whoever eats this
bread will live forever.
-John 6:33-38