



# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 12th 2020



## Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

As I write this article, I realize we will not be together at Easter and you will be reading this article online and not in the paper bulletin! It feels so strange but all of Lent this year has been strange with the coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic. The *Shelter in Place* order has required all of us to remain at home for everything but essential duties. As the



coronavirus wreaks havoc on our personal and professional lives, it devastates our economy and it will take us a long time to recover. It has been a surreal time for all of us and we desperately seeking a new normal inside our shelter-in-place routine.

This brings with it some significant challenges on a personal level as we lose control of so many boundaries. Many of us have lost the discipline of balance so hard fought between work and home lives, between personal and professional, between work and play, rest and pray. We find ourselves taking back-to-back Zoom calls to keep up "work from home" not realizing that we are now working longer and harder than we ever before. Our days seem to speed along and we often forget to take a shower! Yes, these are crazy times indeed. Now more than ever we need a spiritual lift. Now more than ever do we need EASTER and the message of Christ being with us always till the end of time.

I must confess that it has been heart-breaking to celebrate Mass each Sunday alone in our big Church. I miss you all so much! The idea that I celebrate the Easter Vigil Mass alone is horrifying to me. When normally we get 2,000 people to Mass on a regular Sunday, on Easter we attract over 5,000. Today it will be 6 people gathering at Mass. Two lectors, one cantor, one musician, Fr. Edgar and myself! I miss you all so dearly and I know you miss coming to Church yourselves. It has been hard for all of us.

But the message of Easter never is more important to hear. Christ is Risen means that his resurrection is the ultimate victory over sin, hatred and death. When God became human in Jesus Christ, he was not trying to change his mind about humanity but change humanity's mind about God. He took on the human condition not to coerce or manipulate the heart of humans but rather as witness to his true nature; that he is a **God of love**. We need to hear that message now and every day while we Shelter in Place. We need to know that God is with us whenever and wherever we are. Whether we are alone or jammed together in a house full of people. Whether we are sick or well. Whether we are okay with the shelter in place order or whether we are consumed with anxiety. Whether we are still working or whether we just lost our job. God is with us now more than ever and he loves us exactly where we are now.

The ultimate message of Easter is that love wins. The bitterness, anger, jealousy, cursing, fear, sin and hatred is replaced by graciousness, kindness, gentleness, blessing, trust, forgiveness, and love. Jesus Christ. We are called to live the resurrection by acting like Jesus today in our place.

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## An Easter Prayer

**O Lord,**

How amazing is your love, A love that overcomes, endures and redeems.

How astounding is your life, A life that sustains, heals and creates.

How awesome is your hope, A hope that promises, restores and inspires. How absorbing is your truth, A truth that releases, changes and rebuilds.

How we worship you, as we remember the moment when your love conquered. When out of the cave of sorrow Jesus arose to release forgiveness to the world. And each time we encounter this resurrection day we are again lifted to an eternal place.

Our sin, brokenness and darkness fall away and your light and peace flood our lives. How we thank you for this incredible celebration we call Easter.

**Amen**

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## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



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That is what Christ did. He took in all the ugliness of the world and gave back beauty and love. We are called to do the same.

That is what Easter is all about. We are called to transform our world by imitating The only way we are going to be able to do that is by first experiencing the risen Christ in our own lives, by experiencing his love in our hearts.

The older I get, the more I am convinced that while most people believe in God they still don't understand the central message of Easter: **God loves us personally and knows us by name.** He became one of us to show us the way; he died to show us not to fear him but rather to live life in the sure and certain knowledge that God loves us.

Our God is a God of love; he cannot help himself. He will love us no matter what. Today, we celebrate that Christ is Risen! Ultimately that means that God's love is unstoppable; even "shelter in place" cannot stop it. That is awesome news and if we could only realize that changes everything completely forever! We ought to feel the joy of every day.

I don't know about you but with this extra time at home, I have started to realize how much I had taken for granted. The freedom to go for a walk or hike, the gift of having family close to visit and dine with often, the gift of a loving community to worship with and serve with each week, the gift of health, the gift of sharing a simple meal with friends and grace of working colleagues who are so dedicated. Oh! I have taken so much for granted.

