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26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017



When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10).

He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering.

And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.

He is *always* with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

Go be my hands and feet to a world enslaved by fear. Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears the future. Go to your friend who fears reprisal at work because he takes a stand for the protection of human life. Go to your aging parent in failing health who fears being a burden. And go to others, too, for their support.

We don't need to have everything figured out. We can simply follow the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.

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Growing Our Friendship with Jesus - Come and Pray Retreat



All are welcome to join us on **Saturday, October 7th from 8:45am – 11:30am** for a morning of prayer as we begin our parish wide discovery to **"Grow our Friendship with Jesus."** This morning retreat is designed for you to experience different ways to pray that might lead you to a more meaningful and deeper friendship with Jesus.

We will gather at 8:45am with light refreshments in the courtyard and then move into the church to pray together using Imaginative Prayer, Lectio Divina, Journaling and small group sharing. **We will conclude the morning at 1130am with a closing prayer.**

Please let Katie Metzger at kmetzger@dsj.org or 408-997-5115 know if you can attend. Also, please feel free to invite a friend to join you.

All are welcome to "Come and Pray."

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Question of the Week

How do I participate in the building
of the kingdom of God?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



One Hundred years ago this month, Mary, Our Lady Mother of God, appeared and spoke to three children for the last time in a small town in Portugal called Fatima. She had appeared to them on the 13th of each month from May to October 1917. Her message was very simple: to pray every day, to make a little sacrifice for God and to pray for peace in the world. The three children, Lusia, Jacinta, and Francisco, were not initially believed by the adults in the town. In fact, the local police authorities imprisoned them so that they could not return to be with Mary as she had instructed them. Each of these three children were made saints this very year when Pope Francis went to Fatima in May 2017.

The church celebrates Mary, mother of God, each year during the month of May. The month of October is dedicated specifically to the Holy Rosary. In October, it is especially important to celebrate Our Lady with special devotion to the Rosary. I ask you please to pray the Rosary each day this month and specifically to pray for peace in these troubled times.



Many people ask me about how to pray the Rosary as are many different ways. I find the following way very helpful for me so I share it with you. When I celebrate each of the decades and the mysteries, I try to meditate on the mystery as I say each Hail Mary. I do so by pausing after "Jesus" in the first part of the Hail Mary and I say a phrase related to the mystery. For example, with the sorrowful mystery of the crucifixion, I would say "Jesus, the crucified one, holy Mary mother of God..." Then I would continue this way for each one of the decades of the mystery.

I hope this helps you when praying the Rosary and to focus your prayer more on Jesus.

We will hold a **Prayer Service with Adoration on Friday, October 13th at 7pm** to commemorate this special day.

LIVING THE LITURGY

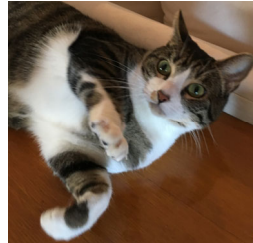
Twas the Night before the Blessing



Twass the night before the blessing, when all thru the house, Not a pet was stirring, not even a mouse; The pets were all groomed and bathed with great care, In hope that Fr. Angelo soon would be there; Owners and their pets were all snug in their beds, While visions of blessings danced in their heads; The morning arrived. We woke with a cheer. We knew the hour soon would be near; We got into our car and drove to the church, To find the best spot we came early to search; The excitement grew as the hour approached, We knew what to do, we needn't be coached; There were dogs and cats and

hamsters too, Rabbits and mice and a cockatoo; They looked at each other, they circled and sniffed, All well behaved and none became miffed; We waited and waited when out of the church who should appear, None other than Fr. Angelo, he was coming near; The doggies they barked, the kitties they purred, The birdies they sang, each wanting to be heard; He came to the front, his eyes how they twinkled, We couldn't wait for us to be sprinkled; He read from his book, the story of creation, Attentive we were; we knew our obligation;

