



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019



Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia, Alleluia. After 40 days of Lent, it is great to reach this Easter Sunday and celebrate as a worldwide Church the reality of the risen Christ in our lives and the powerful message of how God's love conquers sin and hatred.

Lent this year seemed harder than previous years.

Maybe it was because it was so late or maybe because the winter was wetter than usual. Or honestly, maybe it was because the Catholic Church had to go through a metanoia (conversion of mind and heart) of its own. We, as an international Church, needed to deal with the reality of the sexual abuse of the past and how the Church failed to deal with it appropriately years ago. It was time to turn away from the sin of cover ups and acknowledge the terrible curse of sexual abuse and stop covering up the reality of the horrible sin.

I don't think we have fully dealt with it yet but at least as a local diocese we have stepped forward and owned the past. We have proactively led the way in being transparent and accountable. The Church universal needs to now do the same and we need to call it to action. The pain of the past will not heal until we have admitted our mistakes and made amends. We now need to enter into the Easter season with hearts renewed and convinced of the power of God's love to conquer all evil.

The message of Easter and that of the 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.

Jesus exemplified this mandate by the way he lived his life. Loving all people, especially those in need and his enemies who perceived him to be a threat. He showed us the way of forgiveness and love. That will ultimately grant us freedom.

The ultimate message of Easter is that love wins. 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 death 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.

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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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How do you experience Jesus' peace during this Easter Season?



There is a great song by Michael Buble. It is one of my favorite songs, called "Feeling Good." It has these lyrics:

*Birds flying high
 You know how I feel
 Sun in the sky
 You know how I feel
 Reeds driftin' on by
 You know how I feel*

*It's a new dawn
 It's a new day
 It's a new life
 For me
 And I'm feeling good
 I'm feeling good*

*Fish in the sea
 You know how I feel
 River running free
 You know how I feel
 Blossom on the tree
 You know how I feel*

*Dragonfly out in the sun, you know what I mean, don't you know
 Butterflies all havin' fun, you know what I mean
 Sleep in peace when the day is done, that's what I mean
 And this old world is a new world
 And a bold world
 For me
 For me*

*Stars when you shine
 You know how I feel
 Scent of the pine
 You know how I feel
 Oh freedom is mine
 And I know how I feel*

*It's a new dawn
 It's a new day
 It's a new life*

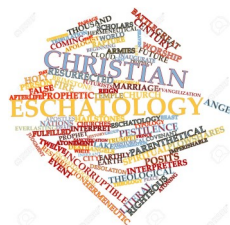
Today we celebrate that we are all feeling good and that we are called to spread that goodness, that joy out to the whole world. This is a new dawn. This is a new day. And it is a new life...in the Resurrection of Christ himself.

This year let's celebrate Easter in a new way by sharing the joy of a new day. First, allow the Love of Christ into your heart and accept that God loves us beyond imagination. Then love someone else. Say something, do something that shows your radical love for them. It does not need to make sense! Just do it from the heart. If you can do it to someone who does not love you or even like you, all the better! But share the love of Christ with someone today especially those in need or homebound.

Happy Easter from the staff at the church and school. May God's love warm your heart and allow you can celebrate this new dawn, new day, new life.

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Eschatology-the second coming of Jesus



It was really challenging to gather facts with regards to the doctrine of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. They all pointed to the same eschatological, or end of times, discourse that could be found in the Synoptic Gospels which is sometimes called the Synoptic Apocalypse.

In addition, Ulrich Luz, a bible commentator, wrote that Apocalyptic texts do not simply relate to historical experiences; they must be interpreted from a point of view that lies beyond history, which modern readers can understand their relevance. Jesus Christ Himself makes use of biblical language and traditional images in order to interpret and reinterpret the experiences of the community from a divine perspective.

It is not that it is so complicated to understand or to comprehend the doctrine on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, but this is one of the mysteries of our faith. It is not that it is unexplainable, but it is so overwhelming to learn and to absorb. This glorious event must be the most climactic, historical, ultimate, and momentous episode in human history. Jesus Christ will come again.