Familiarity breeds contempt. Nothing robs us of joy more than familiarity. Ron Rolheiser reminds us that "nothing destroys our marriages, families, communities and our friendships more than the contemptuousness that is born of familiarity. The resurrection tells us that the familiarity is an illusion."

The resurrection invites us to look at all things familiar to us until they become unfamiliar again. Then we will regain the joy of life again. Maybe in this time of Shelter in Place, we can look at our spouse and marvel at their beauty and wonder at their love for us. Maybe we can look at our children with new eyes and see that child whose grown up into a woman or man and be delighted with what we see. Maybe we can look at our friends of many years and be grateful for their presence in our lives, through thick and thin. Maybe we can look at our body that grows older each day and be grateful for what it has been through all these years and marvel that it still goes as well as it does. Maybe we can look at the familiar in life and see beyond the small dying moments and believe in the newness of life about to begin. In every moment of dying, something new is being born.

To believe in the resurrection of Jesus is to be comforted at the deepest level of oneself and realize that nothing in life is a threat any longer. All will be right! That is promise and reality of the resurrection. To hear God say to us over and over again and again: "Do not be afraid. I am right here. Everything is going to be alright. You have nothing to worry about. I am right here and I will always be right here."

God loves us and he is right here now wherever we are in our lives. Thank you for making this community of believers an awesome place to be. Thank you for being you and I truly yearn to see you soon. Thank you.

**May you have a wonderful Easter full of the surprises of God's presence.**

## Question of the Week

What could you do this week to help strengthen the faith of someone who is faltering?

## LIVING THE LITURGY

### What is Divine Mercy?

(from [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org))

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple: God loves us; all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins and we can call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.



This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy Himself is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages, recording the revelations she received about God's mercy.

The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699, where Jesus expressed His will to have a special feast day for Divine Mercy:

My daughter (Sister Faustina), tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

With this revelation, Saint Pope John Paul II declared every Second Sunday of Easter to be "Divine Mercy Sunday".

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 4/13 Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

T 4/14 Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

W 4/15 Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

TH 4/16 Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

F 4/17 Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

S 4/18 Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

S 4/19 Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



**SUSPENDED**

### 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

F 4/17 8:30 Kathy Moritz †

SU 4/19 9:30 Dolores Fortich †  
Kevin Troyan †  
Holy Spirit Parish

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### For those who are ill:

Chijindum Anya,  
Donald Bufilini,  
Anne Lucia,  
Harold Sutherland  
Diana Mendoza Venagas

#### For those who have recently died:

Fulvio Caviglione,  
Remigio Consunji,  
Sandra Davis,  
Jun Garcia  
Debbie Heagan,  
Jerry Lu



### Support our Health Care Workers (HCW) During the Pandemic

The Holy Spirit Shop4Me Program supports our health care workers during this difficult time of pandemic. HCW's (clerks, orderlies, paramedics, EMTs, nursing assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and doctors) are on the front lines in the war against this pandemic. Every day they step into harm's way to fight this virus, knowing that they risk exposure themselves, and exposing their families.

The Shop4Me program is being organized to support these critical workers as best we can during the pandemic crisis threatening our families and community. With many of our HCW's being asked to work longer shifts and additional workdays, routine activities like purchasing groceries becomes a burdensome task. This program uses Holy Spirit volunteers to help with that burden.

Shop4Me has volunteers "buddy up" with a health care worker family. We hope to have enough volunteers so that two volunteers can be assigned to each health care worker family. The first task will be to execute the weekly grocery shopping run for your assigned family. Using Google Sheets, the health care worker family creates a shopping list, and the volunteer makes the grocery run. The shopper is repaid by the health care worker family using Venmo.

Consistent with CDC guidelines, volunteers must:

- Be under 65 years of age
- Have no underlying serious health conditions (cancer, diabetes, heart disease, etc.)

If you are open to participating in the program as a volunteer please email Social Ministries Director Mike Ferrero at [mike.ferrero@dsj.org](mailto:mike.ferrero@dsj.org). Mike will have our Shop4Me Program Manager Tom Mohr follow up by sending you a Registration Form to fill out. Once you complete and submit this form, further details will follow.

