

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

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**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME**  
**March 3, 2019**

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent  
2019

*“For the creation waits with eager longing for  
the revealing of the children of God”*  
(Roman 8:19)

**Dear Brother and Sisters**

Each year, through Mother Church, God “gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed...as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ”. We can thus journey from Easter to Easter towards the fulfilment of the salvation we have already received as a result of Christ’s paschal mystery –“for in hope we were saved” (Rom 8:24). This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation. As Saint Paul says, “the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God”. In this perspective, I would like to offer a few reflections to accompany our journey of conversion this coming Lent.

**The redemption of creation**

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection, the culmination of the liturgical year, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation, in the

knowledge that our being conformed to Christ is a priceless gift of God’s mercy.

When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit and capable of acknowledging and obeying God’s law, beginning with the law written on our hearts and in nature, we also benefit creation by cooperating in its redemption.. When the love of Christ transfigures the lives of the saints in spirit, body and soul, they give praise to God... Yet in this world, the harmony generated by redemption is constantly threatened by the negative power of sin and death. Indeed, when we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbors and other creatures – and ourselves as well- since we begin to think more or less consciously that we can use them as we will. Intemperance then takes the upper hand: we start to live a life that exceeds those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself. We yield to those untrammelled desires that the Book of Wisdom sees as typical of the ungodly, those who act without thought for God or hope for the future.

**The root of all evil, as we know, is sin,** which from its first appearance has disrupted our communion with God, with others and with creation itself, to which we are linked in a particular way by our body... Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests, to the detriment of other creatures... Creation urgently needs the revelation of the children of God, who have been made “a new creation”. For “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come”... **Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion.**

**Fasting,** that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to “devour” everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

**Prayer** which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

**Almsgiving** whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us.

And thus to rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By request or appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism and Marriages**

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 a.m. All Women  
And all Men!

**MASS INTENTIONS March 2 - 8**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Judith McCarthy**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Arnaroo Family

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

7:00 p.m. All the families

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Arnaroo Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Brian Nysewander

**“MARDI GRAS PARISH PARTY!”**

**IT’S HAPPENING....**

**This Fat Tuesday March 5**

The Men’s Club extends a warm invitation to you, your family, and your friends. Come and enjoy a good time, good food, good libation, and great company. The Social time will be from 6-6:30 pm, followed by dinner. We hope that you all have a great time just before the start of the Lenten Season.

**Welcome everyone in the parish and friends!!!**

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
**Report Sunday February 23 & 24, 2019**  
**TOTAL \$1,686.00**

**We Need Your Support. Thank you and May  
God bless you!**

**Women’s Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**March 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 2:30 PM.**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

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**LENT 2019**

**“Such will be the spread of evil that many  
people’s love will grow cold.”(Mt 24:12)**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**The Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and  
abstinence in the Church**

**Prayer requests: can be emailed to  
[christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com) OR  
written and placed in the box provided in the  
Church foyer!**

**Come celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with us!**  
**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2pm.**

**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 50/50 raffle. As this is a  
fundraiser for the young families group we  
are asking for a donation of \$20 per persons  
or \$40 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.**