When? We don't know. We must remain vigilant and watchful. Time is not of the essence here. The truth about this doctrine showed us the love of the Triune God. He was the God of the past, He is the God of the present, and ultimately, He will be the God of the future, i.e. the glorious and the triumphant God.

It is very important for the people of God to know this and to share this good news. It is hoped that they will be motivated to exercise greater faith in God and change their ways eventually. Again, what is important is to prepare ourselves and be ready anytime for Jesus Christ's second coming.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- M 4/22 Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- T 4/23 Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- W 4/24 Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- TH 4/25 Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- F 4/26 Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
- S 4/27 Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
- SU 4/28 Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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

- T 4/23 8:30 John "Trip" Ward
Heslin
- TH 4/25 8:30 Mary Mikell Desmond
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- S 4/27 5:00 Arun Mathai
- SU 4/28 8:00 Kathy Moritz †
11:30 Holy Spirit Parish
6:00 Evelyn Machado †

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Steve Herreria, Phyllis Keeney,
Nora Koehmstedt,



STEWARDSHIP



Hospitality Weekend

Please join us for Hospitality Weekend:

After Saturday 5pm Mass on **April 27th** & After Sunday morning Masses on **April 28th**

The April Hospitality has been changed from its normal, third weekend of the month because of Easter.

Hope to see you there!

Target and Trader Joes and Sacred Heart-Oh my!!



We are in need of people to pick up food and goods from Target on Hillsdale Avenue and Trader Joes on Los Gatos Blvd and deliver them to Sacred Heart Community Services. We work in teams of 2 people and meet at 8:30 at Target on Mondays and 9:30 at Trader Joes on Tuesday thru Friday. You would have a specific day to glean that works with your schedule. If you can spare 1 morning a month (or more) for 1-2 hours this is a great opportunity to help your community. If you are interested or have questions please contact Maria Pecota at mpecota@gmail.com

SECOND OFFERINGS

April 28th	Home Missions
May 5th	Holy Spirit School

Survival Sack Distribution

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 homeless and living on the streets of San Jose. We usually distribute 40 Sacks per day.



Survival Sacks will be distributed on May 2nd and 16th. The signup link can be found, starting April 29th on the parish website at holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/. Volunteers must be 16 or older. We meet at Sacred Heart at **8:45 a.m.** and finish up around **10:45 a.m.**

We have the privilege of looking for the face of Christ in each of our clients. If you are unable to volunteer, we would request that you say the following prayer for the homeless each day during your meditation time:

God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus whose earthly life began in a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross. We hold before you those who are homeless. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who provide them with shelter, food, and friendship. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you have any questions, please contact either Patty or Tom at tnburgei@yahoo.com or call (408) 356-6773. **Thank you.**



Saturday Lunch Ministry

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.

We invite ten families to join us **on May 4th**, the first 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. You can sign up at www.holyspiritchurch.org/sandwich-ministry/

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Happy Easter to you all. A very special thank you to all the youth who participated in the Good Friday Passion Proclamation. It was a powerful testament to the love that Christ has for us. The youth spent many hours in preparation, and they did a wonderful job!

3sixty High School Ministry

Please note that there will be no 3sixty after the 6pm Mass. 3sixty resumes back on Sunday, April 28th to cap off our series on **Taking Care**. This night will focus on taking care of our souls.



Edge Middle School Ministry

Our next and final Edge night for the year will be on Wednesday, May 8th. We'll recap our year in ministry and enjoy in fellowship. All middle school youth are welcome to attend.



Confirmation Year 2

Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates as they make their final preparation to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their celebration will be on **Sunday, April 28th**.