If you have a health care worker living under your roof, and are interested in participating in the program, please email our HCW Lead person, Jeff Aboud at [jaboud@in-focusmarketing.com](mailto:jaboud@in-focusmarketing.com). We're asking our Health Care Worker families to consider supporting the program in hopes;

- *You will benefit from the help.* Grocery shopping can take upwards of two hours door to door. Given the other demands on your time, this is one less thing for you to worry about.
- *You will reduce community risk.* As the Family of a Health Care Worker, you have accepted increased risk of virus exposure. By allowing a Support Team to shop for you, you reduce grocery store transmission risk.

Health Care Workers are used to being self-sufficient. Your first instinct might be to say "No, we can handle things on our own". Please resist that instinct. Allow your fellow parishioners to help you.

We invite our parishioners to consider participating in the Shop4Me program; either as a volunteer or as a HCW recipient. Our health care worker families are on the front lines in this pandemic. They need the support of all of us who do not have health care workers in our midst, to support them while they support us and our community.

Together, and with God's help, we will come through this pandemic safely and as community!



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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### Urgent need: Sew fabric surgical masks for VA Hospitals!

Currently, the supply of surgical masks is at a critical all-time low throughout the entire nation. Orders for the standard disposable masks used in hospitals are back-ordered, due to the high demand for protective equipment. While not ideal, many hospitals across the country have requested homemade surgical masks as an emergency stopgap measure. You may be looking for a way to help those on the front lines continue to save lives while we do our part to shelter-in-place.

Holy Spirit Church has been asked to assist with the great needs at the Palo Alto and San Jose Veteran's Affairs (VA) Hospitals. The VA is anxious to have any cloth masks we can provide for their many patients, current and future. If you sew, please answer this call for help using the following guidelines. We will collect masks at Holy Spirit and deliver them to the off-site drop off location for the specific needs of the VA. Once fulfilled, we will collect for vulnerable members of our parish until everyone is covered.

Use this basic DIY pattern for a standard pleated face mask with elastic ear loops. It is easy to follow and is printable:

<https://sarahmaker.com/how-to-sew-a-surgical-face-mask-for-hospitals-free-pattern/>

The mask can be made with an interior pocket in which you can insert additional filter material, provided by the hospital staff.

If you do not have elastic, fabric ties are acceptable. Just be sure that ties are 14" in length so ties can be secure on most sized heads.

If you cannot sew at this time, but you have a stash of 100% cotton fabric, elastic (any size under ½"), or ready-made bias binding tape please contact Leah [leah.harris@dsj.org](mailto:leah.harris@dsj.org) to arrange for pick up or drop off of supplies you will gift to others who are sewing.

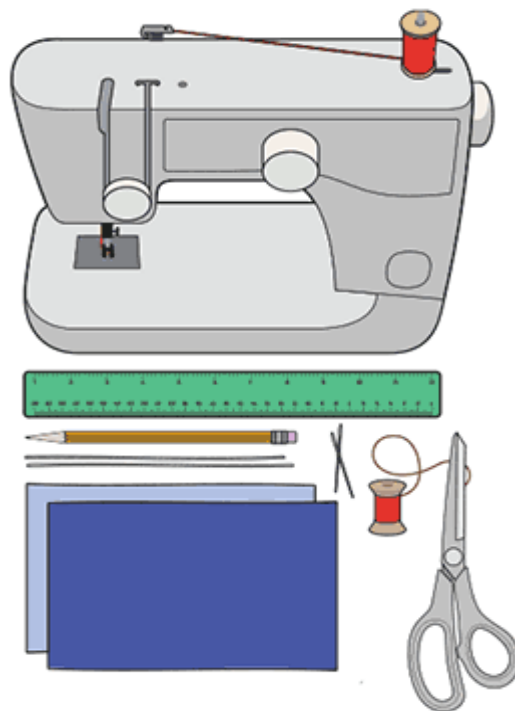
To get the latest updates on methods, options and new requirements, join local Bay Area "makers" who are connecting to stay on top of techniques and the requests of local hospitals join at this Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/584941468899587/>

