

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

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**April 28, 2019**

**DO NOT BE UNBELIEVING BUT  
BELIEVE**

The figure of Thomas as the disciple who resists believing has been very popular among Christians. However the Gospel story says much more about this skeptical disciple. The Risen Jesus directs himself to him with some words that have much to do with an urgent call, but also with a loving invitation: "Do not be unbelieving anymore but believe." Thomas, who spent a week resisting believing, responds to Jesus with the most solemn confession of faith that we could read in the Gospels: "My Lord and my God".

What has this disciple experienced in the Risen Jesus? What is it that has transformed this man, up to this point doubting and hesitant? What went on inside him that has brought him from skepticism to trust? What's surprising is that, according to the story, Thomas rejects touching Jesus' wounds in order to verify the truth of the resurrection. What opens him to faith is Jesus himself with his invitation.

Throughout these years all of us have changed much from within. We have become more skeptical, but also more fragile. We have become more critical, but also more insecure. Each one of us has decided how we want to live and how we want to die. Each one of us has responded to that call which sooner or later, whether unexpected or whether a fruit of an inner process, comes to us from Jesus: "Do not be unbelieving, but believe".

Maybe we need to awaken more our desire for truth. Develop that inner sensibility that we all have, in order to perceive, beyond the visible and tangible, the presence of the Mystery that sustains our lives. It's no longer possible to live as people who know everything. That's not how it is. All of us, believers and nonbelievers, atheists and agnostics, we walk through life wrapped in shadow. As Paul of Tarsus says: we seek God "like blind people".

Why don't we face the mystery of life and death, trusting in Love as the ultimate Reality of everything? This is Jesus' decisive invitation. More than one believer today feels that faith has become something more and more unreal and less fundamental. I don't know. Maybe now that we can no longer support our faith in false securities, we are learning to seek God with a more humble and sincere heart.

We mustn't forget that any person who sincerely seeks and desires to believe, as far as God is concerned, that person is already a believer. Often it's not possible to do much more than that. And God, who understands our powerlessness and weakness, has paths to meet each one and offer that one salvation.

**José Antonio Pagola.**

**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 all Men.

**Women' Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 pm. in the Community Center. Our next meeting is Wednesday May 22, 2019.

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick  
[ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)

**Christ Child Men's Club**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 pm.

**On Wednesday May 8, 2019**

**"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."**

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

**Please come to pray for the families and our Country!**

**MASS INTENTIONS April 27 – May 3**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Al Sturr**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. Deceased Stacey Family  
+ Martina Durham**

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

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

**Friday 8:00 a.m. Communion Service**

**TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY**

**April 20 & 21, 2019**

**Total Easter Platter \$2,150.00**

**Good Friday \$165.00**

**Thank you and May God the Father bless you!**

**11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE HOT**

**RODS**

**BBQ & WINE**

**TASTING**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10 – 3 PM**

**CHRIST CHILD CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ANTIQUE. CLASSIC. CUSTOM.  
MUSCLE. HOT RODS. SPORTS.  
NO REGISTRATION FEE**

**WINE TASTING WITH LOCAL  
WINERIES**

**BRING GENTLY USED COAT FOR  
ANNUAL COAT DRIVE**

**BBQ BEEF LUNCH. LIVE BAND.  
RAFFLE PRIZES!**

**AWARDS 2:00PM**

**Muffins & coffee after 8AM for Hot  
Rod owners to beat the beach traffic.**

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

**5 Tony Awards including BEST MUSICAL**

**MAN OF LA MANCHA**

**The Tale of Don Quixote**

**Dream the impossible Dream**

**SAVE THE DATE –SATURDAY, JULY 13<sup>th</sup>,  
2019. 6 PM. Reception; 8 PM. Show @  
Evergreen College to Benefit BIRTHRIGHT  
OF SAN JOSE (Performed by San Jose  
Musical Theater)**

**Buy tickets at BIRTHRIGHTSANJOSE.ORG  
(scroll down to click tickets); through  
volunteers or mail in flyer available soon  
in our newsletter.**