



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 12th, 2020



As we begin a new year and indeed a new decade, I realize that this is a big year, 2020! We have been through a lot over the last decade. Not only has our economy bounced back from the Great Recession of the 2008 but we have surpassed so many markers that now everyone is wondering if it will all come to an end soon. Our own Silicon Valley has more IPOs and more mergers than ever before, and our local economy is humming.

Yet all of this success has brought so much congestion to our roads and the price of homes has skyrocketed leaving many people behind economically. It has affected everyone, not just the low-wage earners. Homelessness is becoming a huge issue and affordable housing is affecting teachers, police officers, firefighters, etc. In the middle of this, our national politics has been polemic like never before. We have grown accustomed to lies and exaggeration as well as fake news. A lot of people have just given up trying to find the truth and have grown cynical about everything. What can we do differently in the new year and new decade ahead?

I recently read a brilliant article in *Correspondent* about this very issue and a solution called *Pro-Truth Pledge*. Author, Nesrine Malik says, "The Pro-Truth Pledge's solution is not to give up and engage in similar untruthful behavior to win people over. Rather, its founders want to harness the power of those who do believe in the importance of truth to put pressure on politicians and representatives to be – for want of a better word – factual. By acknowledging that we are in a crisis, the project confronts the problem head on without simply reeling off a series of factchecks. It is idealistic but rooted in a realistic view of human nature: when pressure is applied upwards to politicians to sign the pledge, some will comply, and then be held accountable."

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Nicaragua – Texas Mission Trip Scholarships

Second Collection Jan. 18-19



We are expecting two of our largest mission trips to Texas and Nicaragua this year. To help support these missions, a second collection will be taken at all masses on the weekend of **January 18 and 19**.

The Mission Scholarship collection will provide financial assistance to those parishioners who might not otherwise afford the opportunity these mission trips provide.

Most of our missionaries are able to cover the full cost of these trips to East Texas and Chinandega, Nicaragua. At the same time, for a few parishioners who find the cost out of reach, we provide scholarships to help make the trip possible.

To donate, please go to holyspiritchurch.org/online-giving/. Click "donate now" and select "Second Offerings". Thank you for your generosity.

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NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



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She goes on to illustrate that "It's not that people are stupid. It's because people are people. Our brains developed hundreds of thousands of years ago. They're hardwired to look for threats and to fear competing tribes. Group cohesion was a matter of life and death. These brains have not developed much since, and smartphones are now giving them information every day that triggers fear of others and a tribal mentality."

Brilliant! I love it. I am taking the ***Pro-Truth Pledge*** and I urge you to do the same. This will change our community first and in doing so we will demand change from everyone else.

I Pledge My Earnest Efforts To:

Share truth

- **Verify:** fact-check information to confirm it is true before accepting and sharing it
- **Balance:** share the whole truth, even if some aspects do not support my opinion
- **Cite:** share my sources so that others can verify my information
- **Clarify:** distinguish between my opinion and the facts

Honor truth

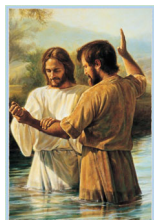
- **Acknowledge:** acknowledge when others share true information, even when we disagree otherwise
- **Reevaluate:** reevaluate if my information is challenged, retract it if I cannot verify it
- **Defend:** defend others when they come under attack for sharing true information, even when we disagree otherwise
- **Align:** align my opinions and my actions with true information

Encourage truth

- **Fix:** ask people to retract information that reliable sources have disproved even if they are my allies
- **Educate:** compassionately inform those around me to stop using unreliable sources even if these sources support my opinion
- **Defer:** recognize the opinions of experts as more likely to be accurate when the facts are disputed
- **Celebrate:** celebrate those who retract incorrect statements and update their beliefs toward the truth

Question of the Week

When have you been surprised to see goodness that you had overlooked in someone?



Baptism of the Lord

Pope Benedict once said, "Having reached adulthood, Jesus began His public ministry by going to the River Jordan to receive from John a baptism of penance and conversion." What might seem paradoxical in our eyes actually happened. Did Jesus need penance and conversion? Of course not. Yet the One who is without sin put Himself among sinners to be baptized, and joined those who recognized they were in need of forgiveness and asked God for the gift of their conversion. Jesus chose to join the ranks of sinners, to be in solidarity with them, expressing God's closeness to us.