If you cannot sew and cannot assist with this call for making masks, you still need a mask for yourself. Until we can produce enough masks to support our parish community members, please view this video from the Surgeon General online immediately to find how to make a "no sew" mask in any home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI1GxNjAjlw>

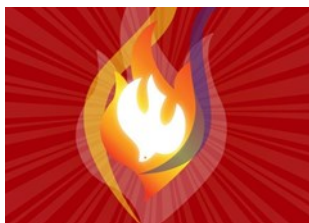
This information will be updated based upon CDC official updates and local hospital requirements. If you would like to join the Holy Spirit Mask Sewing Network, contact [leah.harris@dsj.org](mailto:leah.harris@dsj.org).



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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Continue to Re-Ignite with our *“Re-Ignite with the Saints”* series



The Re-Ignite Virtual Retreat was a tremendous experience and the session attendance exceeded our wildest expectations. Thanks to so many of you who joined us on line or viewed the replays. If you missed the retreat, don't worry, you can catch up quickly. Replays are available at the website <https://holyspiritchurch.org/re-ignite/>.

While we have concluded the Re-Ignite retreat, our faith journey certainly does not stop here. During the last session, Fr. Brendan discussed important next steps on our prayer journey. We warmly welcome the Holy Spirit community and friends to join us for the sequel, *Re-Ignite with the Saints*. Please see the following answers to your likely questions.

**What is Re-Ignite with the Saints?** Re-Ignite with the Saints will be a series of virtual zoom sessions with a Holy Spirit facilitator leading participants through a discussion of a particular saint; a message the saint leaves us to consider; and how the saint's message connects with both the Re-Ignite content and our daily lives. The series will be designed to help us put into practice our learnings from Re-Ignite, enabling us to further strengthen our prayer, personal and professional lives.

**When and Where:** There are five sessions currently scheduled as follows: **Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>; Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>; Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>; and Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.** To give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend the live sessions, there will be two zoom sessions for each Saint of the Day, one at 9:30 am and one at 7:30 pm. These sessions will last approximately one hour.

**Format?** The formats will be similar to Re-Ignite's facilitated sessions, with a brief overview of the saint and the saint's "message", followed by a gospel passage and reflection period. The primary difference with the Re-Ignite with the Saints sessions is participants will be able to share their reflections and experiences with their fellow participants if they choose to do so.

**Which Saints?** For those of you who have read our Christmas book, *Rediscover the Saints*, our selected saints may very well come from that book or other similar sources. The most important criterion for selection will be the saint's message and connection to the Re-Ignite content.

**Why Should I Attend?** We often get feedback that our retreats (Plantings, Re-Ignite and others) are wonderful in and of themselves, but that people struggle to put the learnings from these retreats into the practice of their daily lives. Re-Ignite with the Saints will help participants develop plans to do just that. Lessons learned from Re-Ignite, Rediscover the Saints will be discussed along with the development of actionable steps to which each participant will be asked to commit.

**How Do I Sign Up?** We would greatly appreciate you signing up for the sessions on the front page of the Holy Spirit [website www.holyspiritchurch.org](http://www.holyspiritchurch.org). Should your schedule change, merely update your sign-up information.

Let us know if you have other questions, and we look forward to seeing you at **Re-Ignite with the Saints** right after Easter.

## PASTORAL CARE

### Pastoral Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic

What does Pastoral Care to the sick, homebound and aging look like during the mandatory Shelter-in-Place look like? It looks like each one of us, reaching out in safe ways every day to each other. Here are some suggestions:

