

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
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Beatitude of a scholar kitty

C.L. James in his delightful book, To See a World in a Grain of Sand, tells the fable of a wise old cat who notices a kitten chasing its tail. "Why are you chasing your tail?" said the wise old cat. The kitten replied, "I have learned that the best thing for a cat is happiness, and happiness is my tail. Therefore, I am chasing it, and when I catch it, I shall have happiness." The wise old cat responded, "My son, I too have paid attention to the problems of the universe. I too have judged that happiness is my tail. But, I noticed that whenever I chase after it, it keeps running away from me, and when I go about my business, it just seems to come after me wherever I go." We do not find happiness in material things, in a pill, in a bottle, or by having love affairs. **Happiness is something that comes from within us. The only truly happy life is a life lived with God as our life's Source and our true center.** *Today's Gospel asserts that those who have recognized and acknowledged their dependence on God are the truly blessed*

and that these are the poor in spirit, the sorrowing, the lowly, those who hunger and thirst for holiness, the merciful, the single-hearted, the peacemakers and those persecuted for their right convictions.

Is there anybody who is really happy?

In the United States seventy people commit suicide every day and another 1,000 try it. That is 365,000 people every year who are unhappy enough to try to snuff out their own existence. Put another way, in your lifetime 15 million people in this country will attempt to end their lives. And the suicide rate is increasing the fastest among young people, rising nearly 300 percent among those 15 to 24 in the last twenty years. Is there anybody who is really happy?

In today's Gospel Jesus reveals the secret of the true and lasting happiness which makes life worth living.

Life messages: We need to choose the way wisely.

"There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways." These are the opening lines of the "Didache," a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian faith. The way of life is the way of Jesus that leads to eternal life. The challenge of the beatitudes is: "Are you going to be happy in the world's way or in Christ's way?" **God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another.**

Take thee to church, or to the synagogue, or to the sweat lodge, wherever you might worship. University of Pittsburgh researchers say that weekly attendance at religious services MAY

ADD YEARS to a person's expiration date, an increase equal to that seen with using cholesterol-lowering medicines. Not religious? Commit to a weekly group activity that feels like a spiritual experience-like, say, watching football.

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 Jan 28 – Feb 3

Saturday 5:00 p.m. De Pangher Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Irene Devlin

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Madeline Neenan

Thursday 8:00 a.m. + Guillermina Garcia

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Andrew & Luella

Demers

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday January 21 & 22, 2017

Total Plate \$1,254.00

EFT \$ 476.00

TOTAL \$1,730.00

We Need Your Support, Thank you and God bless you!

Men's Club

On Wednesday February 8th at 6:30 p.m. gather and Dinner at 7 pm.

Community Center.

We support our faith and work for the people of God. We have very good support for one another!

Tuesday February 28th, 2017
"Men's Club Parish Mardi Gras Party"
"FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION"
The social will be from 6:00 to 6:45 and after Dinner.
"Martes de Carnaval"
Before Lent Beings!!!
WELCOME EVERYONE!!!

CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR TROOPS – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

Once again we will join with The Mountain Bible Church to put Jesus' love and mercy into practice with small practical gifts of encouragement to our men and women serving in the military overseas. A detailed list of suggested items to purchase and donate will be available as the date approaches.

This has also proven to be a great event to invite your non-church neighbors who have a heart to do well.

The Presentation of the Lord Thursday, February 2

Jesus, the King of glory, yet like us in all things, comes to his temple to be a light for all the nations. "Feast of the Meeting"; known also as Candle MASS Day!

Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr.

Friday, February 3

Mass at 8:00 a.m. and the Blessing of Throats.

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month,

February 22th from 7-8:30 PM.

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net

Sacrament of Confirmation

All young boy and girls!!! You need learn about your own faith in JESUS CHRIST and to be a witness of Him. Please contact with Fr. Eugenio 408.353.2210. We help you and we need you!!!

