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## **Bishop Patrick J. McGrath's Message on Separated Families**

June 18, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are hundreds of miles from the border, yet what has happened along the US-Mexico border over the past few weeks has a direct impact on many of our own people. Images of crying children, separated from their mothers, and the anguish of mothers whose infants have been taken from their arms has increased the anxiety and fear of mothers and children living here in many of our parishes and neighborhoods. I write to assure you that we stand with you, that we support Church efforts to keep families together and to reunite those that have been separated.



The separation of detained minor children from their parents is un-American, un-Christian and inhumane. This practice is mean-spirited and betrays our nation's tradition of welcome to migrants and refugees. Coupled with this, the United State's Attorney General's decision to deny welcome to victims of domestic and gang violence is a further betrayal of the values that have until now characterized the immigration policy of the United States. The Attorney General's attempt to justify these actions by citing Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans is a final betrayal of millennia-old principles. Blind obedience to the state has never been the mark of our democracy, which has historically been characterized by civil discourse and compromise.

Indeed, early Christians were often at odds with secular society and the government. When questioned about allegiance to the Roman Empire, Jesus instructed his followers to "Render to Caesar what is Caesar's, but to God, the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). As the Christian message began to take hold, early communities of believers found themselves in deep conflict with the Roman government. Thus, it is a perversion of Scripture to teach that God's people must blindly obey the government, even when the government is enacting unjust laws. We believe that the Department of Homeland Security's barbaric practice of separating children from their parents is void of justice, charity and compassion. This policy must be vigorously opposed. As Saint Augustine taught, "An unjust law is no law at all."

We cannot lose what is at the heart of this tragedy: the fact there are children and families in the crosshairs of our government's actions and that the trauma that these children suffer will have long term effects on their spiritual, emotional and physical well-being.

We encourage Congress to fix our broken immigration system, to honor promises made to children who were brought to the United States ("DACA recipients"), and to include the good of families in their deliberations.

In closing, let us all remember the words addressed to the Israelites on their desert journey: "You shall not oppress a resident alien; you well know how it feels to be an alien, since you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 23:9). And let us treat with compassion those who today knock on the doors of our hearts.

With every best wish and kind regard, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Patrick J. McGrath

Bishop of San Jose

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## Question of the Week

Do I trust that  
Jesus will heal me?

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Please read the Bishop's letter on the front page of this bulletin to all people of Santa Clara County, in particular all Catholics, regarding the immigration crisis at our southern border. It is very rare that our bishop writes such a letter and as such we need to take note of it. Many letters similar in nature and content have been written by bishops all over the country. Just yesterday, the Pope weighed in and supported the US Bishop's Conference in their statements of condemnation of the recent action taken by the authorities to criminally prosecute adults, without exception, who cross the US borders illegally. And to separate and detain their children in separate facilities while they proceed through the courts. This separation is the crux of the crisis and has resulted in over 2,000 children separated from their parents in facilities not adequately prepared for such detention.

I believe we have all seen pictures of these children in these detention centers and heard the recordings of their cries for their mothers and fathers. When I first saw these images, I was drawn to tears that these little children were separated from their parents. As a pastor, I know the damage this separation will do to their emotional state. They will have permanent damage done to their beings. As Alicia Lieberman, who runs the Early Trauma Treatment Network at University of California, San Francisco recently stated "Children are biologically programmed to grow best in the care of a parent figure. When that bond is broken through long and unexpected separations with no set timeline for reunion, children respond at the deepest physiological and emotional levels."



Is there no other way to handle this situation? I realize it is very complicated and people of good will can disagree about how to handle such a humanitarian crisis as seen at our southern US border as well as the southern border of Europe. The adults are putting these children in harms way. But we must advocate for a more humane way to treat people, especially the children, who are already in such a desperate situation.

Think about these families and ask what conditions in their home countries would lead parents to take such enormous risks with their own lives, and even more so, with their children's lives. It so saddens me that our world has such sufferings where parents have to run for their lives with nothing but their clothes and children to a foreign land. We do not have control over what other countries do to cause such pain and sufferings but surely, we can find a way to welcome people fleeing for their safety. I realize that this humanitarian outreach cannot be without limits and I am not advocating for "open borders." I am advocating for a study, dialogue and compromise.