- ◆ Stay put! This means you! Please do not leave your home unless absolutely necessary for any reason. What's necessary? The pharmacy, groceries and hardware store, as needed. And if you're in a vulnerable group (over 60 years of age or suffering from any ongoing health issue that affects your immunity or ability to easily recover from a respiratory illness), please send someone else in your place. Living alone? Ask a kind neighbor or call Holy Spirit and we can find someone to run your errands. We love you and we care. Please stay at home.
- ◆ Support small businesses. Local restaurants and retailers have been and will be hit hard by the economic consequences of the Pandemic. Ordering take-out/delivery from local restaurants or purchasing a delivered meal for a loved one or vulnerable neighbor are great ways to help your favorite local business folks and enjoy a delicious meal once in awhile.
- ◆ Check-in on Friends and Family. While social distancing or sheltering-in-place is in effect, those who struggle with anxiety and depression may feel worsened symptoms. Take time to connect with your loved ones and neighbors on the phone or through video chat.
- ◆ Donate to a Food Bank. As schools and businesses are forced to close, food banks are under pressure. Without access to school-provided meals, many children lose a consistent source of healthy food. Monetary donations to your local food bank will help feed those struggling in our Santa Clara County community.
- ◆ Sew some masks. Can you sew a straight seam? Make 100% cotton masks for the VA Hospital. Email Leah Harris, [leah.harris@dsj.org](mailto:leah.harris@dsj.org), for more details to support our local healthcare workers who are tirelessly caring for South Bay vets and their families.
- ◆ Pray! Your conversations with Jesus can happen in any room of your home in any chair of your choice! God is with us always and now more than ever, people who are sick or grieving need our prayers. The peace that comes from knowing that family, friends and even complete strangers are praying for you is palpable. Please share your time in prayer for the sake of others when you can.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Youth Ministry

Throughout these challenging times with shelter-in-place, we are thankful that technology allows us to gather together for virtual meetings. Therefore, 3sixty and Edge will continue via Zoom meetings.



3sixty will gather together on **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**



Edge will gather on **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm**

Please email Row for Zoom meeting info at [row.david@dsj](mailto:row.david@dsj)

## PARISH ACTIVITY

### VOLUNTEER OPPURTUNITIES

Catholic Charities of San Jose is recruiting volunteer teams from across the Diocese to staff various drive thru emergency food distribution sites at various churches in order to meet the immediate needs of those families most impacted by the Covoid-19 pandemic.

Catholic Charites needs 10-15 volunteers at each site to work 2-3 hour shifts. **The site closest to Holy Spirit is Santa Theresa Parish.** Holy Spirit parishioners may be deployed as a team if they so desire. Tasks will include traffic control, packing, sorting, and safe distance directing of any walk-ins. Catholic Charities will provide training.

**All volunteers should be 60 years of age or under and without preexisting health issues.** (Seniors above 60 who would like to volunteer may do so by making phone calls as directed by Catholic Charities. Training is provided.)

Strict and stringent safety precautions are in place and strictly enforced. All volunteers must have their temperature taken upon arrival, if temperature is high the volunteer will be sent home. All volunteers must wash their hands for at least 20 seconds before working. Catholic Charities and Second Harvest Food Bank are mandating all volunteers to wear gloves, as well as to re-glove should their gloves tear.

**Please note that volunteers must furnish their own safety masks and safety gloves. Catholic Charities may be unable to provide them at this time.**

Locations, days and times are below. Please click on the link below to volunteer or inquire to Bob Fields at [bob.fields@dsj.org](mailto:bob.fields@dsj.org) or 408-250-3381.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9CTR6t3rqz-sXDnyD31Ks9i0YMZWlhO7UgdOgrBa1JELiSQ/viewform>

<u>CHURCH LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE AND TIME</u>
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<b>Our Lady Of Refuge</b> 2165 Lucretia Ave. San Jose Ca. 95122	Every Tuesday 5:00 pm-7:00pm
<b>Most Holy Trinity</b> 2040 Nassau Dr. San Jose Ca. 95122	Every Tuesday (Beginning 4/14/2020) Time: TBD
<b>St. Martin of Tours</b> 200 O'Connor Dr. San Jose Ca. 9518	Every Wednesday 1:00 pm-4:00pm
<b>St. John Vianney</b> 4600 Hyland Ave. San Jose Ca. 95127	Every Thursday 9:00am-11:00am
<b>St. Lucy's</b> 2350 S. Winchester Blvd. Campbell, Ca. 95008	Every Friday (Beginning 4/10/2020) 10:00 am-12:00 pm
<b>Santa Theresa Parish</b> 749 Calero Ave. San Jose, Cal. 95123	Every Saturday 12:00pm-2:00pm



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