It was joyous to hear that we are all God's gift, Our hearts and our spirits did these words lift; He then



dipped the wand into the water blest, With much eagerness and joy were we all possessed; He moved through the crowd and there rose such a swell, As drop by drop the holy water fell; On Toby, on Coco, on Leila and Milly, On Daisy, on Bella on Jasper and Lily; On Enzo and Gino and all of the rest, One by one, we all got blest; A final blessing to us did he bestow, And when he

was done, it was time for us to go. He sprang toward the church and passing the hall, He yelled: Now dash away, dash away, dash away all! And we heard him exclaim, as he walked out of sight, "Happy Blessings to all, and to all a good night!"

We are celebrating the feast of St Francis of Assisi, Sunday, October 8th at 1pm to make it real easy; We are blessing all animals large and small, Everyone is welcome on the courtyard by the hall; If you miss the event it will be such a shame, For it's all your fault, no one else is to blame.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M	Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
T	Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
W	Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
T	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
F	Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
S	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
S	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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

M	8:30	Kathy Moritz † Shuet Ching Chang †
F	8:30	Nick Lemos Rahul Pinto †
Sa	5:00	Vinette Paslaqua †
Su	8:00 11:30	Holy Spirit Community Rahul Pinto † Joseph Thu Nguyen †

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:
Maria Amaral and
Valerie Gold

For those who have
recently died:
Bruce Gill, Angeles Olmas
and Jeanne Sommer



"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-22



Now that it is officially autumn, it is time for us to shake off the heat of summer and find a way to turn over a new leaf in celebration of fall. Have you found a place to serve that makes you come alive? St. Irenaeus tells us "The glory of God is man fully alive." When we connect

with others on a personal level in the service of our Lord, we become fully alive. We have two opportunities to serve in our wider community that truly need your help. Both have recently been mentioned in this bulletin article but are worth a second mention.

Please consider joining the team who **distributes food** at Our Lady of Refuge parish on the **second Wednesday of each month from 11am – 2pm.**

Please consider joining the team who teach **English as a Second Language (ESL)** also at Our Lady of Refuge parish any night **Monday through Thursday from 7pm – 8:30pm.**

You will meet Jesus face to face in either of these serving opportunities. For more information, please contact Katie Metzger at 408-997-5115 or kmetzger@dsj.org.

Sacred Heart Blanket Drive



Fall is upon us and it's time to be thinking about those cooler days and frosty nights. Every Thanksgiving, Sacred Heart strives to give a blanket to each of their families. Donated blankets are one of the most popular items in their Clothes Closet. They are used to bring warmth to several children sharing the same bed, shelter for homeless men and women living outside in the rain and cold, or families trying to keep warm while living in a car.

Unfortunately, the number of families in need exceeds the number of donated blankets. We're calling on you to help meet the needs of as many families as possible this year. So, when you're out shopping or running errands think about picking up a blanket or two to warm the hearts and toes of those in need. Any gently used blankets tucked away in closets at home will also be greatly appreciated by those in need of a warm night's rest. We will be collecting new and/or clean, gently used blankets on the weekends of **October 14th-15th and October 21st-22nd** at all Masses. Holy Spirit will store the blankets until Sacred Heart comes to collect them for the holiday distribution. Please consider giving the gift of warmth to our brothers and sisters in need.

If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Gomez at gomezvonnie@gmail.com, or Elizabeth Ward at eliz.c.ward@gmail.com. Thank you for living your faith by sharing your generous spirit.

Texas Mission Trip – Save the Date - Sunday, February 18th to Saturday, February 24th

We are headed back to San Augustine, TX! If you are a Holy Spirit Parishioner or a Holy Spirit School family – 6th grade or older – you and a parent or legal guardian are eligible to register. Please join us for an information meeting on **Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall. On line registration on the parish web site opens at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18th and closes at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 23rd.