The Baptism of John was instituted by God as to its rite, not as to its effect. It does not confer grace of itself. Its effect was repentance. There were four reasons Jesus chose to be baptized by John: First and foremost, the Baptism of Jesus through John institutionalized the Sacrament of Baptism. It is only through God alone that a Sacrament could be instituted. Second was to manifest Christ, to make Him known to all. It is the second of the three mysteries of Epiphany. John said, "... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that He, i.e. Jesus, might be made known to Israel." (John 1:31) John is "more than a prophet", he announced the end of the Old law and the beginning of the New law. The third is for the people to practice the Baptism of Christ. St. Gregory said in his homily, "...to be consistent with John's office as a precursor, as he had preceded our Lord's birth, he might also by baptizing precede Jesus who was about to be baptized." By persuading the people to do penance it prepares them to receive the true Baptism of Christ. As St. Bede said "It is an instruction in the faith that would profit the catechumen not yet baptized and draw them to the knowledge of truth so do the ministers of the Church, after instructing the catechumen, rebuke their sins, and promise them the forgiveness of theirs sins in the Baptism of Christ."

The baptism of John is a spiritual cleansing preparatory for the full interior cleansing brought by Christ. Thus, those who received John's baptism still had to receive Christ's baptism – even those who explicitly believed in Christ at the time of their being baptized by John. (Notes from the Theology of Sacraments class, 2017)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- M 1/13 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
- T 1/14 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
- W 1/15 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- TH 1/16 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- F 1/17 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- S 1/18 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- S 1/19 Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



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

- S 1/18 5:00 Gene Conry
 Anya Svrcek
- SU 1/19 8:00 Holy Spirit Parish
- 9:30 Don Murray
 Carmel Bastolm
 Dolores Fortich

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

- Jack Burke
 Phyllis Keeney
 Ray Leahy
 Karl Nigg
 Vince Tarpey

For those who have recently died:

- Linda Kurtz
 Laura Magallon



PARISH ACTIVITIES

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all those who donated to the Christmas Environment and for flowers in memory of and in honor of loved ones listed below for the church this Christmas. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Mr. & Mrs. John Flatley

Mike & Denise Richardson

Jim & Helen Healzer

Matthew & Stephanie Coffey

Daniel & Alicia Loube

Gilbert & Melissa Smith

Michael & Gina Phelps

Juan & Laurie Jimenez

Joan Taft

Anna Paluk

Barbara Sick

Donald & Kathleen Stagnaro

Janet Hogan

Kenneth & Harriet Holmes

William & Cindy Downey

Phil & Mary Dye

Paul & Yvonne McParland

Stella Lee

Samuel & Inez Cancilla

Bruce & Gail Tifft

Martha Conway

Michael & Monica Bayless

Gil & Mary Ann Smith

Gilbert & Youk Peng Danker

Catherine Vaccarella

Pat Grow

Frieda Sewald

Bernadette Schick

Clarinda Mascarenhas

Tom Campbell

Esther Chen

Dorothy Saska

Rose Silva

Aaron & Victoria Lington

Joseph & Michelle Layton

Yanfei & Christy Li

Amiel & Barbara Aguilar

Catherine Ramos

Nathaniel & Maricris Rufin

Brendan & Valerie Caleca

Oliver & Charlotte Bernard

Monica Benjamin

Michael & Lilian Ross

Diego & Reina Heredia-Montejano

Oscar & Sylvia Gutierrez

Gloria Schenone

George & Lydia Pinto

Jane Coppola

Johnny & Mei-Ling Chin

Marion Dadisman

Manuel & Allene Morales

Robert & Christine Jahncke

Robert & Lisa Walker

George & Elisabeth Langedyk

Richard & Dolores Harbrecht

Registration is Open for Nicaragua Mission Trips



In partnership with Amigos for Christ, we work shoulder-to-shoulder with Nicaraguan neighbors to bring clean water, healthcare, education, and economic opportunity to rural communities in need.

These mission trips are for adults and high school age minors. Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian

Online registration for the June 13-20 and June 20-27 Mission trips to Nicaragua are now open on the Holy Spirit website, <https://holyspiritchurch.org/nicaragua-mission-trip/>. Registration will remain open until Feb. 13th or until all 60 spots each week have been filled. The cost of the trip is \$1450 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 must be paid at registration.

Missionaries will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. All missionaries are expected to travel with the group.

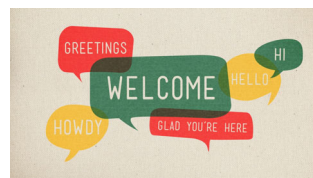
We will hold an information meeting for this trip **Sat. January 25, 2020** at 1 pm in the Church.

For questions and/or to be added to our mailing list, please send an email to hs.amigos@yahoo.com.

