



# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

## OPEN HOUSE



### Catholic Schools Week January 28th – February 2nd

Sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the US. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to the Church, local communities and the nation.

This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Here at Holy Spirit School, CSW kicks off with Open House this weekend, and then we spend the week expressing our gratitude for our parish, our community, our students, the nation, vocations, faculty, staff and volunteers, and our families.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education for our children.

**faith** Living our faith through prayer and service – daily assembly, weekly school mass, and age appropriate service projects.

**knowledge** Brand new STEM lab, art studio and music programs to supplement rigorous academic curriculum in technology-rich classrooms.

**community** Athletic programs, drama productions, student buddy program, middle school dances, excellent parent community, and more ways to connect.



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## Question of the Week

Where is my "deserted place"  
that I go to pray and  
encounter God?

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Last weekend at all Masses, we had alumni from Holy Spirit School give a 2-minute talk about their experience of elementary school and encouraging families to come and visit the school this weekend for their open house. I was so impressed by the quality of these young men and women. They have become such incredibly positive and good people.

I know every one of them personally and regularly see how they give back to their community at the parish and beyond. They are simply wonderful human beings and their families ought to be so proud of them. We at Holy Spirit Parish are certainly proud of who they have become.

While I have always known how important Catholic Elementary school education is and how impactful it can be, it was completely another thing to hear it from these young men and women. It really makes a huge difference. I also appreciate the huge sacrifice many parish families make to have their children attend elementary school here at Holy Spirit. I know I say this regularly but it is worth repeating. **It is my desire that every family in the parish who has elementary aged children be given the opportunity to send their children to our school.** As a result, we raise significant financial-aid dollars so every family can send their children here.

I ask every family to come and visit the school this weekend and become familiar with our great ministry there. We have an incredibly dedicated faculty and staff. Over the last few years they have worked extremely hard with the Drexel School System and have enabled their students to perform at the top 8% of the nation in Math and top 15% in English Language Arts. Those are impressive numbers and we are one of the top performing schools in the whole Diocese. Please pass this information around your friends and neighbors. We really want to fill every single seat with children from our community.



Last weekend I also preached about the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Every year we take some time to recognize the work of the Central Offices of the Diocese called the Chancery and how important it is for us to support their work with our financial contribution. Since I work 50% of time at the parish and 50% of my time as Vicar General and with the bishop at the Chancery, I know firsthand how our resources are used. I can say with the greatest of confidence that our monies are well-spent and well-stewarded. Like I said in the homily last week, most of the work we do at the Chancery is not visible to the average parishioner. All our work is essential for the whole Church from one week to the next. This hidden work allows us to benefit from collective use of resources that otherwise would be expensive and difficult to acquire. Even more so, it allows for parishes with less resources serving in neighborhoods of need to be able to serve with the same quality service of every parish. This is so important for us a church because we are Catholic Church and not Congregationalists running individual fiefdoms.

This is our opportunity to support the Bishop in his outreach to every person across the whole diocese. Please consider and pray about how you will support the ADA. Every family ought to give a little. Thank you again for your incredible generosity throughout the year.

## LIVING THE LITURGY



### Blessings

Throughout our local community here at Holy Spirit, and certainly among the greater Catholic Church community, you hear phrases like, "God Bless You!" or "What a Blessing!" or "We're very blessed," on a regular basis. The terms, "Bless" "Blessed," or "Blessing, are often used, but seldom broken down and defined with clarity. The word "Blessing" has a number of definitions or uses in the Catholic Church. The word is used, mainly in a liturgical context, to consecrate items, people, or places to the Lord through a liturgical act or rite. The word and its variations are also used in multiple contexts in the scripture. For example, in the context of praise to God ("I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall always be in my mouth" (Ps 34:2)), in a statement of good fortune ("Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and who walk in his ways. What your hands provide you will enjoy; you will be blessed and prosper." (Ps 128:1-2)), or as a dedication of a place or person for a sacred purpose ("[Jesus] led [the disciples] out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted ways from them and was taken up to heaven" (Lk 24:50-51)).

In every sense of the word, it is necessary to acknowledge the blessing that we have received in the form of our Christmas Liturgy. This year was perhaps the busiest Christmas weekend we've had in the recent history of our parish community (11 masses in two days!), and the amount of work our parish community put in to make the weekend function makes us truly blessed.

Thanks go out to the Liturgy Preparation Committee which provides guidance and insight to the preparation process for each liturgy, as well as the entire Liturgy Ministerial team which carries out the liturgical ministries. That team is composed of the art and environment teams, music ministers, altar linen team, altar servers, bread bakers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, Mass coordinators and ushers. A special mention goes out to the art and environment team and all those who came together to decorate the church and gym. The music ministers and all the different choirs were especially joyful in bringing everyone together in song. Many talented people created the lovely nativity scene in the courtyard and the setting for the children's Christmas pageant. Additionally, the liturgical prayer and social ministries teams provided support so everything could run smoothly. To all of you, thank you so much. As a parish we are truly grateful and truly blessed for you all.

