



# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

We follow Christ by Living our Faith, Sharing Knowledge and Serving the Community.

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

## Village House Shelter Opens January 3rd



The Village House rotating shelter for homeless women will begin its second year on January 3rd here at Holy Spirit. The Shelter offers a wonderful opportunity for

parishioners to live out Christ's message of serving our homeless neighbors through love and compassion!

The Episcopal Church of Almaden has again agreed to coordinate with Holy Spirit and operate a warming center during the daytime hours. The Holy Spirit evening shelter will operate from 7:00 pm – 7:00 am seven days per week from January 3rd – February 7th.

The Shelter Network began earlier this year at Holy Spirit with over 300 volunteers hosting 15 women who were homeless and medically fragile. The shelter network has since grown to a dozen overnight shelters and day centers. The members are diverse in faith traditions - Catholic, Episcopalian, Methodist, Evangelical, and Jewish.

There will be opportunities to help with serving meals, intake and registration, laundry, overnight supervision, transportation, and on-call medical support. Later this month, sign ups for volunteer shifts will be made on the Holy Spirit website or the Village House website, [www.villagehousesccca.com](http://www.villagehousesccca.com).

On **December 17th at 1pm there will be a meeting in the Parish Hall for all volunteers.** A brief overview of Village House will be presented along with any changes from last year. Libby Echeverria will discuss homelessness and the challenges our women have faced. This will help you be more comfortable talking with the women. A more positive environment for our guests will be the result. She will also answer any questions you may have.

The Diocese of San Jose requires screening for volunteers, over the age of 18, who will serve at the Village House in close contact with our guests: all overnight, intake and drivers are required to be both fingerprinted and complete an online safety course for vulnerable adults. Volunteers will be prompted to visit the website at [www.verifygroup.com](http://www.verifygroup.com) for fingerprint clearance and [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to take PGC and Vulnerable Adults when signing up for one of the Tier 1 positions. Fingerprints must only be done once and the training is good for 3 years. Please contact Katie Metzger at [kmetzger@dsj.org](mailto:kmetzger@dsj.org) or 408-997-5115 with any questions.

### Christmas Schedule

#### Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 13th  
7:00 pm in the Church

#### Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24th  
4:00 pm Vigil Mass - Church  
(Adult Choir)

4:00 pm Vigil Mass - Gym  
(Children's Choir -  
Pageant Mass)

6:30 pm Vigil Mass  
(Traditional/Contemporary  
Cantor Mass)

9:00 pm Vigil Mass  
(Contemporary Choir)

Midnight Vigil Mass  
(Contemporary Cantor Mass)

#### Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am

*The parish office will be closed  
from Tuesday, December 26th  
through Monday, January 2nd*

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## Question of the Week

How am I preparing for Christ to come even deeper into my own heart and life?

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Over the Thanksgiving holiday, I was away in Nicaragua with Amigos for Christ. It was a powerful experience to see over 110 missionaries from America there for the week of Thanksgiving giving up their family time to serve others in need. We worked all week on digging a new trench for a community to receive fresh water for the first time. It was hard work, I must admit, digging a trench in 80 degrees humidity without any shelter from the sun. However, the compensation for traveling to Nicaragua and working throughout Thanksgiving was the major feast they provided for us to enjoy after the day's work. It was a wonderful celebration of community gathered in the rancho of the compound with over 120 American missionaries with 150 Nicaraguan Amigos for Christ staff. As I imagine heaven at the end of my life, I cannot think of a better image. The table of plenty with friends from all nations! It was truly an amazing experience for me and a transforming event in my life. Fourteen turkeys and hundreds of pounds of potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans and tons of seasoned stuffing. It was simply an awesome week!

As you hear me say so often, St. John of the Cross said, "In the evening of our life, we will be judged not on how well we will have lived but how well we have loved." That week, that group of missionaries loved well and will feast the table of the Lord.

This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Church year. It is an opportunity for us to start anew in our spiritual lives. It is an opportunity to slow down and take all of life into our hearts and see where the Lord is calling us to serve. I know that this season, many of you will connect and will volunteer at Sacred Heart Community Service and serve those in need there. Others of you will help raise and collect gifts for needy children with our Toy Program. Still more of you are getting ready to serve in our Village House shelter for the women experiencing homelessness.