As a nation we have a long history of doing better in welcoming in the strangers and the broken. My own Irish heritage speaks to this: many Irish of 1800's and 1900's came here because they had nowhere else to go. Millions of Irish died trying to get here and millions more died by starvation when the British brutalized our country. America welcomed the Irish in and the country has been the better for it. I think we can welcome in another brutalized people and I believe we can be the better for it. Please advocate for change and pray for all involved victims and decision makers.

## LIVING THE LITURGY

### Liturgy: The Highest Form of Worship

At the center of Christian Discipleship, the life of the Christian community and at the heart of Christian spirituality is worship. The Church teaches that worship is a display of spiritual intimacy and an act of reverence and honor shown only to God. From personal prayer, to lifting up daily actions to God as we "pray unceasingly" (1 Thes 5:17), worship may be expressed in many ways. And, though worship can take many forms, the highest and most intimate expression of Christian worship is the Eucharistic Liturgy.

Liturgy is the official public worship of the Church. The Second Vatican council points out that "the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fountain from which all of its power flows." The word Liturgy is derived from the Greek, leitourgia, which is a public work performed according to a prescribed ritual. Every week, we gather as a community to celebrate the liturgy which culminates in the Eucharist; the bread and wine transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

This Eucharistic celebration is considered by the Catholic Church to be the most significant and grace-filled form of worship because of the opportunity it contains for us, the people of God and the Church incarnate, to encounter Christ, "...for in the liturgy God speaks to His people and Christ is still proclaiming His gospel." (SC no. 33). And, when exposed to God through the life and death of Christ in the form of Scripture and the Eucharist, we in turn are challenged to, "reply to God both by song and prayer."

In this sharing of God's grace, and our collective praise to God in return, the Liturgy enables us as God's faithful to be "one in holiness" as we share in "the Eucharist of the covenant between the Lord and man that draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire" (SC no. 10).

The Liturgy, as the Second Vatican Council suggests, is a gift that renews us as we lift our eyes in worship to God: "From the liturgy, therefore, and especially from the Eucharist, as from a font, grace is poured forth upon us; and the sanctification of men in Christ and the glorification of God, to which all other activities of the Church are directed as toward their end, is achieved in the most efficacious possible way." (SC No. 10) As we enter into worship together each week, may we remember that our worship of God is what fills us with grace enough to do his work. And as we pour ourselves out into those in need, let us always come back to the Fount of Salvation, found in the Eucharistic Liturgy.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| M  | 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5                       |
| T  | 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14         |
| W  | 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20                        |
| TH | 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29                                |
| F  | Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19                    |
| S  | Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17                       |
| SU | Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 |



### 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

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| M  | 8:30  | Richard Brugioni †                                     |
| TU | 8:30  | John Mullin †  |
| TH | 8:30  | Velma Chimiert †                                       |
| SA | 5:00  | Renee Lowrance †<br>Lizy Mathai<br>Carole Frischmuth † |
| SU | 8:00  | Bob Tomasello  |
|    | 9:30  | Holy Spirit Parish                                     |
|    | 11:30 | Rahul Pinto †  |
|    | 6:00  | Doreen & Andy Williams<br>Logan McElmory †             |

### PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:  
James Hoagland.



For those who have  
recently died.



### Survival Sacks

Holy Spirit parishioners are continuing to volunteer to distribute Survival Sacks at Sacred Heart Community Center. We gather on the first and third Thursdays of the month to distribute Survival Sacks, organize supplies, make hygiene kits, and fill backpacks. Sacks are provided to those who are homeless and living on the streets of San Jose, usually about 50 on each distribution day.

We continue to receive support from various Catholic High Schools (Presentation, Mitty, and St. Francis) as well as from several local parishes. Also Starbucks on Monterey near Sacred Heart and Starbucks on Curtner near Old Almaden Road continue to provide coffee for our clients who are most appreciative of their support. Finally the American Association of University Women and the Sunnyvale Moose Lodge have recently made donations.

Consider joining us in July on either **July 5th and/or July 19th**. Volunteers must be 16 or older. We meet at Sacred Heart at 8:45 a.m. and finish up about 10:45 a.m. Sign ups for July open on the parish website on June 25th.

Should you need more information, contact either Patty O'Neil or Tom Burgei at [tnburgei@yahoo.com](mailto:tnburgei@yahoo.com).