For more information please contact Patricia Kennedy at kennedy89@sbcglobal.net or holyspiritchurch.org/texas-mission-trip

Saturday at Sacred Heart



School aged children and older are invited to join us for our

next Saturday at Sacred Heart on **Saturday, October 21st, 9:00am 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.

Signups will open on the parish website on **October 2nd.** School aged children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Service hours can be earned.

Please contact Mischa Plesha at mischaplesha@sbcglobal.net with any questions. Hope to see you at The Heart!

Saints Who and How?

In our Faith formation classes we teach a Saint of the week and parents have come with questions about Saints and how to talk to their children about Saints, so I found a really easy explanation of what is a Saint and how a Saint becomes a Saint.

The process for being declared a saint is ancient, traditional, and often mysterious. Evidence must be presented to persuade Church officials that the person in question in fact lived a virtuous life, had faith, and had the support and help of God. The Church also looks at miracles as evidence that God is working through that person.

Stages on the road to sainthood

Usually, the process of recognizing a saint starts no earlier than five years after a person's death. Usually, the potential saint's pastor presents the case to the bishop. Specific stages are met on the path to being declared a saint:

•Servant of God: As soon as the person is accepted for consideration, he/she is called a Servant of God.

•Venerable: After the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints determines that the servant of God lived a life of heroic virtue, she is granted the title of venerable. Heroic virtue doesn't mean a person was perfect or sinless, but that she worked aggressively to improve herself spiritually and never gave up trying to be better and grow in holiness.

Students Raise Funds for Relief Efforts

Every morning at assembly, our students offer prayers for those in need. As they prayed for victims of all the recent natural disasters, they were motivated to put their faith into action. Students were encouraged to donate \$1 to aid in the Red Cross' disaster relief efforts. Their generosity resulted in a \$1219 donation.



3sixty High School Ministry



Last Sunday, 3sixty started off the semester series on Discernment. We took a look at what discernment

is all about and how adding prayer to small and major decisions can help. 3sixty continues to bring tremendous energy!

After the 6pm Mass, 3sixty will be having a Scripture/Issue night.

These nights are focused on reflecting on specific Scripture passages and see how it ties in with issues and events going on in our lives and in the world. All high school youth are welcome to attend.

Edge Middle School Ministry

The next Edge night will be on **Wednesday, October 11th**. On this night, we will start our series for the year on what it means to be a follower of Christ and to follow in His example.



Edge Dance

On **Friday, October 20th**, Edge will be having a dance social from **7:00pm-9:30pm** in the Del

Biaggio Gym. All middle school youth grades 6-8 are invited to attend. Waiver forms are required for entry. Please visit the parish website or contact Row David at rdavid@dsj.org for more information.

FAITH FORMATION CONT'D

•Blessed: After the Church establishes one miracle, the venerable person's cause is presented to the pope to see whether he deems her worthy of being called blessed. This step is called beatification and is the next-to-last step.

•Saint: Another miracle and the blessed person's cause is presented to the pope again for his judgment. If he determines that the evidence is clear and that contrary reports aren't credible, he may initiate the canonization procedure. If all goes well, the candidate is publicly recognized as a saint.

PASTORAL CARE

Mental Illness Awareness Week, October 2-8



Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition.

During the first full week of October, NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) and participants across the country raise awareness of mental illness. Each year they fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for equal care. Each year, the movement grows stronger. The truth of the matter is, mental illness can affect anyone. Seeking help can be daunting, but there is support available.

Mental health issues are important to address year-round, but highlighting them during the month of October provides a time for people to come together and display the passion and strength of those working to improve the lives of the tens of millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Health care for mental illness will improve if we work towards creating a community where everyone can safely seek the help they need.

If you or someone you know may need a mental health assessment, anonymous online tools are available. Visit www.nami.org/miaw or www.nami.org/stigmafree for generous resources. For more information about local efforts in reducing stigma or confidential referrals to local support, contact Leah Harris, Holy Spirit Pastoral Care, 408-997-5110.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Week at a Glance

Dates subject to change. View our complete calendar at: www.holyspiritchurch.org.

