



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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4th Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018



Lenten Series with Fr. Brendan

We invite you to come to two preparation sessions for the Passion. They are intended to help us experience an evening of prayer and reflection. It is our hope that you will come and you will encourage, cajole and accompany some of your family and friends to these evenings. Each session is stand-alone evening but it is best to come to both.

The two sessions are **“Agony in The Garden” on Wednesday, March 21st from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and the “Meaning of the Cross” on Thursday, March 22nd from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

In the session on the Agony in the garden we will focus on **what really happened in this garden and why the garden is important**. Remember the garden is an ancient symbol for “lover’s” and that theme is repeated throughout the Old Testament scriptures. What Jesus undergoes in the Garden of Gethsemane is a “lover’s dilemma” insofar as he had to accept that his lover, humanity itself, had betrayed him. He is left alone to suffer this humiliation on his own. He reconciles this reality by relying on the one love that never abandons him, God the father’s love.

He had spent the last 3 years in public ministry preaching the good news, healing the sick and needy and reaching out to the peripheries of his society. He was active in his love for others. Now he needed to be passive in his love. That transitions us to the second session about the passion. The root word for passion is the latin, *passio*, meaning literally “passive.” This is **Jesus’ “passive love” in action**. That means he had to endure the abuse, torture, taunting and eventually a cruel death. And he did not fight back. He absorbed in all that hatred, ugliness, pettiness. He takes in hatred and gives back love, takes in anger and gives back graciousness, takes in envy and gives back blessing, takes in bitterness and gives back warmth, takes in pettiness and gives back compassion, takes in chaos and gives back peace, takes in sin and gives back forgiveness.

I invite you to join me on these two nights and we will pray and reflect on the power of these three last days of Christ and understand why they are so powerful. I ask you to come to both nights but I understand if you can only make one night. I also ask you to invite a friend to join you. Together we will make this Holy Week a week that changes our lives forever.

Schedule for Holy Week, Triduum and Easter

Morning Mass

March 26, 27 & 28
8:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday

March 29

(No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration
8:00 p.m. to Midnight

Good Friday

March 30

Passion of Our Lord
12 Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil

March 31

Sacraments of Initiation
Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
8:30 p.m.

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. in the Church

9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
in the Church & Gym

(No 6:00 p.m. Mass)

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Question of the Week

How can I prepare myself to
hear God's voice?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



I recently read an article in The Silicon Valley Business Journal about "**Leadership Lessons**" by Billy Arcement. He suggested seven "teach me" ideas for current and future leaders. I found it insightful from a leadership perspective and even more helpful when adapted from a discipleship perspective. Let me give you my reflections on that article that certainly pertains to us Christians on our Lenten journey.

1. **Teach Me to be generous:** We are all are prone to be self-centered. The challenge is to not let that tendency to dominate but allow Jesus to call us to selfless behavior. To give to others and not count the cost. To always seek ways to be generous with our time, talents and treasures. When we are generous it always has a way of coming back to us by God's grace.
2. **Teach Me to serve:** As disciples of Jesus we are called to serve others. Again this may not come as a natural trait and so we need to set our hearts on being a servant to others. It starts with simple things like holding the door open for someone or saying thank you to anyone who does something for us. Then it needs to move to a deeper reality by going out of our way to do something kind and generous. Then it challenges us to reach out to the most needy in our society, those least able to care for themselves.
3. **Teach Me to persist:** It is so easy to give up on ourselves or others when we make mistakes. During Lent most of us took some Lenten challenges and more than likely have failed to succeed completely. It is important to persist. To knock the dust off of ourselves and try again. Quitting discipleship is not an option!
4. **Teach Me to be trustworthy:** Authenticity and integrity are critical for discipleship. We need to persist in practicing our good will towards all and building trust in everyone. Simply keeping your word to tell the truth at all times is immensely important to building trust in the Lord and his Church.
5. **Teach Me to love:** This is cornerstone of being a disciple. We need to be kind and loving at all times to all people. That is so easy to say but not so easy to do. Remembering St. John of the Cross here, "Where you do not find love, put love and you will draw out love." Love always.
6. **Teach Me to use discipline:** The same root word for disciple is for discipline. It means to "set one's heart on." We need to set our hearts on following Jesus in all we do and say. We need to make that the priority for our every day activity. No matter what the daily distractions, to always find time for prayer. No matter what happens, to always give thanks to God for his ever-abiding presence.
7. **Teach Me to teach:** One of the best ways to learn how to be a disciple is to teach others how to be a disciple. When we teach our children the ways of faith, we re-learn them ourselves. It helps if we always consider ourselves to be learners in the ways of faith. That way we can always view ourselves to be a teacher by learning.

