



# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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



## 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's a need for teen gifts).**



## Holiday Help at Sacred Heart Community Service

The holidays are fast approaching! As you go to make your holiday list of "things to do", please consider putting "volunteer at Sacred Heart" at the top of your list!

Sign up now on the church website for service opportunities during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. There are still many volunteer openings, especially on weekdays.

For more details, please check out the website at <http://holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/>

For questions, contact Mary Jane Vitkovich at [mjvitkovich@hotmail.com](mailto:mjvitkovich@hotmail.com).

**Please help us again this year to reach our goal of 1,000 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, Game, or Gift Card
- \* **Return new, unwrapped donations on:**
- \* **December 1st & 2nd and 8th & 9th** weekends to the Altar during Offertory at all Masses or
- \* **December 3rd through December 10th** to the bins outside the School Office, or inside the Parish 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 Maria McGuire at [m McGuire@comcast.net](mailto:m McGuire@comcast.net).

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## Question of the Week

How do you show that  
you are grateful for  
God's gifts?

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



In today's gospel, Pilate asks Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world...For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This powerful exchange has always disturbed me on a few levels. I often wonder why Jesus didn't just tell Pilate the truth about who he really was, the Messiah! But Jesus probably knew inside in his own heart that nothing he would say that day would convince the evil doers from having their way. Then I think why didn't he just smite them, after all a mere thought of destruction by Jesus and they would all have been dead because he had the divine power to give life and to take it away.

However, Jesus says he came to testify to the truth and those who belong to the truth will know his voice. I have learned over the years that sometime evil has its day and Jesus did not fight fire with fire. So, how are we to understand that reality of Christ as King?

The best metaphor I have read over the years to understand this apparent contradiction is from Ron Rolheiser, that of the water purifier. I have used it before but I think it is excellent and easy to understand. Think of what a water purifier does. It takes in water that is polluted and contaminated. It takes the water in and it absorbs all the pollutants, transforms it and gives back clean water. This is the very thing that Christ does in his life here on earth and with his powerful witness.

He takes in hatred, absorbs it in, transforms it and gives back love. He takes in bitterness, absorbs it, transforms it and gives back graciousness. He takes in chaos absorbs it and gives back order. He takes in fear, absorbs it and gives back freedom. He takes in jealousy, absorbs it and gives back affirmation. He takes in murder and Satan and absorbs it, transforms it and gives back God and love. He takes in the sin of the world, absorbs it and gives back forgiveness.

The Cross is the ultimate secret, the hidden secret of Christianity and it is the key to understanding Christ as "King."

We cannot understand Christ until we understand the profundity of the Cross. And when I say "understand it" I mean more than intellectualize it. We have to existentially absorb it into our being. We have to take it in and live that reality.

Every one of us, on our best day, is a good water purifier. On our best day, we try. We know we need to do it intellectually. We get it. And we try hard. But if you are like me, there are plenty of days where you do not do it. There are plenty of days when I gave back just what was given to me. They gave me some harsh words. I gave them back even more. I did not do what I knew I should do.

Christ's witness to the truth is about witnessing to love. We are called to love others especially those who do not love us back. That is how others will know we are Christian and have listened to Jesus as our King.



**Liturgical Ministers' Commissioning**



In St. Paul's second letter to St. Peter, he writes, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:10-11).

We at Holy Spirit are deeply indebted to our Liturgical Ministers, or those who serve at the mass, both daily mass and Sundays. Our ministers proclaim the old Testament and epistle readings, lead us in song, distribute communion, and take care of those things that remains unseen from the pews, such as bread baking, cleaning linens, and so much more!

As a community of faith, we are defined by the people who live and serve the Lord in our midst. The Dictionary's definition of the Church is, "a visible society of baptized Christians professing the same faith under the authority of the invisible head (Christ) and the authority of the visible head (the pope, bishops and those in communion with him)." The definition of our Catholic faith doesn't lie within the Pope, the bishops, or the priests, but the society, or collection of people who follow Christ. This is why we celebrate a commissioning for Liturgical Ministers.

Every year, just before the start of the Liturgical year, we take some time out to give a special blessing to our ministers who serve during Mass. During this special blessing, the Lectors, EMOEs, Ushers, Bread Ministers, Music Ministers, Mass Coordinators, Linen Ministers, Altar Servers and Art & Environment Teams are asked to continue serving in their ministries.

