

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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Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis

At the beginning of the ceremony, you were asked a question: “What do you ask for your children?” And you all said: “Faith”. You ask the Church for faith for your children, and today they will receive the Holy Spirit and the gift of faith, each within their heart, within their soul. But this faith has to develop, it has to grow. Yes, someone may tell me: “Yes, yes, they have to study it...” Yes, when they will attend catechism classes, they will study the faith well; they will learn catechesis. However, before being studied, faith should be transmitted, and this is a task that is up to you. It is a task that you receive today: to transmit the faith, the transmission of the faith. And this is done at home. Because faith is always transmitted “in dialect”: the dialect of the family, in the spirit of the home. This is your task: to transmit the faith by example, with words, teaching how to make the sign of the Cross. This is important. You see, there are children who do not know how to make the sign of the Cross. (One says): “Make the sign of the Cross”: and they do

something like this; one cannot understand what it is. First of all, teach them this. But what is important is to transmit the faith with *your life of faith*: that they may see the love between spouses, that they may see peace at home, that they may see that Jesus is there. And allow me this word of advice – forgive me, but I offer you this advice – never quarrel in front of the children, never. It is normal for husbands and wives to quarrel; it is normal. The opposite would be strange. Do it, but so that they do not hear, that they do not see. You cannot imagine the distress that a child feels when he or she sees their parents quarrel. Allow me to offer this advice which will help you transmit the faith. Is it bad to quarrel? Not always, but it is normal, it is normal. But so the children do not see, do not hear, because it is distressing. And now, let us continue the ceremony of Baptism, but keep this in mind; your task is to transmit the faith to them. To transmit it at home because that is where faith is learned; it is then studied in catechism class, but faith (is received) at home. And before continuing, I would like to tell you another thing: you know that today the children are feeling that they are in a strange environment, a bit too hot, they are covered up... And they feel the stuffy air... Then they cry because they are hungry; they are hungry. And a third reason for their crying is “precautionary crying”. A curious thing: they do not know what will happen and they think: “I will cry first, and then we will see... It is a form of defense. I tell you out of hunger, breastfeed them. To the mothers I say: feed the children, do not worry, the Lord wants this. Because where is the danger? That they have also a polyphonic vocation: one starts to cry, and the other makes the counterpoint to

him, and then the other, and in the end it is a chorus of crying!
And so let us continue with this ceremony, with the awareness that it is up to you to transmit the faith.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS January 11 - 17

Saturday 5:00 pm. + Gerardo Fuentes

Sunday 10:00 am. + Cecily Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 am. + Mary Genocchio

Thursday 9:00 am. + Calvin Stafford

Friday 8:00 am. + Ramón Aguayo R.

January 22 Wednesday

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 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Madonna Del Sasso.

**Pro Cathedral in Salinas, CA.
Welcome every one!!!**

Stewardship of Treasury

December 28 & 29, 2019 Total \$ \$1,647.00

January 4 & 5, 2020 Total \$ 1,657.00

Thank you and God bless your generosity!

WOMEN’S CLUB/ PRAYER GROUP

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month,

January 22th 2020 from 1 to 2:30 pm.

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Our Bishop DANIEL GARCIA will visit us next Saturday, January 18 to celebrate the Mass at 5 pm. please come to be with Him.

WASHINGTON – The president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, released a statement on the situation in Iran last night which was shared on social media. “In the face of the escalating tensions with Iran, we must pray urgently that our world’s leaders will pursue dialogue and seek peace. Please join me in asking our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace, to intercede, that Jesus Christ might strengthen the peacemakers, comfort the suffering, and protect the innocent and all those in harm’s way, especially the men and women in our military and diplomatic service.”

Check out our Website

We would like to invite and encourage everyone to take a look at our Parish website at

www.christchild.org

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 12th 2020**

“Together, supporting each other, we can do great things!”