



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11th, 2019

Faith Formation Registration Last Opportunity to Register



2019-2020 Faith Formation Classes

Grades K-5

Class schedules are:

Sundays 10:45-11:45 am

or

Mondays 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 pm

For those interested in First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation through the Domestic Church program at Holy Spirit, We ask that your child be at least in second grade and experience two years of religious education, no earlier than 1st grade, either through Catholic School education or the parish Faith Formation classes prior to celebrating their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Preparation begins during year two.

You can register at: <http://bit.ly/faithformationreg2019>

Questions? Please contact Melissa Brush at Melissa.brush@dsj.org

**Registration for the 2019-2020 year will close on
Monday, August 12th.**



Back to School Prayer

Loving God,

Thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children, as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.

Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

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NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



After writing in last weekend's bulletin about the senseless violence in Gilroy, I was shocked to arrive home from Ireland to yet another outburst of gun violence in Dayton, Ohio and El Paso, Texas. It is hard to imagine why these occurrences of gun violence do not readily bring us together to defend the vulnerable and innocent. And the headlines seem to divide us even further.

However, these violent outbursts are symptoms of a deeper wound in our society. Our nation is significantly divided on how to deal with important matters that effect our future as a nation. We need to seek common ground to address defense of the vulnerable and innocent. We need to seek a common language that *unites* us and not *divides* us. We all need to use language that *heals and gathers us* and not *wounds and divides us*.



Michael Okińczyc-Cruz, executive director of [the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership](#), said these shootings require the nation to admit "that it has never truly healed from the evil of racism." He continues by adding, "The racially motivated murder of Mexican Americans and several Mexican nationals this past weekend in El Paso is another visceral and devastating example of the perpetual power and force of the ideology of white supremacy that continues to warp the minds, spirits and hearts of many white young men."

Mr. Okińczyc-Cruz, who works through racial tensions in the Chicago area, said to America magazine, "Christians are called to 'love our enemies' and resist a debate that pits one side against the other. True love demands courage, solidarity, honesty and risk," he said. "It also requires us to face the demons of our nation's past and present, to call forth the depths of courage and moral strength within each of us, to work together for a fundamental moral reform that our nation urgently requires, to face our enemies even during the most terrorizing of times and to seek the conversion of their hearts and spirits."

We all need to demand that our leaders, both civil and church, to call us to become our best selves and seek to unite us to a common good and not seek to use these events to further reinforce "our sides" opinions. It is imperative that we unite against the forces of evil and not further any political or ecclesial agendas. We need to condemn, in no uncertain terms, these horrendous acts of violence and demand full justice. We also need to reflect deeply if our leaders, or anyone, says anything that in any way enables, encourages, or empowers such xenophobic or racial hatred to be fostered in any heart anywhere.

Yes, we need to pray for peace and unity but at the same time we need to demand changes to our systems that allow easy access to guns. And to speak out against rhetoric that encourages hatred to be festured. Please pray for healing for all effected by these acts of violence. Challenge anyone who uses any racial or xenophobic language whether friend, family or leader.

Question of the Week

When you hear the reading today, what word or phrase caught your attention? What really struck you in today's reading?

The Feast of the Assumption



On August 15, the Feast of the Assumption, is the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother Christ. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast commemorates two events: the departure of Mary from this life and the assumption of her body and soul into heaven.

By tradition, Mary lived at Ephesus after the death of Jesus, but her tomb was presumably found in Jerusalem. Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but her tomb, when opened, upon the request of Saint Thomas, was found empty and the Apostles concluded that her body was taken up to heaven.

Mary was assumed into heaven and not ascended: to ascend is to rise up under one's own power; to be assumed means something that is done to one. Jesus was ascended to heaven by His own power while Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God.