FAITH FORMATION

The Paschal Candle



During Easter Vigil, the priest or deacon carries the Paschal candle in procession into the dark church. The fire symbolizes our eternal life in Christ. The candle, representing Christ, the Light of the World, is blessed by the priest. During the blessing, pins containing gains incense is placed on the cross along with the Greek letters A and Ω to indicate that Christ is the beginning and the end of all. The numbers of the current year is also placed on to the candle.

The Paschal candle remains in the Sanctuary during the full 50 days of the Easter season, and is lit for liturgical services during that time. After Pentecost, the candle will be placed next to the baptismal font.

The Paschal candle is lit during all baptisms. There, parents receive a candle lit from the Paschal candle, on behalf of their newly baptized child. The Paschal candle is also lit at funerals as a sign that Christ has conquered death, and that in him, we too receive the promise of eternal life.

CALLING HSS Class of 2015 Alum!

We are looking for those high school seniors who graduated from Holy Spirit School in 2015. Please email maria.apodaca@dsj.org to ensure you receive the invitation to HSS Class of 2015 Alum Reception on **Monday, May 6.**

Exodus Visits HSS



Thank you to Exodus, the Liturgical Rock Band from Archbishop Mitty High School who performed for our students and got almost every student on their feet!



Prayer Requests

As Christians, we are one body in Christ. During times of adversity and suffering, we help one another to heal, to move on, and to evolve even more into who God is asking us to become. Prayers of petition allow us to place ourselves in a position of complete trust in God, without any demands for particular outcome. Prayer does not change God and may not result in changed outcomes, but it does change us. With open hands, we become receptive to what may come and more aware of the spirit of God working in our world.



If you or someone you love is in need of prayers please contact Pastoral Care Ministries at 997-5110. Requests are honored and answered through the following prayer ministries at Holy Spirit:

The Book of Prayers (add your prayers in the church at any time)

Prayers of the Faithful (Intercessions at weekend masses)

Parish Prayer List (Updated daily for the pastoral team)

Mass Intentions (scheduled in advance through the Office, 408-997-5101)

Prayer Partners (volunteer one-to-one private daily prayers)

To become a Prayer Partner, or for more information, contact Leah Harris, Pastoral Care Coordinator at leah.harris@dsj.org.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 4/22	7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Parish Office Closed for Easter Mon. No Daily Mass Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 4/23	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Workshop Women's Faith Group	Parish Hall Classroom 3 Parish Hall
WED 4/24	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m.	Men's Faith Group Bridge Bible Study: Bishop Robert Barron	Parish Office Parish Hall Classroom 4
THU 4/25	8:30 a.m.	Daily Mass	Church
FRI 4/26	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting	Parish Hall
SAT 4/27	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Carlos Gonsalves Funeral Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	Be Still Room Church Parish Hall
SUN 4/28	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Nursery Closed Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Confirmation Ceremony 3Sixty Youth Night	Pre-K Room Parish Hall Basilica Parish Hall

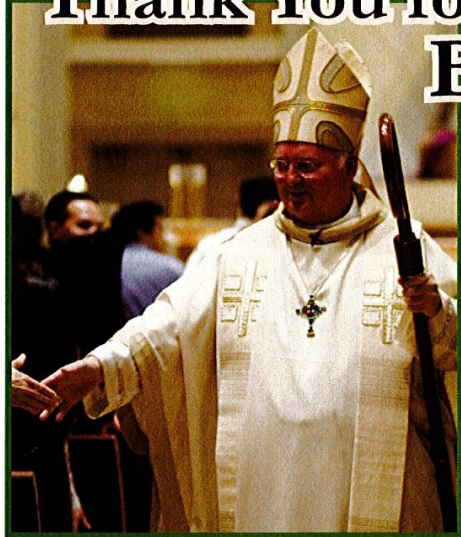


Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

We welcome our newly initiated Neophytes at the Easter Vigil on April 21st.

- Samantha Campbell
- Anthony Hensley
- Nicolas Martin
- Gena Phelps
- Paige Rosckes
- Abenie Santillan
- Eric Smith
- Angela Woods

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