

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

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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
September 16, 2018**

**Today's Gospel explains the basis of our Faith as acceptance of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God and our Lord and Savior. It also tells us that Christ Jesus became our Savior by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Finally, it outlines the three conditions of Christian discipleship, namely, denying oneself, taking up one's cross and following Jesus.**

“Who do Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Islam say that I am?” The first two groups claim to be Christian, and Islam speaks about Christ. But all of them have a confused Christology. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, more commonly called the Mormons, incorporates the Lord's name in its title, but its beliefs about Jesus are fatally flawed. A basic compendium of the Mormon gospel, entitled Mormon Doctrine, was written by apostle Bruce Redd McConkie, Mormons believe that “Lucifer, the son of the morning, is our elder brother, and the brother of Jesus.” The Journal of Discourses, a 26-volume Mormon

publication presenting public sermons by many early Mormon leaders, includes such statements as this: “Jesus, our elder brother was begotten in the flesh by the same character that was in the Garden of Eden, and who is our father in Heaven.” The same volumes assert, “Jesus was married at Cana of Galilee and had many wives... he also had many children.” From these writings, it is clear that the Mormons fail the test when it comes to answering Jesus Christ's question, “Who do you say I am?” (v.29). Ask the Jehovah's Witnesses, “Who do you say Jesus is?” The Jehovah's Witness publication, New Heavens and New Earth, declares by way of response, “Michael the Archangel is no other than the only begotten Son of God, now Jesus Christ.” Consider the religion of Islam. Ask the Muslim who Jesus is and the answer we get from official publications is “Jesus was no more than a mortal whom Allah favored and made an example to the Israelites. They are unbelievers who say God is Messiah, Mary's son.” (Sura 43:59, Quran). Until people see Jesus as Peter did, as “the Christ, the Son of the Living God,” they miss the mark.

We need to ask ourselves the question what Jesus means to us. Founder of a religion? Revolutionary Jewish reformer? One of the great teachers? Son of God and personal Savior? This can perhaps be broken down into other questions: “How do I really see Jesus? Is Jesus a living experience for me, walking with me, forgiving me, helping me and transforming my life and outlook? What difference does Jesus make in my life? Am I really giving my life to him? Are there areas where I have excluded Him, where my life is not noticeably different from

the lives of those who see Jesus as irrelevant? Who do we say that Jesus is through life?

We are here to celebrate the death and Resurrection of Christ, the Messiah, our Lord and personal Savior in this Eucharistic celebration in which we encounter directly the Living 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 call for an appointment

**For Pregnancy Support:**

Birthingright 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 15 - 21**

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

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Mae M. Santos**

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Martina Durham**

**Thursday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners**

**Friday 8:00 a.m. + Marie Ann Shore**

**REPORT SUNDAY Collections**

September 8 & 9, 2018

Total Collection was \$ 1,635.00

**Thank you!**

**God bless you and reward you!**

**Save Saturday, December 8 for Greenfield!**

Sign up for a family after church Nov 3 - 19

**Question?**

Contact Karen @ 408 375-0984

Thanks, Karen

**We pray the ROSARY together every Saturday at 4:30 PM. Please come to prayer for the family & Country!**

**Religion Education Program**

**Time for Registration for all children for the Sacrament of First Communion and grades after First Communion.!!!**

**Christ Child Men's Club**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, **October 10, 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. **September 26<sup>th</sup> - our focus is social and spiritual at their same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick [ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)**

**PRAYER REQUESTS Can be sent to [christchildchurchprayerline@gmail](mailto:christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com) or written and placed in the box provided in the Church foyer.**

Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org), or visit our website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-day> to learn more and register for one of our upcoming Come and See Days:

**Saturday, October 13, 2018. The event will be from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM and is free**

**The Lord God is my help; therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)**

When Peter objected to Jesus' prediction of his Passion, he did not yet know the end of the story. Our faith, illuminated by the Resurrection, is challenged to see the cross not as death but life, not as defeat but victory, not as tragedy but as triumph. We can see that transformation in Jesus' story. Can we trust that it lies at the heart of our own?