Monday	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Domestic Church Meeting Layette Ministry Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Classes Domestic Church Meeting ESL at OLR Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Church Parish Hall Room 3 Church Parish Hall Church OLR Parish Hall Room 4 PK1 & Parish Hall
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Workshop Suicide Support Group Baptism Preparation Class 3sixty Core Team Meeting ESL at OLR Women's Faith Group Social Ministries Strategic Planning	Parish Hall Parish Hall & Rm 4 Parish Hall Library Church Parish Hall Rm 2 OLR Parish Hall Room 4 Parish Office
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Scripture Study Sandwich Ministry Confirmation Year 1 Meeting ESL at OLR Grief Faith Sharing Group	Parish Office Parish Hall Room 4 Parish Hall Parish Hall OLR Parish Office
Thursday	8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Scripture Study School Mass Survival Sacks Music Practice ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Church Sacred Heart Sacred Heart OLR
Friday	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Al-Anon Meeting HSP Golf Tournament Eucharistic Adoration	Parish Hall Library Parish Hall Cinnabar Hills Church
Saturday	8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Growing Our Friendship With Jesus Retreat Small Community of Faith Saturday Lunch Ministry Blessing of the Animals Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church Parish Hall Library Parish Office Courtyard Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30 a.m. 12:30p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation Classes 3sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall

Holy Spirit Parish Golf Tournament
Friday Oct 6th, at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club
12:00 Noon Shot Gun Start



Start your weekend early and join us at the annual Holy Spirit Parish Golf Tournament. If your friends or spouse are playing and golf is not your thing join us for dinner and the live auction. If you just want to come and build community, join us.

Entry Fee: \$210/Player (\$195 Seniors)
(Entry fee includes green and cart fees, range balls, lunch, dinner and auction)

If you would like to join us only for Dinner and Auction \$40.00
 No host cocktails 5:00 pm, Dinner and Auction begins at 6:00 pm
 For more information, please contact Merry Reardon at mreardon@dsj.org or 408-997-5112.



MARRIED COUPLES: Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next **Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 10-12, 2017** in San Jose.

For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

Saturday Lunch Ministry

Please consider joining us on **Saturday, October 7th** in an exciting way to meet others. We will meet at the Parish Office at 10:30 am to make sandwiches and then pack the lunches. After the lunches have been made, we will drive to the St. James Park area of downtown San Jose. The sandwiches will be distributed to everyone in the park.

Signup at holyspiritchurch.org/sandwich-ministry/

Only ten families will be able to sign up. We are asking 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 will be limited to sixth grade and older. A donation of \$10 will be asked from each family to cover the cost of food and supplies.

Scripture Study: Israel's Story Part I

Thursday mornings, 8:15 to 10:00 am, Parish Hall Library beginning Thursday, October 12th until November 16th.

Our Old Testament is divided into sections based on traditional understandings of the type of literature they represent. Anyone reading through the Old Testament in the order the books appear might find themselves challenged to appreciate their scope and context. How do these writings contribute to Israel's self understanding? How do they reflect the setting and period of history from which they arose? This study explores Old Testament history, theology, and stories from the creation accounts of Genesis to the fall of the Northern Kingdom (722 B.C.) and its prophets. Its goal is to provide participants with a good overview of how ancient Israel understood its relationship to God, its history, its beliefs, and its hopes, as documented in the Old Testament.

All are welcome to join this study. Please rsvp at holyspiritchurch.org/scripture-study/ or in the parish office. There will be an \$18 charge for materials. If you have any questions please contact Merry Reardon at mreardon@dsj.org.

Garden Bricks and Pavers



We are in the last week of running our special on our garden bricks and pavers. The cost of a brick is \$350 and a paver is \$750. Forms can be found in the back of the Church or in the Parish Office. **All completed forms need to be in the office by October 2nd.**

If you have any questions about the pavers in the garden, please contact Pat Grow at 408-997-0733.



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