

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

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
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After JESUS had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the HOLY SPIRIT descended upon in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I AM well pleased."
Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

'Namaste'

The poem *The Old Interior Angel* by David Whyte tells the story of a strong, confident young man hiking in the Himalayas who comes to a broken footbridge, dangling hundreds of feet above a rocky stream. The cables have snapped and the wooden planks tumble together uselessly. Clearly, he can go no further. He sits down and tries to talk himself into approaching the trembling, ruined bridge, but cannot bring himself to cross. Admitting defeat, he decides to turn back.

Just as he is about to leave, an old mountain woman, bent and barefoot, an enormous basket balanced on her back, is collecting dung for fuel along the path. Seeing the young man, she smiles and offers the traditional greeting, "Namaste, I greet the God in you."

The young man bows in response, but before he looks up again, she is gone, straight across the crumbling bridge that seemed to him so impassable. Without thinking, swept in the wake of her courage and trust, he says "Namaste" and follows across.

(From "Border Crossing" by Deborah Smith Douglas, Weavings, November/December 2002)

The same Spirit that descends and rests upon Jesus after his baptism by John descends and rests upon us.
It is what the people of the Himalayas call "Namaste" – the God in us.
The Spirit, "Namaste," speaks to us in the deepest and most hidden part of our hearts of the love and compassion of God; it is the very life of God animating us and leading us; it is a wellspring of grace and wisdom, of courage and perseverance, enabling us to become the man and woman of justice, peace and goodness God created us to be.

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 welcome.

Monday, January 21 Today the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr., is celebrated.

Prayers for the end of racial discrimination... and for the Preservation of Peace and Justice in our Country!

MASS INTENTIONS January 12 - 18

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mark Walsh

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Joe Elias Lopez

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. The Stehly Family

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Mark Walsh

Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

January 22 Tuesday

On this day following the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973)

All dioceses of the United States shall observe a

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children! For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life!

The Annual Respect Life Mass on Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Madonna Del Sasso.

**Pro Cathedral in Salinas, CA.
Everyone Welcome!!!**

2019 Offertory

Envelopes Are Here!

Please pick up your box at the back of the church. We need your support!

WOMEN'S CLUB/ PRAYER GROUP

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month, **January 23th 2019** from 1 to 2:30 pm. Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick
(ruthmcc@flash.net)

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

Please come to pray for the families and our Country.

World Marriage Encounter

As a married couple, how are we living out the good news? Do we live the world's values or do we strive to live the values of the gospels. Are we kind, compassionate loving and forgiving with one another?

The weekend dates for the year 2019 for the Monterey and Fresno Dioceses are

April 5-7, 2019 and October 25-27, 2019

at the St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA. For more information call Mary Jo and Rich Castello, at 831.200.3780 or Email them at castellome1@gmail.com or register online at centralcawwme.org.

Check out our Website

We would like to invite and encourage everyone to take a look at our Parish website at www.christchild.org

Information about parish ministries, helpful links and calendars are available on this site.

Prayer requests, can be emailed to

christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com

Or written and placed in the box provided in the Church foyer!

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on **Wednesday February 13th 2019** "Together, supporting each other, we can do great things!"

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Psalm 90:12

A human life may sometimes look too short to be worth much, but God, who sees the works of his hands from the perspective of enduring love, clothes even the passing wildflowers with splendor. We are only dust – but beloved dust!