Hospitality

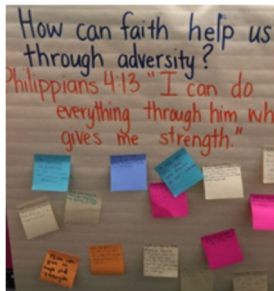
January 18th & 19th after all Masses

Come enjoy light refreshments and fellowship with your faith community. Don't forget to wear your name tag! If you need to order a new badge, please visit: holyspiritchurch.org/name-badges



Our classrooms are active again after a wonderful break and our pillars of faith, knowledge and community are present on the walls ... and under the counter of our middle school classrooms.

FAITH – students were prompted to reflect on Philippians 4:13 and apply it to their own lives.



KNOWLEDGE – STEM projects challenge creative thinking, collaboration and problem solving.



COMMUNITY – working together is more fun when you find a special spot with a friend.



Come see for yourself at our Open House on Sunday, January 26 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Teachers, students and staff will be onsite to answer questions and showcase class projects.

3sixty High School Ministry



Last Sunday, we had a great start to the 2020 year by looking back at our previous year and decade. It'll be great to see what this year has in store for us.

After the 6pm Mass, 3sixty continues the 2020 year by doing some goal setting. We will take a look at what we goals we can set for ourselves as well as visioning 3sixty for this next year!

Edge Middle School Ministry



The next Edge night will be on Wednesday, **January 15th**. We will take a look at the 2019 year and reflect on what we can look forward to for the 2020 year.

Confirmation Year 2



The next session for the second-year group will be on Wednesday, **January 22nd** at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Teaching Daily Examen for children- Another Prayer method



1. We are going to learn a way of praying that is another example of a good habit. You can use this way of praying every evening to have a quick talk with God. You can share with God the best parts of your day, and with his help, you can promise to try harder tomorrow.

2. St. Ignatius of Loyola gave us a way to pray each day. It is called the **Examen**. The Examen includes steps to follow at the end of each day to think about what we did and the choices we made. We use what we did today to plan for tomorrow.

Parents follow these simple steps as a family to prayer evening the Examen.

Let's begin. (Pause.)

Be still and quiet. (Pause.) Know that God is with you. (Pause.)

Think about your day from beginning until now. (Pause.)

Did you make good choices? (Pause.)

Did you sin? (Pause.)

Think about how much God loves you. (Pause.) Know that God forgives you when you sin. (Pause.)

Ask for God's forgiveness. (Pause.)

Think of ways God can help me tomorrow.

WOW Event



Save the date!

WOW
(Widows or Widowers)

*Old Fashioned
"Schools Days
Valentine"
Tea Party*

*Saturday
February 8th, 2020
2:00-4:00pm*

*RSVP to the Parish
Office
408-997-5101*



WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 1/13	3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal Faith Formation Village House Parish Council Meeting Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Church Parish Hall Church/Office Parish Office Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 1/14	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Sharing Village House Women's Faith Group 3Sixty Core Team Meeting SMOC Meeting	Parish Hall Church/Office Classroom 4 Be Still Room Parish Office
WED 1/15	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Scripture Study Village House Edge Youth Night Enrichment Prayer Series	Parish Office Classroom 4 Church/Office Parish Hall School Library
THU 1/16	8:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Survival Sacks Village House Growing Our Friendship-Planting	Sacred Heart Church/Office School Library
FRI 1/17	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting Village House	Parish Office Church/Office
SAT 1/18	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m..	Small Community of Faith Ellie McLaughlin Funeral Village House	Be Still Room Church Church/Office
SUN 1/19	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	No Nursery No CLOW No Faith Formation Classes Village House 3Sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall Church/Office Parish Hall

Holidays at Sacred Heart Community Service

Holy Spirit Parishioners... you did it again!!! You helped brighten the holidays for so many in our community. During Sacred Heart's Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday programs, 152 parishioners gave their time to help out, many of you working multiple shifts.

You helped pack and distribute food for over 6100 families, and the new toys you organized were joyfully received by over 5500 families.

Thank you for your generous spirit and commitment to the agency.





Retrouvaille

A lifeline for marriages
Mike & Nancy Demaree
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Dear Bulletin Editor or Pastor,

Another marriage saving weekend is coming soon. Please help families in your community.

Most couples across the nation who have attended Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) tell us they learned about this program from their weekly Bulletin. Many are afraid to ask their pastor or friends for help with their marriages. Others are just hoping time will make things better.

They tell us that seeing the program announced repeatedly in their Bulletin gave them the courage to pick up the phone and make the call. Most say that Retrouvaille was the lifeline that helped their marriage and their family. **You are our lifeline to them!**

By running the announcement below of the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend right now and continuing to run it every week (if possible) you give troubled marriages and their hurting families a chance to heal. We thank you in advance!

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 7-9, 2020 call 408-605-4998 or email: SanJose@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com