This week we launch our Alternative Gifts program for those in need in Nicaragua and we ask you to consider giving an alternative gift in lieu of an additional gift to a loved one here. These gifts literally change the course of people's lives forever. Thank you.

**Next Saturday, December 9th from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, we will host a day of prayer for the season and our retreat leaders will be John & Sabrina Bland, founders of Amigos for Christ.** They will walk us through the source of their strength in doing what they do as missionaries in Nicaragua and how you can come to know Jesus in a deep and personal way. **Come and join us for an afternoon of prayer** and learn how to get in touch with Christ in the midst of your busy life and still serve Christ, whether here in San Jose or on mission in Nicaragua. Come and pray together!

"In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone."

- St. John of the Cross

## LIVING THE LITURGY

### Happy New Year!

It may seem a bit premature to wish everyone a happy new year since it's early in December. In the secular calendar the new year won't begin till January 1st. In the liturgical calendar or calendar of the church seasons, Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year. Just as the yearly seasons are marked by specific weather conditions and temperatures that differentiate them, the liturgical seasons are also marked with unique moods and themes. Advent is the time we await the coming of Christ and we prepare for his coming. The liturgy, music and environment help us focus on the meaning of Advent.

Throughout the malls, the sights and sounds of Christmas are everywhere. Christmas carols are heard on the radio, in the mall, in television programs and in commercials. We hear songs about the joy and merriment of the season; about glad tidings and good cheer. Christmas songs are everywhere except in church. We don't have Christmas music in Advent. They are two separate and distinct seasons each with its own mood and tempo. Advent has the images and feelings of repentance, hopefulness, and the joy of expectation. The music at our liturgies reflects that mood. It has the feeling of contemplation, of quiet and of hope.

Each of the seasons of the liturgical year use color to express the emotions and sentiments that are associated with that season. Green is associated with Ordinary Time. Purple is the color of Advent. It reflects the mood of Advent with is one of penitence and fasting. Purple is also used because it is the color of royalty. During Advent we await the coming of the Messiah, the new king. The church banners, vestments, altar linens and the courtyard will be draped with the color purple for the next four weeks.

Each Sunday of Advent, we start our liturgy with the lighting of one of the purple candles of our Advent wreath. The wreath is in the shape of a circle which symbolizes God's unending love for us because it has no beginning or end. The lighting of successive candles each week symbolizes the light of Christ approaching as we get closer to Christmas. Advent wreaths can also be used as a family tradition around the dinner table. Lighting the wreath and then saying grace is one of the ways families can prepare for the coming of Christ.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- M Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
T Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
W Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
T Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
F Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
S Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
S Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.

### Daily Mass / Communion Service

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

### Daily Holy Hour

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.

### Daily Rosary

Monday - Friday 9:15 a.m.

### Holy Days of Obligation

8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation

First Friday of the month  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.  
or by appointment

### MASS INTENTIONS

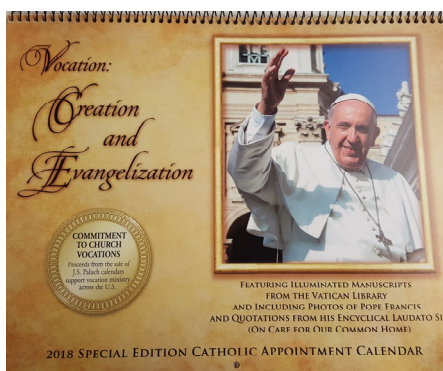
- M 8:30 Bob Nguyen †  
T 8:30 Vallorino Testa †  
Richard Benedetti †  
Th 8:30 Edith Harbrecht †  
F 8:30 Paul Rafferty †  
Sa 5:00 Holy Spirit Community  
Su 8:00 Mary Thul †  
11:30 Rahul Pinto †  
6:00 Denise Poole †

### PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:  
Valerie Gold, Jerri Kazmierczak,  
Joanne Kezer, Anna Lilly &  
Paul Westby

For those who have recently died:  
Bernard Becker &  
James Patrick McCarthy

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Psalm 90:12



Today we begin a new Liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. Please be sure to pick up your Holy Spirit Parish Calendar to help keep track of the many Liturgical celebrations throughout the year, including all Holy Days of Obligation. We thank Jim and Denise Myrick, longtime parishioners for sponsoring this beautiful Vocation Calendar featuring the illuminated manuscripts

from the Vatican Library and including photos of Pope Francis and quotations from his encyclical *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home). Each year the office staff is presented with several different options for our parish calendar. The options are circulated and voted on to arrive at our selection for the year.