The Feast of the Assumption was one of the four dogmas of Blessed Virgin Mary. It was declared and promulgated by Pope Pius XII in 1946, i.e. "Mary, the immaculate and perpetual virgin, the Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven," which is an essential teaching to the Catholic faith.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- M 8/12 Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
- T 8/13 Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- W 8/14 Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
- TH 8/15 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- F 8/16 Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
- S 8/17 Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
- Su 8/18 Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

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

- W 8/14 8:30 Anne Marie & Jose Flahaux
- TH 8/15 8:30 Joyce Vanderhorst
Erneal Vanderhosrt
Ruby Hawkins †
- S 8/17 5:00 Holy Spirit Parish
- SU 8/18 8:00 Nick Scocca †
Jordan Mahoney †
- 9:30 Norma Yost
Margaret Yost
- 11:30 Sam Cancilla †
Alfonso Santolalla
- 6:00 Holy Spirit Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Colleen Conley, Gene Conroy,
Mary Kane





Register Now

Friday, Oct 18, 4:00pm
through
Sunday, Oct 20, 2:00pm

Fr. Brendan McGuire

*Non-silent Retreat for Women
and Men*

When our cell phones or computers don't work as they should, we are told to "hard reset" them. That means literally turning the power off and restarting them. Our spiritual lives are the same.

Sometimes things are not working as they should and we need to do something. Come and reset your spiritual life.

Fr. Brendan will use his experience as a former executive from the IT world to guide people working in the tech industry through a reset procedure for our spiritual life.

Pack a Back Thanks You!



Thank you to everyone who volunteered or donated backpacks and school supplies to Sacred Heart's Pack a Back campaign.

During our backpack drive last month, we received hundreds of essential school items, including backpacks, calculators, notebooks, and monetary donations. We are deeply grateful to all the generous Holy Spirit parishioners who gave their time, talent, and treasure to this campaign.

Having all the necessary school supplies gives kids confidence as they start the school year. Your donations also help alleviate the financial stress that is placed on struggling families who must sometimes choose between food, clothing, and school supplies.

Two weeks ago, a group of youth and adults from Holy Spirit went to Sacred Heart to sort and categorize donated supplies.

Last Saturday, another multigenerational crew of Holy Spirit volunteers packed the supplies into grade-specific kits for the registered children. Both crews enjoyed hard work and fellowship.

Then, just this past Friday, the day finally came to distribute 3,300 backpacks!

A group of 15 teens and adults from Holy Spirit had the privilege of helping the happy children pick out their very own backpacks and supply kits.

Your donations and efforts brought smiles to the faces of 3,300 students from kindergarten through High School. Thank you!

Survival Sacks

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 distributed to those who are homeless and living on the streets of San Jose, usually about 50 on each distribution day.

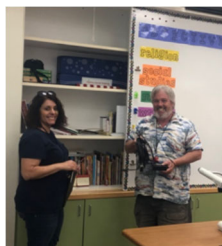
Consider joining us on **August 15th**. We meet at Sacred Heart at **8:45am** and finish up about **10:45am**. For questions, please contact Tom Burgei and Patty O'Neil at tnburgei@yahoo.com.



Holy Spirit School News



Bulletin Boards are ready and our teachers are hard at work getting ready for the new school year.



This year's theme – "Let your Light Shine" adorns many of our walls and we look forward to sharing some of the bright spots on our campus with you this year



This **Wednesday, August 14** our campus comes alive again as students and teachers fill the newly carpeted, freshly scrubbed and squeaky clean classrooms! We are happy to welcome returning faces and excited to meet all the new ones

Laser Tag Social Recap

On Tuesday, July 30th, youth from 3sixty joined in on a fun night of laser tag along with youth from St. Anthony, St. Simon, and St. Francis of Assisi. It was a great night in faith and fellowship.



Youth Ministry Registrations

Registrations for Edge Middle School Ministry and 3sixty High School Ministry are now up on the website. Please consider registering for these wonderful and uplifting ministries. 3sixty kicks off on Sunday, September 8 and Edge on Wednesday, September 11. More details to follow. Contact Row at row.david@dsj.org for any questions.

Confirmation

Registrations for Confirmation will open up next weekend. Prospective candidates may enroll as early as the 7th grade. Confirmation is a two-year process for middle school youth. Youth in high school will be on a separate track. Registrations are all online. Please visit the parish website for more info and for the link to register.



Come Sing with Us!

Holy Spirit Children's Choir consists of students from grades 1-5, and aims to give the young church an opportunity to explore their faith and serve their community while having fun singing in praise to God.

This Choir serves at the 11:30am Mass every first and third Sunday of each month during the school year and Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday.

They rehearse every Monday from 3:15pm-4:30pm.

Interested in signing up your student to serve?

Contact John Kellett at John.kellett@dsj.org for an application. All students are welcome!