### Saturday Lunch Ministry

Please consider joining us in an exciting way to serve others. We meet in the Parish Hall at 10:30 a.m. to make sandwiches and then pack the lunches, which include sandwiches, fruit, cookie, and a drink. After the lunches have been made, we drive to the St. James Park area of downtown San Jose. The sandwiches are distributed to everyone in the park. When everyone has been served, part of the group follows the light rail tracks into the center of the city and distributes sandwiches as they walk. The part of the group who remains in the park cleans up litter. Even litter that isn't part of the Holy Spirit lunches will be cleared away.

We invite ten families to join us every 1st Saturday of the month. We ask for a one to one ratio of adults to students as parents need to be with their child especially during the distribution in St. James Park. Student participation is limited to sixth grade and older. A donation of \$10 is asked from each family to cover the cost of food and supplies.

**Our next Saturday Lunch Ministry is July 7th. Signups are now open on the parish website.**

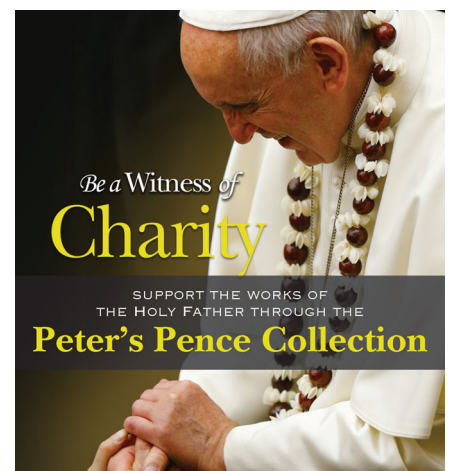


### Saturday at Sacred Heart

School aged children and older are invited to join us for our next Saturday at Sacred Heart on **Saturday, July 14th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**. We will help in the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet, and anywhere else we are needed to help Sacred Heart prepare to serve their customers in the week ahead.

Sign up on the parish website. School aged children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Service hours can be earned.

Hope to see you at The Heart!



Please be generous in your support of Pope Francis's work through the Peter's Pence Collection, next weekend, **June 30th and July 1st**. Your gift will benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disaster. Stand in solidarity with our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.



**Prayer Garden**

Summer is here and with the kids out of school, it is the perfect time to create a prayer garden in your yard, as a family.

Prayer gardens allow a person time in solitude to contemplate, pray, and meditate by reflecting on the sacred space that includes flowers, statues, or water features. Mary gardens include flowers named after Our Lady, such as roses, lilies and marigolds, among other countless varieties.

You don't need a large area to create a meditative space. You simply need to find some time in the summer to make this a family endeavor of transforming a particular space into one that is dedicated to Mary. You can add special touches, like benches and statues, or birdbaths. If you don't have much space, consider making a Mary garden in a large planter.

Once it's complete, pray a family rosary together and encourage everyone to spend time outside praying, meditating, reading, or just enjoying nature.

**Diocesan Youth Retreat: Stand By Me**

Last week, youth from Holy Spirit participated in a week-long retreat at Tahoe. It was a fantastic and faith-filled retreat. The Spirit was truly at work as many lives were changed. Kudos to the team and the community for their support.



**Diocesan Youth Retreat for Middle Schoolers**

Edge registration for the 2018-2019 school year will open in August. In the meantime, there is a wonderful opportunity for middle school youth as the Diocese will hold its first ever Diocesan Youth Retreat specifically for Middle School youth. All incoming 6th graders to incoming 8th graders are invited to come! The retreat will be **August 6th-8th** at the Alliance Redwoods Retreat site in Occidental, CA. Registration is now open. Please contact Row at [rdauid@dsj.org](mailto:rdauid@dsj.org) for more info.

SCHOOL NEWS

**Ahoy Matey!**

As we prepared to sail off on summer adventures, our PreK classroom was pillaged by pirates!!

Before walking the plank, all of the skills they learned this year were put to use as they created telescopes and treasure maps, a fun pirate hat complete with pet parrot and the requisite pirate hook! A wonderful way to prepare students for Kindergarten, our PreK program combines the latest teaching methods with the imagination and creativity of a four-year-old.

**To learn more about Holy Spirit School**, our PreK through 8th grade program or the ways we help students discover FAITH, seek KNOWLEDGE and experience COMMUNITY, please call the office at 408-268-0794.