Each month we will have an opportunity to ponder and pray with a grace-filled quote such as "The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation." Enjoy! If you are interested in sponsoring a future calendar or placing an ad in our bulletin, please contact Katie Metzger at 408-997-5115 or [kmetzger@dsj.org](mailto:kmetzger@dsj.org).

### 2018 Nicaragua Mission Trips

Guess what? **Year 2018 marks the 10th anniversary of our mission in Nicaragua.** To commemorate this milestone, we've restructured the program and are planning a set of new and exciting mission opportunities. Make sure you visit <http://holyspiritchurch.org/nicaragua-mission-trip/> to learn about all the changes we have planned for 2018.

There will be informational meetings for each of the summer trips on **January 21st 2018** at 1pm (Youth Trip) and at 2pm (Family Trip). In other exciting news, **John and Sabrina Bland, founders of Amigos for Christ in Nicaragua,** will be visiting us and leading a retreat on **December 9th at 1:00pm** in the gym. Come hear about the spirituality of serving the poor in the world.

If you have any questions or concerns about the mission trips, please email the Nica Committee Chairperson, Dan Crocker, at [dan@crockerworld.org](mailto:dan@crockerworld.org).



Make A Child's Christmas Bright



The Holy Spirit Annual Advent Angel toy drive will help fulfill the holiday dreams of thousands of children and families in need! Please consider donating a new game or toy for a child between the ages of 0-17 (there is a need for teen gifts).

Please help us again this year to reach our goal of 1000 toys by visiting the Gold Angel located at the entrance of Holy Spirit Church, or the Advent Angel Tree located in the School Office, and:

Pick up a Gift tag describing a child's wish for a new Toy or Game. Return new, unwrapped donations on:

**December 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th** weekends to the Altar during Offertory at all Masses or **December 2nd-December 13th** to the bins inside the Parish Hall or outside the School Office.

Thank you for your generosity and for giving back this Christmas and making a difference for the children and teens of our community!

\*Toys will be donated to the Sacred Heart Community Service Holiday Toy Box Program. For more information please contact Laurie Brant at [lauriebrant@earthlink.net](mailto:lauriebrant@earthlink.net)



**Celebrating Advent With The Family**



**Week One Of Advent Expectation**

The First Sunday of Advent

The Scriptures remind us to stay awake for we know not when the Lord will come.

**Advent Wreath Prayer**

Sit down to dinner as a family, light the first candle and say...

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1).  
God of compassion, be with us in these long and dark days as we await the birth of your son, Jesus. Amen.*

**Family Advent Activity**

The Ringing of the Bells – Place a bell (or a cluster of sleigh bells) in a prominent place in your home. Draw names after Sunday Mass each week and pledge to do something nice for the family member whose name you choose. Each time you do something nice for that person ring the bells. Listen to the sound of kindness filling your house!

**Reflect**

How do the sounds of the season – bells, chant music, children’s laughter and excitement – help enhance our Advent experience?



**3sixty High School Ministry**

After a nice Thanksgiving break, 3sixty is back after the 6pm Mass for an Issue/Scripture night. We will delve in on a particular subject and see how our faith calls us to respond.

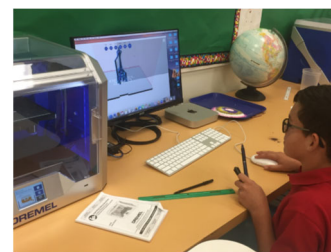
Next **Sunday, December 10th**, we will have a praise night. This night should be extra special in that in the midst of the Advent season, we will take time to prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord. All high school youth are welcome to attend.