If we can live these seven traits we will be amazing disciples!

LIVING THE LITURGY



RCIA- The Scrutinies

Easter, while it is a special time for all of us who celebrate the triumph of Jesus Christ over death, is a particularly momentous time for a specific group of people called The Elect. The Elect are a group of people who, after an extended period of study and prayer, have decided to

become fully-initiated members of the Catholic Church. They have been Elected by both our parish community and the bishop of our Diocese to proceed to Easter Vigil a few weeks from now, where they will receive all three of Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church: Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.

In order to make themselves eligible to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), the Elect will have to study about the Catholic Faith for around a year and establish a relationship with Jesus in Prayer. Once they become a member of the Church's Elect, their study formalizes, and they begin their process of Initiation with their local parish communities. This formalized initiation process takes place during the Scrutiny Masses, a set of three different Masses that centralize around the reality of sin and the salvation that we receive as God's faithful people through God's mercy and grace.

These Scrutiny Masses happen just before Palm Sunday; The First Scrutiny taking place on the 3rd Sunday of Lent (last week at the 5:00 p.m. Mass), the Second Scrutiny taking place on the 4th Sunday of Lent (this week at the 9:30 a.m. Mass), and the Third Scrutiny taking place on the 5th Sunday of Lent (next week at the 6:00 p.m. Mass). Each Scrutiny Mass reveals more of the Truth of God's covenant here on Earth with humanity to the Elect, and teaches trusting in God to as the Elect prepare for their baptisms. Each Scrutiny Mass also provides the rest of the parish community the opportunity to pray over the Elect as they continue their journey toward initiation into the Church. The Assembly gathered for the Scrutiny Mass prays over the Elect as the presider intercedes on their behalf, claiming the Elect from the grasps of Immortal Sin for Christ.

As we continue from this weekend of the Second Scrutiny to the Third, and on to the Easter Vigil when the Elect will be freed from Sin in the waters of Baptism, we continue our own refinement process of Lent, in an attempt to renew the promise of our Baptism; the freedom and love that Christ promises those who follow Him. We ready our hearts to receive Christ into our lives as we did at our baptisms, and we pray for those who wait in joyful anticipation for their own Initiation into the Catholic Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
T Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
W Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
TH Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
F Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
S Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
SU Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



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	Frank Morfin † Juana Alejo †
TU	8:30	John Coppola † Nicholas Martinez †
F	8:30	Rahul Pinto † Tristan Nguyen † Row Grow †
SU	9:30	Holy Spirit Parish
	11:30	Daniel McTeague † Thomas Sullivan † Verliet L. Burrell †
	6:00	Tristan Nguyen †

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:
Mickey Lepow, Irene Morriss,
Valerie Moss Gold

For those who have recently died.

STEWARDSHIP



Gleaning Ministry

If you are looking for a way to help the poor of our community, we have the ministry for you. We are in real need of people to **get food from the Los Gatos Trader Joe's one or two times a month** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and deliver to Sacred Heart Community Service. You would be in pairs of two with one of you having a SUV to be able to carry the items.

This is a ministry that both men and women can do. Please consider this ministry. It is a great way to serve those in need in our community.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email Bill Sullivan at sully6051@aol.com.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

How heavy is your Rice Bowl? Are your kids helping to fill the family Rice Bowl? How often are you remembering to share your plenty with Christ Jesus. When you add to your Rice Bowl you are sharing with Christ found in a neighbor you will never meet. Are you emptying your pockets or purse while you think and pray for people in Burkina Faso, Haiti, Nicaragua, Malawi and even the United States?



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Effectively, CRS is you in the world. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus to assist poor and suffering people in 91 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

While loose change added to your Rice Bowl may seem like an insignificant gift, it becomes a life-giving sum when added to all the other Rice Bowls in our Holy Spirit Community and beyond. The Rice Bowls will accommodate paper bills and checks when folded creatively. Light bowls are happily accepted as well.

