

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 3, 2016

The Elephant Man

Year ago there was a play called *The Elephant Man*. It was based on the true story of John Merrick, who lived in England in the late 1800s. John was afflicted with a disease that left him terribly deformed. He was like some of the sick people in today's first reading, who were brought into the street to be healed by Peter. But John was much worse off than they were. He was so deformed that he could hardly walk. He was so deformed that he could not even lie down to sleep. The most tragic deformity about him, however, was his head. It was immensely oversized. This led people to refer to him as "the elephant man." The play opens with the elephant man on exhibition as a freak in a carnival sideshow. People pay money to stare at John. It's a terribly degrading experience, but it is the only way John can earn a living. As the play progresses, a young doctor discover John and becomes interested in his

tragic disease. The elephant man sits in a chair; and the young doctor stands beside him, pointing out his deformities as he lectures. John is still a sideshow, but at a more sophisticated level. As the play develops, an interesting turnabout takes place. The audience becomes more and more aware that on the outside John has nothing. He is deformed; he is ugly; he is diseased. At the same time, however, the audience becomes more and more aware that on the inside John has everything. He has love for other people; he has an appreciation of beauty and goodness; and, above all, he has faith in God. On the other hand, the audience becomes more and more aware of the doctor's situation also. They see that on the outside he has everything. He has good looks; he has good health; he has great wealth. At the same times, however, the audience becomes more and more aware that on the inside the doctor has little or nothing. He has very little ability to love. He has little appreciation of beauty and goodness. Worst of all, he has no faith in God. Inside, the doctor is a hollow, empty person. In the final act of the play, the elephant man dies. The play concludes with a strange epilogue. In it the role of the doctor and of the elephant man are reversed. Suddenly the audience begins to see that the real tragic figure in the play is not the physically deformed elephant man but the spiritually deformed doctor. They begin to see that the important thing in life is not what we are on the outside but what we are on the inside. They begin to see that the important thing in life is not our physical health and wealth. Rather, it is our spiritual health and wealth.....

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS
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.

Women' Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7-8:30 pm. April 27! Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net 408-353-1017

MASS INTENTIONS April 2 - 8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Schaner Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Larry Duncan
Thursday 8:00 a.m. Kirkham Family
Friday 8:00 a.m. Moran Family

TREASUR REPORT SUNDAY
March 26 & 27, 2016

Easter Platter \$ 3,988.00

St. Patrick's Day..... \$ 689.00

Thank you and God the Father Bless you!

Christ Child Men's Club

**Our next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on
Wednesday, April 13th**

Great conversation and dinner.

All men welcome!!!

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

**Please come to pray for the families and our
Country!**

**8th ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE HOT
RODS**

**When: Saturday, May 21st ...10-3pm.
No Registration Fee!!!**

Awards at 2:00 PM.

**For More Information Contact
Herb & Chris 408 315-7662**

FOOD – FUN – CARS

Kids' Activities

Many thanks to all the volunteers

**Jeanette Robert, Caralie Olsen,
Rosanna Kennedy, Regina Boisvert,
Norma Hammons and Peggy Parker
who made the soup for Friday's of
Lent.**

Jeff Cavins

Don't miss this Internationally Acclaimed
Author and Theologian!

Hosted by St. Lucy Parish's World Youth Day
Teen Pilgrims 2016 **Sunday, May 1st 1:30 pm
to 5 pm.** Sacred Heart Parish in Saratoga
Get your tickets early.

"Making sense Out of Sell out! Suffering."

"Living the Life You Don't Have Time For."

Adults \$ 18 and Students \$10 On-Line Tickets:

<https://squareupcom/marketcalifornia-rosaries>

Questions: Contact Mary Herbst at

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A Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouvaille It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **May 6-8, 2016** call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com