



**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY**  
OF MONTEREY BAY  
WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

Service To Children, for Love of The Christ Child

# Shower of Love



We hope you'll join us on  
**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Carmel Mission | MacMahon Center**  
3080 Rio Road, Carmel

Our annual baby shower that benefits  
local - under resourced infants across our community.

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Greetings!

*"Let us do our part, and God will then do what He wills." St. Teresa of Avila*

*"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." St. Therese of Lisieux*

The above quotes from Saint Terese of Avila and Saint Therese of Lisieux fit right in with the mission of the Christ Child Society. Both these saints were Carmelite nuns and both encourage us to make the smallest act which benefits others. The feast day of St. Teresa of Avila October 15<sup>th</sup>. October 23<sup>rd</sup> brought the relics of St. Therese of Lisieux to the Carmelite Monastery on Hwy 1. Christ Child Society benefits so many children in keeping with the words of these two saints who are part of our local community through the Carmelite Monastery.

The holidays are approaching and with it our greatest love fest. This Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> is our opportunity to share our mission, our joy and our love with the Monterey Bay community. Our biggest in-kind donations happen at the Shower of Love, the ultimate baby shower for children in need. Mark **NOVEMBER 8 on your calendar** to attend. It's a fun event with food, socializing and some interesting activities. And the fun doesn't end there; come unpack the Shower of Love on Sunday November 16th and sort and tally all our community's generous donations.

**November** brings the last meetings of the year for the Book Club, Literacy Craft-o-Rama, and Spirituality Group. All are welcome to join these groups as they close out 2025. Baby Bundle Packing and Yarns & Stitches will continue to meet in November and in December. Though many of us are on holiday in December, babies have their own schedule and CCSMB will be prepared with blankets and bundles for newborn babies.

At the October board meeting Marijane Flagg was voted to the position of Treasurer. We welcome Marijane as she takes over from Dana Hart, outgoing treasurer. Read about Marijane below and join the Board in thanking Dana for her service as Treasurer.

**January 2026** will start with all groups meeting. Keep an eye out for the 2026 Master Calendar. In gratitude for all each of you do for Christ Child, I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving

**God's peace be with you,**

Joanne Noto, Co-President



## Marijane Flagg, In Her Own Words

I'm a California native, born in San Francisco but living most of my life on the Monterey Peninsula. My grandparents, Sicilian immigrants, were prominent fishermen in the 30's through the mid 50's in California. I'm a retired elementary school teacher with 30 plus years of experience in private and public schools.

I've been married for 43 years, and we have two sons, a daughter in law and an adorable grandson. I'm a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society (Delta Lamda Chapter), Monterey History and Art Association, Monterey Museum of Art, and Carmel Art Association. I enjoy sewing, knitting, painting, cooking, hiking and daily walks.

My dear friend and former colleague, Dee Rasco, first introduced me to the Christ Child Society, sharing with me the Baby Bundles. Since I love to sew and knit, I felt this would be a great opportunity to meet women who share the same creative interests.

When asked if I would be interested in a bookkeeping position, I felt comfortable with the experience I've had over the last several years and that I could contribute in this way. For the past 3 years I've worked part time for Surfaces Painting and Decorating as assistant office manager/ bookkeeper. My responsibilities included accounts payable,

payroll, balancing vendor statements, ordering supplies, creating invoices, and additional office responsibilities. I have held other part time bookkeeper positions over the last 20 years. I will enjoy the opportunity to volunteer for Christ Child Society as Treasurer. It is an honor to be on the Board of the Christ Child Society to help support the mission of being dedicated to the service of children in need.

## Volunteering and Social Opportunities

### Yarns & Stitches Wednesday November 5 and 19 10:30-noon

As usual, we meet in St. Angela's Small Hall in Pacific Grove.

Contact Joan with any questions



### Literacy Craftorama Wednesday, November 5 5:30 p.m. St. Angela's Small Hall

We'll prepare the craft for the classic winter lesson "Snowy Day". Bring your scissors!

Let Ann know you're coming.





## **Christ Child Prayer Group** **Tuesday, November 11 at 5:45 pm** **The Marsh Building** **700 Camino El Estero, Monterey**

As usual, the evening will consist of one hour of praying together in one accord with gratitude, thanksgiving and intercessory prayer. We will end promptly at 7:00 p.m.

If you have prayer requests please send them to Mary and please RSVP if you plan to attend, using the button below.

Please enter the building on the backside off of Cortes St., which intersects the Marsh Building and the San Carlos Cathedral complex. The octagon-shaped front door is located between two Asian pillars; please ring the doorbell, and you will be joyfully greeted.

**Let Mary know you're coming and/or your prayer intentions**



## ***No Bundle Donation of the Month--Just Come / Donate to the Shower of Love!***

**Then come to an Unpacking Party**  
**Sunday November 16, from 1:00-3:00 in St. Angela's Large Hall**

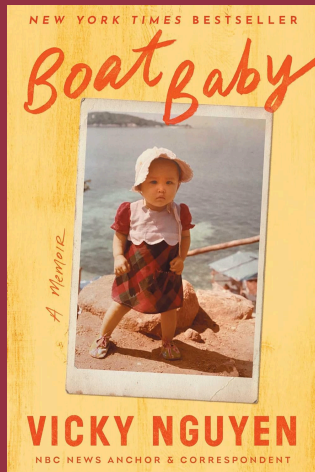
Help us sort and tally our in-kind Donations from Shower of Love!



## **Help Pack Baby Bundles** **Wednesday, December 3** **1:00-3:00 p.m.**

We will Pack bundles together on the second floor of the Victorian House at St. Angela Merici Church

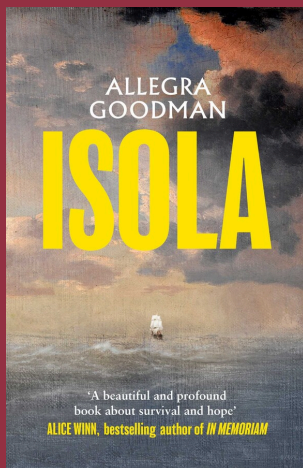
To pack or with questions, contact  
Dee



**Book Club Dinner**  
**Wednesday November 12**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Taste Bistro, Pacific Grove**

This month is our last meeting of the year and we'll be discussing "Boat" Baby" and "Isola".

Join us for a fun discussion and good meal. Remember to bring cash to pay your portion of the bill and to RSVP below.



**LET LINDA KNOW**



## Our November Birthdays!

**Joanne Ablan (11/4)**  
**Paula Browning (11/6)**  
**Mary Fritsch (11/9)**  
**Linda Leum (11/13)**  
**Joan Hill (11/28)**  
**Grace Gambucci (11/29)**  
**Rachel Wylie-Fenton**  
**(11/30)**

Check out our November-December Calendar [HERE](#)



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