Please continue to add to your Rice Bowl throughout Lent and return them at any Palm Sunday Mass, March 25th. Boxes are still available at the door for pick up if you have not yet started this Lenten practice.



Saturday at Sacred Heart

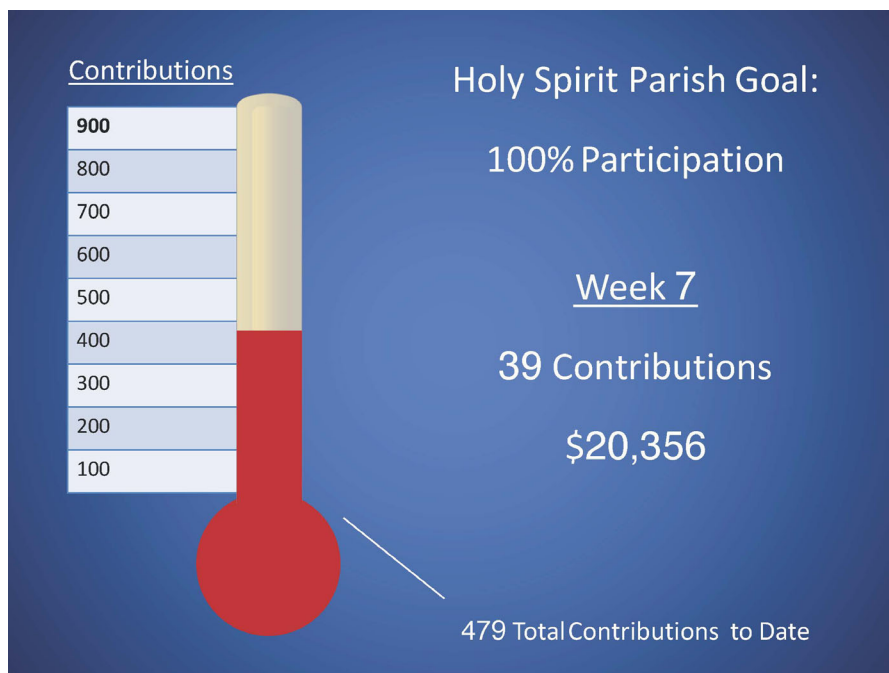
School aged children and older are

invited to join us for our next Saturday at Sacred Heart on **Saturday, March 24th, 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.

Signups are now open on the parish website. School aged children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Service hours can be earned.

Contact Mischa Plesha at mischaplesha@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

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Why Send Your Child to Faith Formation Class

Friends play an important role in the lives of our children. By attending Faith Formation, we are giving our children an opportunity to **make friends in an atmosphere of positivity and love**. They can ask questions and discuss their beliefs in their own supportive mini-community. They will also come to understand that they are part of a larger loving community.

As a young person attending Mass, it can be difficult to comprehend all that is happening. By attending Faith Formation, children are taught the concepts and values of Mass, but in a manner that is **adapted for children’s ages and levels of understanding**.

As parents, we are the first teachers in our children’s lives. It can be intimidating to take on this responsibility, especially if we don’t feel as if we know enough. Our parish community is here to **help your family on your faith journey**.

Faith Formation **encourages and helps develop children’s connection with God**. Kids are generally open and receptive, and if a bond with God is established and a Catholic identity is formed early, they are both likely to last a lifetime.

Last, but certainly not least, Faith Formation classes promote the same **feelings of well-being, peace, hope and community** that we experience when we attend Mass. And when young children understand Mass better, it may become even more peaceful for you and your family.



A big **thank you** to all who came to dinner at California Pizza Kitchen last Thursday, March 1st. We were able

to raise a considerable amount because of your support! A special appreciation to the staff at CPK for allowing us to enjoy a meal there and for their donation back to the ministry.

Passion Proclamation – Casting Call

On Good Friday, youth from Edge and 3sixty enact a portion of our Lord’s Passion. If your youth is interested in being a part of this moving and powerful testament of Jesus’ love for us, please contact Row at rdaivd@dsj.org. Good Friday will be on March 30th and **rehearsals will be starting soon**.