We take this time to commission our Liturgical ministers out of deep gratitude and respect for the time, effort, and love put in to the things they do and the way that they serve others, and we look forward to continued love, shared in the breaking of the bread.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

M 11/26	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
T 11/27	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
W 11/28	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
TH 11/29	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
F 11/30	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
S 12/1	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
SU 12/2	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



**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**

SAT 12/1	5:00	Doreen & Andy Williams Renee Lowrance † Rahul Pinto †
SUN 12/2	8:00	Franciska Junkar † Tim Duprel †
	9:30	Holy Spirit Parish
	11:30	Jose Luis Barrera †

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**For those who are ill:**

Gretchen Brush-Bates, Nicole Conley,  
 Dinah Lyle, Francie Mullin, Hamid  
 Rahnema, Christine Thompson

**For those who have recently died:**

Anna DeLaRosa, John Metzger,



## STEWARDSHIP

### 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 living on the streets of San Jose, usually about 50 on each distribution day. We have the privilege of looking for the face of Christ in each of our clients.



Due to the holiday schedule for food and toy distribution, we are providing Survival Sacks on the first and second **Thursdays of December (12/6 and 12/13)**. The signup link can be found on the parish website. 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 December will open on the parish website as of November 26th. Please contact either Patty or Tom at [tnburgei@yahoo.com](mailto:tnburgei@yahoo.com) or call (408) 356-6773, with questions.



### SECOND OFFERINGS

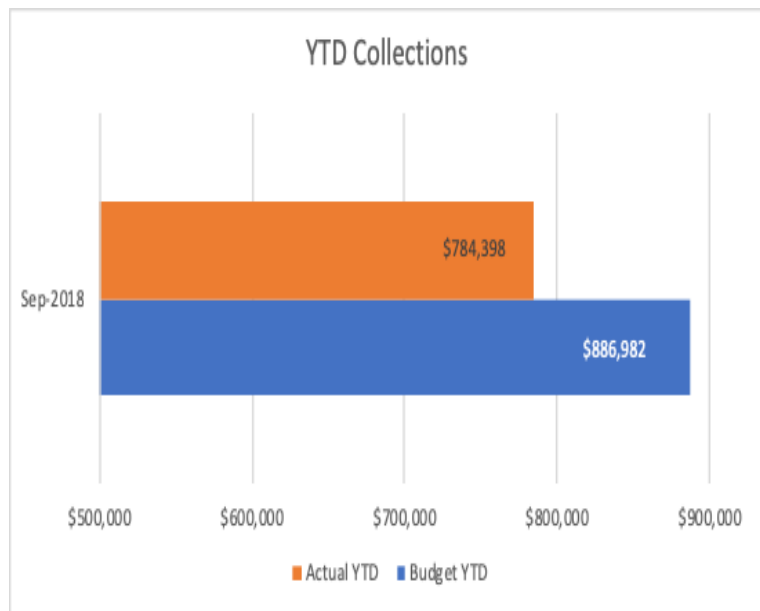
November 25th	No Second Offering
December 2nd	Holy Spirit School

### Financial Stewardship

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10)*

A Christian Steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends to them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord. Each member of Holy Spirit Parish shares in the responsibility for its mission and is called to practice Stewardship of the Church.

Many of you have asked us to report more frequently on the fiscal state of our parish. The graph below will provide that reporting each month.

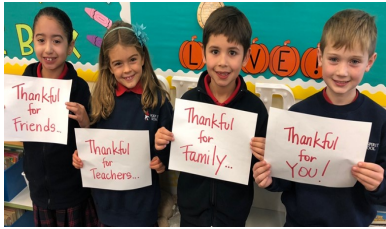


### Feeding the Hungry

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. Please go to <http://holyspiritchurch.org/sandwich-ministry/> to sign up, or contact Lisa Martin at [lisamart666@gmail.com](mailto:lisamart666@gmail.com). 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.



**Happy Thanksgiving from Holy Spirit School**



On behalf of all the teachers, students and staff of Holy Spirit School, we hope you had a wonderful and blessing-filled Thanksgiving with family and friends.



We are grateful to you, our parish family, for all the time, talent and treasure you share with our students



To visit Holy Spirit School, please call 408.268.0794 ext. 1118

**Giving Back to the Community**



Recently, all of our faith formation students created table runners for the Senior Luncheon. Each students created leaves out of their thumb prints and paint. We hope this project would empower the children to give back to the community; it doesn't matter whether they are kindergarteners or older, or something big or small, every action of love and service is important.

As the Advent season approaches and we prepare for the coming of Jesus, encourage children to remember that the focus is not on the gifts that they will be receiving at Christmas. St. Francis said, "For it is in giving that we receive." There are various ways you and your family can give back! Keep a look out for the Advent Angel in the back of the church, opportunities to donate items to those affected by the fires, serve hot meals together at soup kitchens as a family, or accompanying others as friends.