**Edge Middle School Ministry**



Our next Edge night will be on **Wednesday, December 13th**. This night will have various activities to get us in the Christmas spirit and also some reflections to prepare ourselves for what this special holiday entails. All middle school youth are welcome to attend. Unfortunately, this will be the only Edge night in December.

**STEM Lab Update**



It’s been three and half months since school started and our students are taking full advantage of the new STEM Lab’s 3D printers. A variety of projects are coming out of the lab and students have been known to come in at lunch and stay after school to print their designs.

This month, all middle school science students will be using the 3D printers and learning about circuits and coding. The students will individually wire and code a circuit board to control some LED lights and create a lighting pattern for a special surprise Christmas project.

We are grateful every day for the generosity of our families and friends who allow us to provide these unique opportunities to Holy Spirit School students.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

TYFBA (Thank you for being AWESOME!) With heartfelt appreciation, we are so grateful for the Parish’s generosity and support with the Turkey and Tarps Drive. Countless parishioners volunteered their time, talents, and treasure to support our community at Sacred Heart and in Santa Clara County with these collections. With your support and donations the Parish donated \$10,584. We presented a check for \$7535 to Sacred Heart Community Services to support the turkey dinners they provide their customers. In addition, we were able to purchase 322 tarps to help the homeless community in Santa Clara County this winter.

We ask for your continued prayers with this Ministry for the years to come. Most especially, please keep the families and individuals in your prayers, who will benefit from this drive that they have a safe and blessed holidays and winter knowing their brothers and sisters at Holy Spirit Parish are with them. Diane Pham & Joyce Nguyen, Drive Co-Chairs



**Winter Wonderland Dinner 2017**

Seniors 55+ are invited to a Winter Wonderful Dinner, **Saturday, December 16th** after the 5pm mass in the Parish Hall.

(Drinks and appetizers at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30pm).

Enjoy holiday decorations, delicious food, unforgettable tunes from the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's, and warm fellowship with parish friends.

Cost is \$18 per person for a magical night out. \$10 for 79 years and over.

Please RSVP to Leah Harris at lharris@dsj.org or 408-997-5110 by December 10th.



**The Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday, December 8th and is a Holy Day of Obligation.**  
**Masses will be at 8:30 am, and 7:00 pm**

**Week at a Glance**

Dates subject to change. View our complete calendar at: [www.holyspiritchurch.org](http://www.holyspiritchurch.org).

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| Monday    | 9:15 a.m.<br>9:15 a.m.<br>3:15 p.m.<br>5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:15 p.m.<br>8:00 p.m. | Domestic Church Meeting<br>Layette Ministry<br>Children's Choir Practice<br>Faith Formation Classes<br>Domestic Church Meeting<br>Music Practice<br>ESL at OLR<br>Men's Faith Group<br>AA Meeting | Church<br>Parish Hall Library<br>Church<br>Parish Hall<br>Church<br>Church<br>OLR<br>Parish Hall Room 4<br>PK1 & Parish Hall |
| Tuesday   | 9:00 a.m.<br>1:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>6:45 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.                       | Women's Faith Group<br>Watercolor Workshop<br>Out of the Wilderness Suicide Bereavement Group<br>Baptism Prep Class<br>3sixty Core Team Meeting<br>Women's Faith Group<br>ESL at OLR              | Parish Hall<br>Parish Hall & Rm 4<br>Parish Hall Library<br><br>Church<br>Parish Hall Room 2<br>Parish Hall<br>OLR           |
| Wednesday | 6:30 a.m.<br>9:15 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>2:15 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.                                       | Men's Faith Group<br>Scripture Study<br>Sandwich Ministry<br>Come and Pray<br>Confirmation Year 1 Meeting<br>ESL at OLR   | Parish Office<br>Parish Hall Library<br>Parish Hall<br>Church<br>Parish Hall<br>OLR  |
| Thursday  | 8:45 a.m.<br>9:15 a.m.<br>5:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br><br>7:00 p.m.   | Sacred Heart Survival Sacks<br>Scripture Study<br>Music Practice<br>Growing Our Friendship With Jesus: Art of the Incarnation<br>ESL at OLR   | SHCS<br>Parish Hall Library<br>Church<br>Parish Hall<br><br>OLR  |
| Friday    | 8:30 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.  | Holy Spirit School Mass<br>Al-Anon Meeting  | Church<br>Parish Hall  |
| Saturday  | 1:00 p.m.<br><br>5:00 p.m.  | Encountering Jesus thru Service Retreat<br>Children's Liturgy of the Word   | Gym<br><br>Parish Hall   |
| Sunday    | 8:30 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>10:45 a.m.<br>12:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.   | Stanford Blood Drive<br>Children's Liturgy of the Word<br>Faith Formation Classes<br>Toy Sorting<br>3sixty Youth Night  | Parking Lot<br>Parish Hall<br>Parish Hall<br>Parish Hall<br>Parish Hall  |