**A blessing, in the plainest sense, is a gift from God.** There are so many gifts from God in this community for which we can be grateful. **We continue to give thanks to God for the gift of this community,** and are excited to continue to celebrate in giving God praise as one community of blessing.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
T	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -- 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
W	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
TH	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
F	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
S	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
SU	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

### 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

TH 8:30	Rahul Pinto † Renee Lowrance † Mona Lacey †
F 8:30	Doreen & Andy Williams
SA 5:00	Leo Berk † Barbara & Rich Zahner
SU 8:00 9:30	Holy Spirit Parish Marie Firato Don Murray † Stephen Popovich †

### PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill: Gretchen Brush-Bates, Marcela Campero, Valerie Gold, Mary Houret, Janet LoDuca, Thomas Rouse.

For those who have recently died: Homero Castillo, Randy Estrella, Claire Hiler, Dino Kubiak, Anna Nardone, Thom Tran.

## STEWARDSHIP



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

As you consider your gift to the ADA, please consider these two prayers of St. Ignatius of Loyola to help form your decision. **Your gift can change lives; yours and the one whose life is improved by your gift.**

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*Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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*The Suscipe: Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me. Amen.*



### 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 pack lunches, then 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**.

We invite ten families to join us each 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 February 3rd. Sign up at [www.holyspiritchurch.org/sandwich-ministry](http://www.holyspiritchurch.org/sandwich-ministry).**



### 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.

Consider joining us on **Thursday, February 1st or Thursday, February 15th**. We meet at Sacred Heart at 8:45 a.m. and finish up about 10:45 a.m.

Sign ups are now open at [www.holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/](http://www.holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/).



### SECOND OFFERINGS

February 11th Holy Spirit School



**St. Thomas Aquinas**

**Feastday: January 28th**

Born in a castle, Thomas was the son of a wealthy count who sent him to study with Benedictine monks when he was five years old. His teachers were surprised at the progress he made, for he surpassed all his fellow pupils in learning as well as in the practice of virtue. Thomas was a quiet boy that enjoyed studying. He studied the philosophy of Plato and Aristotle at the University of Paris when he was only fourteen.

After a few years of study, Thomas secretly joined the Dominican order. His wealthy family was not pleased by his vow of poverty, and sent his two brothers to force him to come home. Thomas was held in the castle for one year as his family tried to keep him from joining the Dominican Order. Then, the Pope called Thomas to Rome to talk with him and commanded Thomas' Mother and brothers not to stand in the way of his vocation.

Thomas then returned to his studies, living in Italy, Germany and in Paris. He remained in the Dominican order. Upon graduation, Thomas was ordained a priest and taught theology-the study of religion. During this time, he began to publish his writings. Thomas composed most of his works in his head and then dictated them to secretaries, often to three or four secretaries at once! His greatest work, the Summa Theologica, is the foundation of modern Catholic doctrine.

In 1273, Thomas experienced a powerful mystical vision. After the vision, he never wrote again, explaining that all he had written was like straw compared to what he had seen in his vision. He passed away three months later. Thomas was canonized in 1323. He was one of the greatest teachers of the Church, he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1567.

SCHOOL NEWS



**Learning Comes Alive**

Fr. Brendan was among the first to try his hands at the new zSpace stations in our growing STEM Lab. The stations create a virtual reality space that allows our students to take an interactive, intuitive and collaborative approach to their learning of math and science concepts.

**zSpace demonstrations are scheduled during Open House on Sunday, January 28th.**

**Egg Roll Fundraiser**

This weekend is the last weekend to place your egg roll order after Mass. The egg rolls come frozen in packs of 10, and will be ready to pick up on Sunday, February 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the back entrance of the Parish Hall. Don't plan your Superbowl party without them! All proceeds to support youth ministry. If you missed the opportunity to order at Mass, email Row at [rdauid@dsj.org](mailto:rdauid@dsj.org). **Orders can be placed until Wednesday, January 31st.**

**3sixty Winter Retreat**

3sixty's Winter Retreat will be on **February 9th-11th** at the wonderful retreat site at Mount Hermon. High school youth are not to miss this wonderful retreat. If you are needing an avenue to get away for a weekend and focus on aspects of our faith through fellowship, this is the retreat to go to! Waiver forms are available on the parish website or contact Row at [rdauid@dsj.org](mailto:rdauid@dsj.org).