Thank you to all for supporting how we minister to the youth here at Holy Spirit. We are indeed blessed to have such a vibrant and supportive community that makes ministering to the youth a priority.



**3sixty High School Ministry**

There will be no 3sixty youth night after the 6pm Mass. 3sixty resumes back on December 2nd.



**Edge Middle School Ministry**

Our next Edge night will be on Wednesday, November 28th. All middle school youth are welcome to join.



**Confirmation Year 1**

The next Confirmation session for the first-year group will be on Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30pm.

**Senior Autumn Lunch**



Pastoral Care Ministries wants to give special thanks to the talented and generous children of the Holy Spirit Church Faith Formation classes for their beautiful autumn trees table runners made especially for the Senior Autumn Luncheon on November 10th. They are truly a loving example of inter-generational ministry here at Holy Spirit. Thank you, artists!

Thank you to Fr. Edgar for a wonderfully inspiring homily, all of the committed liturgy ministers and musicians. It was a beautiful mass for a very special segment of our parish family.

Thank you also to Pat Baldovi, Joyce Nguyen and all of their team of generous servers. The luncheon served more than 75 seniors in the parish! An event of that size takes many hours of physical labor and planning. Please consider becoming part of the seniors ministry team?

For more information about Pastoral Care and ministries for seniors, contact Leah Harris at 408-997-5110 or lharris@dsj.org.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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

MON 11/26	12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Widow's Faith Group Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Class Men's Faith Group Liturgy Ministerial Committee AA Meeting	Classroom 2 Church Parish Hall Classroom 2 Parish Office Classroom 3
TUE 11/27	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Workshop Christmas Pageant Practice Women's Faith Group 3sixty Core Meeting Parish Council Meeting	Parish Hall Classroom 3 Church Parish Hall Be Still Room Parish Office
WED 11/28	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Bridge Scripture Study-Revelation Adult Choir Practice Edge Youth Night	Parish Office Parish Hall Classroom 4 Church Parish Hall
THU 11/29			
FRI 11/30	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting	Parish Hall
SAT 12/1	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Saturday Lunch Ministry Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	Be Still Room Parish Office Parish Hall
SUN 12/2	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	RCIA Advent Wreath Making Nursery 3sixty Youth Night	Be Still Room Parish Hall Pre-K Parish Hall

**Art & Environment Ministry Help**

Advent is coming up and we could use your help with the preparation of the Church!

When: **December 1st at 9am**, in front of the church.

Please contact Sue Schill at [sue@bobschill.com](mailto:sue@bobschill.com)



Join Over 3,000  
of the Faithful



**Santa Clara Faith  
Formation Conference**

Thursday, November 29, 2018  
Friday, November 30, 2018  
Saturday, December 1, 2018

to learn more and register visit [www.SCFFC.org](http://www.SCFFC.org)



**Gifts of Opportunity**

**Holy Spirit Church** is once again excited to offer our community the opportunity to **give the gift of lasting change!** Empower a child, a family, or even an entire community by giving a **Gift of Opportunity** this Christmas in your name, or in the name of a family member, friend, co-worker or company. **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.

Hundreds of Holy Spirit community volunteers and missionaries were forced to cancel their trip to Nicaragua (**the second poorest country in the western hemisphere**) this year due to civil unrest, but are hopeful the political environment will improve so that they can continue to work alongside **Amigos For Christ staff** (who need us more now than ever), to represent your gifts personally by delivering pigs, chickens, building clean-air kitchens to eliminate a major source of respiratory issues, as well as building toilets and showers with running water through the Modern Bathroom Project.

This year, three new gifts;

**Microloans, A Mile of Pipe for a Water System, and Farmers Well and Irrigation System,** are being offered for your consideration to donate towards breaking the cycle of poverty. **ALL** of these incredible projects made possible by **YOUR COMPASSION, GENEROSITY** and the **GOODNESS OF YOUR HEARTS!**



**Advent Wreath Making**

**Sunday, Dec. 2 Parish Hall**

Bring your family and join us to make an Advent wreath for your home. Come to the Parish Hall anytime between **9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** to construct your wreath.



There will be a small fee for supplies: \$10.00 for forms, \$5.00 for candles, \$5.00 for greenery and decorations.

Please R.S.V.P. on the parish website so that we may plan appropriately for this event. This is a great way to kick off the Advent season and a fun way to get to know your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there! If you have questions please contact Annie Bui at [pbui@dsj.org](mailto:pbui@dsj.org)