**GIFTS of OPPORTUNITY**



**DECEMBER 2-3**  
**DECEMBER 9 - 10**  
**DECEMBER 16 - 17**

Give the gift of lasting change this Christmas in your name or in the name of a family member, friend, co-worker, or company, and empower a child, a family, or even an entire community!

YOUR generosity and support will literally SAVE lives, and help provide a better future for the poor and neglected families of Nicaragua; some who do not even have the basic human necessities of access to clean water, safe shelter, or proper nutrition.

Choose from the following gift items:

- Chickens - \$12**
- Feed a Student for a Year - \$60**
- Pigs - \$100**
- Clean Air Kitchens - \$250**
- Modern Bathrooms - \$619**
- Water Systems - \$1000**
- Where We Need It Most - \$25 - \$5000**



**Purchasing your gifts is EASY!**

- Visit the Gifts of Opportunity table outside of church after any mass on days listed above
- Purchase your life changing gifts
- Receive a beautiful Christmas card describing the impact of your specific gift.

Or visit <http://squareup.com/store/HSGO> to place your order immediately. Corporate Matching Programs accepted. For more information please contact Laura Smith at [sargj8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sargj8@sbcglobal.net).



**Office of the Bishop**

**Temporary Liturgical Adaptations during the 2017/2018 Flu/Cold Season  
 November 25, 2017**

The Public Health Officer of Santa Clara County has again requested that we make a number of temporary adaptations to our celebrations of the Eucharist, so as to foster the health of our worshipping communities and also of the wider community. Given the anticipated increase of the flu throughout the Diocese in upcoming weeks, I ask that these adaptations be implemented by next weekend, December 2nd/3rd.

1. For the duration of the flu/cold/virus season, Holy Communion will not be shared under the form of Consecrated Wine. Concelebrating priests and assisting deacons are to receive the Precious Blood by means of intinction. Provision should be made for those parishioners who rely upon receiving Holy Communion under the Sacred Species of consecrated wine because of Celiac Disease or other conditions that do not tolerate the ingestion of a consecrated host.
2. For the duration of the flu/cold/virus season, Holy Communion will be distributed only into the hands of communicants; during this time, Holy Communion will not be distributed on the tongue. Should a communicant be unwilling to follow this directive, that person is to receive Holy Communion after everyone else has done so.
3. For the duration of the flu/cold/virus season, people should refrain from holding hands during the recitation or singing of the Lord's Prayer.
4. For the duration of the flu/cold/virus season, the Sign of Peace should be adapted so as to allow for a greeting that does not require shaking hands or touching.
5. For the duration of the flu/cold/virus season, all who administer Holy Communion are to wash their hands with an alcohol-based anti-bacterial solution, such as Purell, before and after they administer the Sacrament. This precaution also extends to those who minister to the homebound.
6. These adaptations are to remain in effect throughout the Diocese until conditions allow me to rescind them.

When you explain these adapted procedures to your people, please remind them that the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass does not hold for those who are seriously ill, and that it would be a mark of Christian charity for anyone who has fever, cough or other such symptoms to remain at home. Please refer to the article, "Liturgy, Cold, and the Flu: Common Sense Practices," which has previously been circulated throughout the Diocese.

Thank you for your immediate attention to these matters and for undertaking the catechesis that will be necessary to introduce these adaptations to your parishes and other communities by the weekend of December 2nd/3rd, our celebration of the First Sunday of Advent.