Rehearsals for the Children's choir will be on **Monday, August 19th,**

Our First Children's Choir Mass will be on **Sunday, September 15th.**





Pastoral Care

Scheduled for surgery?

Recovering from illness?

Homebound because of advanced age?

If you or someone you know would benefit from prayers, a pastoral care visit or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, contact Leah Harris, Director of Pastoral Care, 997-5110 or lharris@dsj.org.

Feel called to minister to the sick and homebound? Contact Leah at 408-997-5110.

| WEEK AT A GLANCE | | | |
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| Dates subject to change. View our complete calendar at: www.holyspiritchurch.org | | | |
| MON 8/12 | 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m. | Joint Leadership Meeting Men's Faith Group AA Meeting | School Library Classroom 2 Classroom 3 |
| TUE 8/13 | 7:00 p.m. | SMOC Meeting | Parish Office |
| WED 8/14 | 6:30 a.m. | Men's Faith Group | Parish Office |
| THU 8/15 | 8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Assumption of the Virgin Mary Mass Survival Sacks Assumption of the Virgin Mary Mass | Church Sacred Heart Church |
| FRI 8/16 | 9:30 a.m. | Al-Anon Meeting | Parish Hall |
| SAT 8/17 | 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | Sacred Heart Saturday Hospitality | Sacred Heart Courtyard |
| SUN 8/18 | 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. | Hospitality after all Masses Nursery Faith Formation Classes | Courtyard Parish Hall Parish Hall |

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Bethlehem Artworks

Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale the third weekend of **August the 17th and 18th after all the masses.**

Bethlehem Artworks is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to over 100 plus suffering families each week.

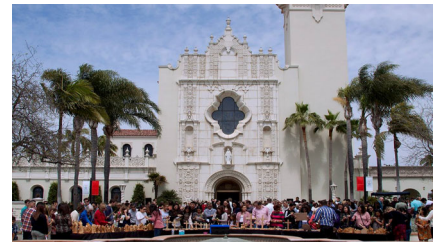
Please stop by the tables outside and take a look at our beautiful handmade rosaries, statues, crosses and nativities.

They will make a wonderful present for family and friends; or an opportunity to add a beautiful hand carved religious item for your home to be cherished through generations.

The religious articles are made by the suffering Christian families in the Holy-Land, and are their means of spreading the word of Jesus, a goal that began two thousand years ago.

The population in the Holy Land has dropped from over 65% to under 2% just within the last 10 years.

Crafting the religious articles is the primary means for providing for the livelihood of Christian families in the Holy Land.



Growing Our Friendship with Jesus

Our goal is for all members of the Holy Spirit Parish Community to grow in a loving relationship with God through the person of Jesus.



The "Growing Our Friendship with Jesus" process was developed to take everyone from where they currently are in their faith journey and help them grow in their relationship with Jesus. This adult formation process strives to fit your busy schedule and support you in your commitment to personal prayer and service to others.

The "planting process" provides you with tools and practices that will help you learn to use your daily prayer time. This process is for anyone looking to be more consistent and deliberate in their prayer life.

The participants will be presented methods of creating a sacred space for prayer, developing a routine, and using scripture and other forms of prayer to enrich your daily prayer experience.

In addition to the opening and closing retreats and the 4-week sessions, the participants will be asked to pray and journal daily for up to 30 minutes.

At the end of the session, the participants will be ready to attend another planting session or experience one of our cultivation sessions.

| Planting Sessions: | Date: | Time: | | Topic: |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Opening Retreat | 9/14/19 | Saturday 9:00-12:00pm | Parish Hall | Retreat |
| Planting | 9/19/19 | Thursday 7:00-8:30pm | HSS Library | Imaginative Prayer |
| Planting | 9/26/19 | Thursday 7:00-8:30pm | HSS Library | Examen Prayer |
| Planting | 10/3/19 | Thursday 7:00-8:30pm | HSS Library | Making time for prayer |
| Planting | 10/10/19 | Thursday 7:00-8:30pm | HSS Library | How to handle distractions |
| Planting | 10/17/19 | Thursday 7:00-8:30pm | HSS Library | Lectio Divina |
| Retreat | 10/19/19 | Saturday 9:00-4:00pm | Parish Hall | Closing retreat |