

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

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING
OF THE UNIVERSE
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How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor.

To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Revelation 5: 12; 1:6

First reading Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
God, the True Shepherd

Through Ezekiel, the Lord gives yet another promise that He will one day **search for, seek...out**, and gather the people of Israel from all the places He has **scattered** them and bring them back to the Promised Land, where He will care for them and make them prosper. He will do for them what their failed **shepherds** refused to do.

This prophecy began to be fulfilled when the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, was born in Bethlehem and shepherds celebrate his arrival. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus ministered to the crowds, who were like wandering sheep with no shepherd.

Faithful shepherds of God's flock pay special attention to the **weak** sheep among them and so take appropriate action to tend to their unique needs. The New Testament instructs us to "comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, and be patient with all".

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want!

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

The Last Enemy Destroyed

Praise God that **Christ is risen from the dead** and every believer can have the same hope for future resurrection! Jesus Christ as **the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep** means He is the first of many –more resurrections will come after Him.

There are two races in the world: the natural man and the spiritual man. Adam is the federal head of the natural race, which comprises everyone who has ever been born. Jesus is the federal head of the spiritual race –all those who have accepted Him. To be in Adam is to be alive naturally (in the flesh), but to be in Christ is to be alive spiritually.

Then comes the end speaks of the time when Christ will take control of this earth. Much will happen at this time: the Great Tribulation, the millennial reign of Christ on earth, a terrible resurrection of the damned, and then the eternal **kingdom** delivered to the Father and the Son. When the end comes, **death** will die. No one escapes death, but the resurrected King will wrap the chains of eternity and the strength of His glorious power around death and He will cast it into the lake of fire.

The Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46

The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations

In ancient times, **sheep** and **goats** often grazed together during the day, but at night they were separated into distinct flocks. The wool of the sheep would keep them warm, but the goats needed to huddle together for warmth.

Those whom Jesus praises are surprised that their work of mercy are so important.

Showing compassion had become normal. "It's no big deal," they say. They came to see that compassion is more normal than avoidance or stinginess. Compassionate people usually reject the title "hero" since it suggests that they possess some superhuman quality unattainable by others. Today's first reading describes God as a compassionate shepherd seeking out lost and broken people. People who sponsor others in

Alcoholics Anonymous or similar organizations are not guaranteed that this person will free himself or herself from the addiction. Sponsoring, however, makes more sense than not trying to help that individual.

They probably want their children to inherit not only possessions but also attitudes of compassion. The son of a very compassionate couple once observed that you never see a U-Haul in a funeral procession. The phrase was his; the attitude was developed because of his parents' example. Children and adults recognize the difference between "walking your talk" (acting on your words) and "talking your talk" (being satisfied with nice words).

Every Eucharist reminds us that Jesus came to teach us how much God loves us and how much God loves every person made in the divine image. May today's Eucharist help us to "walk our walk" about God's love.

Anointing of the Sick

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick we celebrate on Saturday and Sunday 5 & 6 of December in the Masses!

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 408 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

PRAYER REQUEST Can be sent christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 28th will be at 9:00 a.m.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses: Monday December 7 at 5 pm. Mass and Tuesday December 8 at 9:00 am. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS November 21 - 27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Jenise Louise Carlson

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Antonio & Alix Pitri

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Jenise Louise Carlson

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Donald W. Hanley

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Allan Gray

17th Annual Giving at Greenfield

This year with the pandemic and parish situation, we thought we could not adopt the 50 families of Greenfield! "But thanks to the generosity and donations of so many of you, we are able to adopt them all."

Fr. Eugenio

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This year our CHRISTMAS celebrations will be: Christmas Eve Thursday December 24 Masses will be two at 3 pm. and other at 5 pm. And Christmas Day

Friday December 25 at 10 am.

An extra Mass for the need to maintain social distancing at all times, but Celebrate the Coming of the Messiah!!!

The Virgin Mary, prayerful woman

Mary did not autonomously conduct her life: she waits for God to take the reins of her path and guide her where He wants. She is docile, and with her availability she prepares the grand events in which God takes part in the world. There is no better way to pray than to place oneself in an attitude of openness, of a heart open to God: "**Lord, what You want, when You want, and how You want.**" How many believers live their prayer like this! Those who are the most humble of heart pray like this: with essential humility, let's put it that way; with simple humility: **Lord, what You want, when You want, and how You want.**" They pray like this and do not get upset when problems fill their days, but they go about facing reality and knowing that in humble love, in love offered in each situation, we become instruments of God's grace. "**Lord, what You want, when You want, and how You want**". A simple prayer, but one in which we place ourselves in the Lord's hands so that He might guide us can pray like this, almost without words...

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