

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

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From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks, on the one hand, of God's patience, but of the urgency of the call to conversion, on the other. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

It's been some time since Jesus had been presented as a prophet at his hometown of Nazareth: the one sent by God's Spirit to announce Good News to the poor. He tirelessly keeps repeating his message: God is near, opening up the path to make our world more human for everyone. But he's realistic. Jesus well knows that God can't change the world if we ourselves aren't being changed. That's why he goes out of his way to awaken in people their need for conversion: "Change your hearts and believe in the Good News." This effort on God's part to make our world more human will only be

possible if we respond by welcoming God's project.

Time has passed and Jesus sees that the people don't respond to his call as he would want. There are many who come to listen to him, but don't end up opening themselves to "God's Reign". Jesus keeps insisting. It's urgent to change before it's too late.

On one occasion he told a short parable. A property owner has a fig tree planted in the middle of his vineyard. Year after year he comes looking for fruit on it and doesn't find any. His decision seems to be very sensible: the fig tree doesn't bear fruit and is needlessly taking up space, so the only thing to do is cut it down.

But his manager responds in an unexpected way. Why not leave it be for a while? He's familiar with that fig tree, has seen it grow, has taken care of it, and doesn't want to see it die. He himself will put in more time on it and take care of it, to see if it bears fruit.

This story ends abruptly. The parable doesn't have an ending. The owner of the vineyard and his manager disappear from the scene. It's up to the fig tree to decide its fate.

Meanwhile, it will be receiving more attention than ever before from this vineyard worker who reminds us of Jesus, "the one who has come to seek out and save what had been lost".

What we need today in the Church isn't just to introduce little reforms, promote "aggiornamento" or take care to adapt to our times. We need a conversion at a much more profound level, a "new heart", a responsible and committed answer to Jesus' call to enter into the dynamic of God's Reign.

We need to look at the future with hope, and at the same time create a new atmosphere of conversion and renewal so desperately needed, and atmosphere that the decrees of

Vatican II up till now weren't able to bring about in the Church.

José Antonio Pagola

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

Sacrament of Baptism and Marriage

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!

Every Friday of Lent

Soup and Pray the STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Meet at 6:30 pm. for Soup and then join your fellow parishioners to pray the Station of the Cross together!

MASS INTENTIONS March 23 - 29

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Arnardo Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mark Walsh

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Catherine Duncan

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Catherine Duncan

Friday 8:00 a.m. Kerfs Family

Lent's Mission

**With Father Ron Shirley this Monday March 25 at 7:00 pm.
The Holy Spirit is with us!!!**

We pray the ROSARY together every Saturday at 4:30 pm.

Please come to pray for the families and our Country

Meet Young Catholic Families

Second SUNDAY every Month

10 am Pre-school GOSPEL

11 am Young Family Social!

MountainCatholicwordpress.org

Annual Ministries Appeal 2019

Your gift is building

BRIDGES OF HOPE

PUNTES DE ESPERANZA

Diocese of Monterey

Often when we think of building a bridge, we think of creating a path to take us on an outbound journey across a divide. But, a bridge does so much more; it creates a connection. The Annual Ministry Appeal, at first glance, may seem like an outbound endeavor when in truth, it slowly builds an intricate system of connections that allows the Grace of God to move freely, opening meaningful connections of faith inspired service. Your gift to the Annual Ministry Appeal marks the beginning of those connections by bringing life to the ministries of your parish and the diocese. Thank you for giving to the Annual Ministry Appeal

In Christ

Daniel E. Garcia Bishop of Monterey

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

**Women's Club/Prayer Group
We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30- pm.**

**Our next meeting is Wednesday March 27th!
Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time; get to know our faith and each other better so that we can better serve the needs of our community. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net**

Men's Club Meeting

**Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019
"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."**