3sixty High School Ministry

This weekend after the 6:00 p.m. Mass, 3sixty will be having an issue and Scripture night. In these nights we look at a specific and relevant issue that is going on and see how our faith responds to it. All high school youth are invited to attend.

Please note that there will be **no 3sixty on Sunday, March 18th**.

Confirmation

The second year Confirmation candidates have embarked on their retreat this weekend. They are set to return at the 11:30 a.m. Mass revitalized and renewed in the Spirit. Please continue to hold the candidates in your prayers as they take their final month in preparation.



Student of the Month

Holy Spirit School’s Student Learning Expectations are listed on our website and student handbook, but most importantly they are in action in each of our classrooms. Once a month at morning assembly two students in each grade are recognized for their exemplary displays of Faith, Knowledge and Community.



Come meet some of our amazing students at a special **PreK – 5th grade Open House on Wednesday, March 21st**. Please drop in anytime **between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.** Tours will begin in the library.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 11th-15th

**9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Parish Hall**

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For more information, or to sign up for VBS as a camper or volunteer, visit www.holyspiritchurch.org/VBS.

Space is limited so sign up early!



**EVERY WEDNESDAY
OF LENT 6PM - 8PM**

All **Catholic** churches
in Santa Clara County
will be open for the
**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

www.dsj.org/light

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON	9:15 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Classes Parish Council Meeting Music Practice ESL at OLR Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Parish Hall Library Church Parish Hall Parish Office Church OLR Classroom 4 PK1 & Parish Hall
TUE	9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Group Suicide Bereavement Group Women's Faith Group 3sixty Core Team Meeting Lenten Reconciliation ESL at OLR Scripture Study	Parish Hall Parish Hall & CR4 Parish Hall Library Parish Hall Classroom 2 Church OLR Classroom 4
WED	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Scripture Study Light is On Reconciliation ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Library Classroom 4 Church OLR
THU	8:15 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Scripture Study Survival Sacks Music Practice ESL at OLR	Parish Office Sacred Heart Church OLR
FRI	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Small Community of Faith Al-Anon Meeting	Off-site Parish Hall
SAT	9:30 a.m.	Small Community of Faith	Parish Hall Library
SUN	10:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Classes 3sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Parish Hall

Registration for Nicaragua

Registration for the Nicaragua Mission Trips is **now open** at <http://holyspiritchurch.org/nicaragua-mission-trip>.

Youth Trip is July 7th-14th - Family Trip is July 14th-21st

**Registration closes
Friday, March 9th, at
6:00 p.m.** For more
information or for
questions, please
contact Dan Crocker at
dan@crockerworld.org.





HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

March 17 - 18



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This Lenten season, give the gift of shelter!



Holy Spirit just launched our 5th domestic mission trip with our partner, Next Step Ministries. 54 missionaries from our parish traveled to San Augustine, Texas for the third year in a row in support of our long-term commitment to help the people in the San Augustine and Broaddus communities. They worked on a variety of projects from installing drywall and insulation to building porches and repairing roofs, all to improve the living conditions of the residents.

We recognize that not everyone can travel to Texas, but you can help by donating to our Build A House Campaign

How does it work?

This summer, a house will be built from the ground up in San Augustine, Texas. All the labor will be lovingly provided by missionaries, so every dollar you donate will go directly to purchasing the materials needed to build the house.

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For more information and to make your donation, visit: <https://squareup.com/store/HSPTX>

Way of the Cross



Come and join Fr. Joe Kim and Catholics from all over the Silicon Valley for a public witness of our following of Jesus on the Way of the Cross on Good Friday.

We will gather at the Newman Center at San Jose State University (300 S 10th St, San Jose) at **9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 30th** and follow the Way of the Cross through downtown San Jose, finishing at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph before noon. Come and follow Jesus publicly on the day He took our shame on Himself to redeem us.

The event is sponsored by the international lay Catholic movement Communion and Liberation and the Newman Center at San Jose State. Contact Letizia for more info: letizia.bizzozero@gmail.com.



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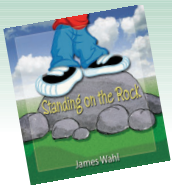
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