

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

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 9, 2018**

**Anecdote:** The “Little Monk” who opened blind eyes: At the Annual National Prayer Breakfast on February 2, 1984, Ronald Reagan, the former president of the United States, told the old story of “the little monk,” Telemachus, a martyr whose self-sacrificial commitment to Christian ideals opened the blind eyes and deaf ears of the Romans and fifth century Christian Emperor Honorius. According to the story, this Turkish monk was led by an inner voice to go to Rome in order to stop the cruel and inhuman gladiatorial fights between slaves. He followed the crowds to the Coliseum where two gladiators were fighting with slaves. He jumped into the arena and tried to stop them, shouting, “In the name of Christ, hold back!” The gladiators stopped, but the spectators became indignant. A group of them rushed into the arena and beat Telemachus to death. When the crowd saw the brave little monk lying dead in a pool of blood, they fell silent, leaving the stadium, one by one. Three days later, because of Telemachus’ heroic sacrifice

of his own life, the Emperor decreed an end to the games.

In today’s Gospel, which describes the miraculous healing of a deaf mute, we are invited to open our ears and eyes, loosen our tongues and pray for the courage of our Christian convictions to become the voice of the voiceless. There is a little ritual in the rite of Baptism, called the “Ephphatha prayer,” taken from today’s gospel. The celebrant touches the ears and then the lips of the one to be baptized saying: “The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May He soon touch your ear to receive His word and your mouth to proclaim His Faith.”

**Today’s Scripture readings** offer us an invitation to become humble instruments of healing in Jesus’ hands by giving voice to the voiceless, the needy and the marginalized in our society. Today’s Scripture also invites us to open our ears to hear the word of God and to allow the Holy Spirit to loosen our tongues to praise and worship Him and to convey the Good News of God’s love and salvation to others.

**Let us bring Jesus’ holy word “Ephphatha” to a generation blighted by the materialistic cultural aggression of our times:** We are reminded that Jesus has the power to heal the spiritual deafness caused by habitual sin. Hearts that have become hardened by a refusal to hear, be changed by, and then live out his words are once again challenged: “Ephphatha! Be opened!” In their day, the Romans imposed their language and culture on Palestine. Modern secular culture in fact, is no better. Religion and God are being evicted from schools, colleges, courtrooms, politics and public life. One

cannot speak of virginity or marital fidelity without a contemptuous laugh from others...

**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 am. All Women and All Men.

**MASS INTENTIONS September 8 - 14**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. John Paul O’Brien**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen**

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m. The Kok Family**

**Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Bishop Richard Garcia**

**Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners**

**Men’s Club Meeting**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**“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. September 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

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**Stewardship of Treasury**

**September 1 & 2, 2018**

**Plate Collection Total \$1,261.00**

**Thank you and God bless you!**

**Only 2 Weeks Left to Sign up.....**

**Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. For confidential information about, or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on **September 21- 23, 2018** call 831-479-1260 or email: [Monterey@RetroCA.com](mailto:Monterey@RetroCA.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**Wonderful Women’s Weekend!**

Enjoy a wonderful women’s weekend at St. Clare’s Retreat! A silent retreat will be held on

**September 14 – 16, 2018**

The guest speaker is **Father Serge Prost O.P.** The retreat starts with Friday dinner and ends with Sunday lunch.

**For reservation & more information, call directly 831 423-8093**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
**Friday, September 14**

This feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church, the Anastasis, above the empty grave of Jesus, and a basilica, the Martyrium; in the square between the two churches, a shrine, Calvarium, marking the place of the crucifixion. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The two churches were rebuilt by Patriarch Modestus of Jerusalem 626, but were later destroyed by the Muslims in 1009. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders, was dedicated in 1149. Today also commemorates the discovery of the Lord’s cross by the empress, St. Helena in 320.

**What a beautiful gift you have given to our Parish! Thank you TISH O’REILLY for the wonderful wooden cross and rock garden that you have donated to Christ Child Church. It truly is beautiful and inviting!**

**The entire Community says Thank You!**