**3sixty High School Ministry**

**This weekend after the 6:00 p.m. Mass**, 3sixty will have a praise night. Praise nights bring in the extra element of praise and worship and give us an added dimension of prayer that brings us peace and joy. All high school youth are invited to attend.

**Edge Middle School Ministry**

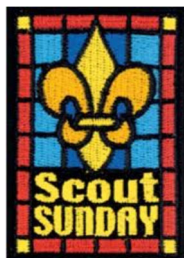
Our next Edge night will be on **Wednesday, February 28th**. We will explore what it means in our faith to give something up for Lent and why we do it. All middle school youth are invited to attend.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON	12:30 P.M. 3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Widows Book Club Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Classes Music Practice ESL at OLR Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Classroom 3 Church Parish Hall TBA OLR Classroom 4 PK1 & Parish Hall
TUE	9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Workshop Women's Faith Group 3sixty Core Team Meeting ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Parish Hall & CR4 Parish Hall Classroom 2 OLR
WED	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Bridge Scripture Study ESL at OLR	Parish Office Parish Hall Classroom 4 OLR
THU	8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Seasons of Hope Grief Group Survival Sacks Scripture Study Funeral Mass for Don Murray Funeral Reception Music Practice Texas Mission Trip Meeting ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Library Sacred Heart Classroom 3 Church Parish Hall TBA Parish Hall OLR
<b>3SIXTY WINTER RETREAT FEBRUARY 2-4</b>			
FRI	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Al-Anon Meeting Funeral Mass for Lucy Sandoval	Off-site Parish Hall Church
<b>NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</b>			
SAT	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Saturday Lunch Ministry WOW Tea Party	Parish Hall Library Parish Office Parish Hall
SUN	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Eggroll Fundraiser Pick-up Faith Formation Classes	Parish Hall Parish Hall



### Scout Sunday

Calling all Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts! Join us, in uniform, for Scout Mass on **Sunday, February 4th, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass**. We will need Readers, Altar Servers, Greeters, Bulletin Distributors, Gift Bearers, Ushers etc. If your son or daughter is interested in helping, please contact Ella Aguerria at [swissmiss2111@yahoo.com](mailto:swissmiss2111@yahoo.com).

## BULLETIN BOARD



### TriAVAC Festival for Families

Almaden Valley residents, you're invited to join us at AVAC on **Saturday, February 10th** for our annual Swim, Bike, Run & Fitness Festival for Families!

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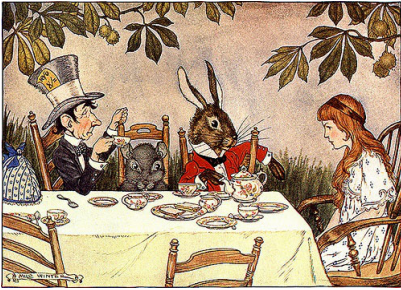
Want to sign up for one of our TRIATHLON EVENTS? Visit <http://www.avac.us/Triavac> for info.



### Asian New Year

Bishop Patrick J. McGrath has granted a dispensation from the Lenten discipline of abstinence from meat to all the faithful of the Diocese of San Jose who will be observing **Friday, February 16th**, the first day of the Asian New Year.

**Holy Spirit Church  
Pastoral Care Ministries**



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RSVP required to Leah Harris at 408-997-5110

**Long Term Care Ombudsman Program**

Training to become a long term care ombudsman will begin again soon. An ombudsman is someone who is an advocate for people living in long term care such as skilled nursing facilities or residential care homes for the elderly. Ombudsmen are mandated by the federal Older Americans Act. **There are several Holy Spirit parishioners who are currently ombudsmen and each indicates that it is a most rewarding endeavor.** In Santa Clara County, the program is managed by Catholic Charities.



**An orientation/overview of the program will be presented on Monday, January 29th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon** at Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County located at 2625 Zanker Road, Suite 200, San Jose, CA 95134. Classes will begin on February 6th and will continue through March 8th with two classes per week.

If you require further information, please contact Wanda Hale the Program Manager at 408-944-0567. If you would like to talk with any of the Holy Spirit parishioners who are ombudsmen, please contact Leah Harris at 408-997-5110.

**World Day of the Sick Mass**

Bishop Patrick J. McGrath will preside at the special Diocese of San Jose Celebration of the World Day of the Sick on **Saturday, February 10th, 11:00 a.m. at Saint Christopher Church (1576 Curtner Avenue in San Jose)**. Sponsored by Order of Malta In Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.



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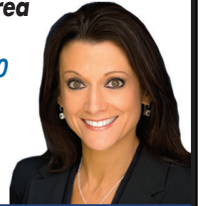
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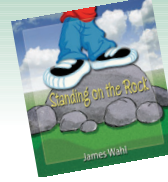


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