

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

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**March 4, 2018**

*Jesus made a whip out of cords and drove the money changers and merchants out of the temple area, with the sheep and the oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."*

**John 2: 13-25**

**Holy bread**

An architect who grew up in Hungary just after World War I remembers a valuable lesson he learned from his grandfather: "When I was a boy in Hungary I loved dinner. I loved to go into the dining room and sit in front of the big plates, and have the maid come in and serve soup. One evening I went downstairs and the dining room was in an uproar. A pogrom had taken place in Russia, and many Jews were fleeing over the border into our town. My grandfather went down to the railway station and brought home Jews whom he found there. "I didn't know what was going on, but I could see old men in the corners of the dining room, and I threw a fit. 'I want my supper! I

want my supper!' One of the maids offered me a piece of bread. I threw it on the floor and screamed, 'I want my supper!' My grandfather happened to enter the room at that moment and heard me. He bent down and picked up the piece of bread, kissed it, and gave it to me. And I ate it."

In an inspired gesture, the grandfather invites his young grandson to rise up from a selfish place to a sacred place. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to do the same: to rise up from a place centered in self, a place devoid of God, and rise up to a place of humble selflessness, a place centered in the things of God. In the temple, precincts of our lives are "money changers" and connivers – fear, ambition, addictions, selfishness, prejudice – that distort the meaning of our lives and debase our relationships with God and with one another. What Jesus does in "cleansing" the temple we must do in our lives: to drive out of our lives the useless, the meaningless, and the destructive that desecrate the sacred place within us where God dwells.

**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!

**Lenten Stations of the Cross**

**Fridays at 6:30 p.m. –Soup followed by the prayer of the Stations of the Cross.**

**MASS INTENTIONS March 3 - 9**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Toñita Vilanova **Fr. Ron**  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen **Fr. Ron**  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Murphy – Dwyer  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Mark Walsh  
Friday 8:00 a.m. + Toñita Vilanova

**Lent's Mission**

**"Forgiving and Healing"**  
With

**Father Tom Allender, S.J.**

**On Monday & Tuesday March 19 & 20,**  
**2018 at Christ Child Church.**

**Time: 7:00 pm. to 8:30 pm.**

During the Mission, Father focuses on how we develop a grounded, realistic and psychologically honest spirituality.

Through prodding questions about personal priorities, relationships and fears, Father Tom points the way to a relationship with God that transforms current problems into forgiveness and growth.

Testimonial: "Do yourself a favor – go to a mission whenever and wherever you can. The message of God's love is so needed today in a world so hurting and angry."

Dr. & Mrs. James Trompeter

**Annual Ministries Appeal 2018**

The Church is the house where the doors are always open not only to welcome everyone in to breathe love and hope, but also so we can take this love and hope outside.

Please help all the people of Diocese of Monterey. Please remember that your parish has a diocesan goal to meet and that anything raised above that goal goes directly to your parish for its important projects.

**Richard Garcia, your Bishop**

**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!**

**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 March 28<sup>th</sup>!**

**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](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)**

**Men's Club Meeting**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

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

**Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us!**

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 9pm**

**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 a 50/50 raffle. As this is a fundraiser for the young families group we are asking for a donation of \$15 per person or \$30 per family.**

**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.**