**We still have a few openings in some grades. Applications available online at [holyspirit-school.org](http://holyspirit-school.org).**





## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

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|-----|--|--|--|
| MON | 12:30 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:15 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m.<br>8:00 p.m. | Widows Support Group<br>Music Practice<br>Men's Faith Group<br>Liturgy Committee Meeting<br>AA Meeting | Classroom 4<br>Church<br>Classroom 4<br>Parish Office<br>PK1 & Parish Hall |
| TUE | 9:00 a.m.<br>1:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.               | Women's Faith Group<br>Watercolor Workshop<br>Women's Faith Group<br>SMOC Meeting                      | Parish Hall<br>Parish Hall, CR4<br>Parish Hall<br>Parish Office            |
| WED | 6:30 a.m.  | Men's Faith Group  | Parish Office  |
| THU | 5:00 p.m.  | Music Practice   | Church   |
| FRI | 9:30 a.m.  | Al-Anon Meeting  | Parish Hall  |
| SAT | 12:30 p.m.   | WOW Patriotic Picnic   | Parish Hall  |
| SUN |  |  |  |

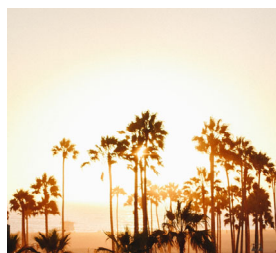
### DYR Youth Testimony

My name is Faith Springborn and this was my first DYR. I could go on and on about how amazing the praise and worship, Masses, and prayer experiences were at DYR but that would not be nearly enough to describe the relationships I built in such a short time.

Wednesday night we had Reconciliation and during the prayer beforehand I felt God's presence so strongly that I was in tears. But what truly amazed me was the other people in my group were crying too and we were hugging and we couldn't stop telling each other how much we loved each other, and for once I felt like being vulnerable around other people was something that was truly comfortable.

The next day after dinner I went with one of the people in my small group to the chapel to write in the book of intentions. I felt in my heart what could've only been God speaking. At this time, I had already started crying and my friend gave me probably one of the best hugs I had on that retreat and I could tell he was crying too. I came to find out he was crying because I was crying and he just couldn't help it seeing me so emotional. This was the most valuable moment for me to discover what love and friendship truly was.

If it wasn't for DYR I would not know the true depth and intensity of love that can be present in every relationship I have; not only with God but the people around me.



### Hot August Nights

Save the date! Our Hot August Nights event is on **Saturday, August 25th, from 6:15-7:30 p.m.**

Hot dogs and salads will be provided.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

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### Elder Abuse, Part 3

In the previous two weeks, in recognition of "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" on June 15th, we highlighted the uncomfortable facts about elder abuse. While now familiar with the signs of possible abuse and how to respond, this series concludes with the most common form of elder abuse: self-neglect.

#### A note about self-neglect

Self-neglect in elders is defined as the inability to manage one's personal needs in the areas of health care, food, shelter, finances, or the basic activities of daily living. The National Center on Elder Abuse urges concerned people to report situations in which a senior is neglecting their own healthcare, nutrition or hygiene, or living in an unsafe environment (e.g., a house in disrepair, hoarding, leaving the stove on, utilities shut off, or recurrently dirty clothes). Quite often, this is the result of dementia, poor health, substance abuse or isolation. Contact local Adult Protective Services at the number list below; the senior will be connected with support services.

What can we all do?

The World Health Organization also calls for increased awareness of elder abuse among public and professional health and welfare

# Widows and Widowers (WOW!) Patriotic Picnic Lunch 12:30pm



**Saturday, June 30**  
**Holy Spirit Parish Hall**

Attending annual holiday events for couples and families can be hard after the loss of a spouse. Our indoor picnic is a comfortable place to celebrate summer with friends!

**This event includes: yummy picnic fare,  
Patriotic sing-a-long, games and more!**

WOW! is a Holy Spirit pastoral care ministry that supports all widows or widowers with pastoral support and fellowship events.

**Widowed guests are welcome, contact Leah.**

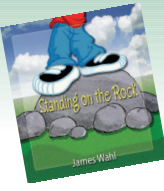
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staff and increased mandated reporting. With our nation's rapidly growing senior population, it is likely that this crime also will continue to grow. Protecting our elders requires that everyone take part. Connect with the elders in your neighborhood and advocate for improved local senior support services. Doing so will raise the odds that all of us will be safer in our later years.

Find more information about elder abuse on the websites of the National Council on Aging, the National Center on Elder Abuse, reporting concerns to Adult Protective Services for Santa Clara County at [www.sccgov.org](http://www.sccgov.org) or 408-975-4900. For more ways to serve our parish and community elders, contact Leah Harris, Pastoral Care Ministries, at 408-997-5110.

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