



# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018



## Last Weekend for Tables Outside of Masses

You still have time to the gift of lasting change this Christmas in your name or in the name of a family member, friend, co-worker, or company!

Your generosity and support will literally save lives, and help provide a better future for the poor and neglected families of Nicaragua; some who do not even have the basic human necessities of access to clean water, safe shelter, or proper nutrition. Empower a child, a family, or even an entire community!

### Choose from the following gift items:

Chickens (set) - \$12

Feed a Student for a Year - \$60

Pigs - \$100

Clean Air Kitchens - \$250

Microloan - \$500

Modern Bathrooms - \$619

Water Systems - \$1000

A Mile of Pipe for a Water System - \$5000

Farmer's Well and Irrigation System - \$10000

Where We Need It Most - \$25 - \$5000



### Purchasing your gifts is EASY!

- \* Visit the Gifts of Opportunity table outside of church after Mass on December 15-16.
- \* Purchase your life changing gifts.
- \* Receive a beautiful Christmas card describing the impact of your specific gift.



Or for online purchases, visit <http://squareup.com/store/HSGO>.

Corporate Matching Programs accepted.

For more information, please contact Laura Smith at [sargi8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sargi8@sbcglobal.net).



### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve Schedule

- 4:00 pm in the Gym
- 4:00 pm in the Church
- 6:30 pm in the Church
- 9:00 pm in the Church
- 12:00 am in the Church

#### Christmas Day Schedule

- 8:00 am in the Church
- 9:30 am in the Church
- 11:30 am in the Church



The Parish Office will be closed from December 21st through January 1st.

Have a Merry Christmas!

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## Question of the Week

What anxieties are you dealing with this season and how can you give them over to God?

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Last week the Jesuits of two providences including the Jesuits West released their list of priests credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors. It has been hard for so many of you as you attended Jesuits schools and were in contact with these priests. While many of the names have already been available in the press for some time, others were not available until this list was shared last week.

Fr. Scott Santarosa, SJ, provincial of the Jesuits West, said, "On behalf of the Society of Jesus, I apologize to victims and their families. There is no greater betrayal of pastoral care than the abuse of a minor by someone with a sacred duty to protect and care for the People of God."

Bishop McGrath, Bishop Cantú, and the Diocese of San Jose commend the Jesuits West Province for releasing the names of Jesuits from their province who have been found credibly accused of sexual abuse of children. Publishing these names fosters healing for victims/survivors and provides additional assurance that no clergy accused of sexual misconduct with children is currently ministering in Santa Clara County.

If you or someone you know has been victimized by a Jesuit or any other priests contact local law enforcement. You are also encouraged to contact the province's Advocacy Coordinator, Mary Pat Panighetti at 408-893-8398 or for diocesan priests please contact Anthony Gonzalez at (408) 983-0113.

Again, it is hard for us to internalize all these abuses by clergy. Many of you have shared with me how hard the conversations are with family members and co-workers about the Church and our Catholic faith in light of these abuses. It seems that we are constantly on the defense. With the holidays coming and attending Christmas parties, many of you have been put in the position to defend your faith and belief in the Jesus and the church.

To help with these discussions, I will hold an informal listening session on **Sunday, Dec 16th at 10:30am in the School Library** (after the 9:30am Mass) to listen to your questions and help you navigate those conversations with an authentic voice especially in light of the message of Christmas. This session is a pilot session and if it proves helpful, we will hold others in the New Year.

On another note, the Village House shelter will be opening at Holy Spirit on **Jan. 4th**. It does take a village of volunteers to operate this shelter and WE NEED YOU! I know many of you helped in previous years and we need your commitment again. Currently **we are less than 50% full on volunteers**. Please go to the parish website and select the volunteer sign up link. I guarantee your life will not be the same after you work with these women.

I like to think of each of these women as Mary and Joseph seeking a room at the "Village Inn." We have chosen to open our house to them and treat these women as if they were the mother of God herself. Please help us minister to them and love them while they are here.

Looking forward to seeing you at Mass this weekend and for the listening session.

## LIVING THE LITURGY



### O Come O Come Emmanuel

As our Advent Season draws nearer to a close, we begin to deepen our prayer in preparation for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. It is common for our communal prayer to be the driving force behind our season. For example, Evening Prayer uses a

set of seven Antiphons that reflect our preparations for the coming of Christ at Christmas. They are often referred to as the "O Antiphons." They are called the "O Antiphons" because the first word of each one begins with the exclamation "O". The following verses of the "O Antiphons" can be heard in "O Come O Come Emmanuel."

#### December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

#### December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

#### December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

#### December 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

#### December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

(From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers")

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 12/1	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
T 12/18	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
W 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
TH 12/20	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
F 12/21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
S 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
SU 12/23	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



### 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 12/17	8:30	Candida
TU 12/18	8:30	Donna Junghaene
W 12/19	8:30	Dolores Fortich †
TH 12/20	8:30	Gloria MCandliss †
F 12/21	8:30	Socorro Magallon †
SA 12/22	5:00	Holy Spirit Parish
SU 12/23	8:00	Peter Thul †
	9:30	Herbert Saska † Anne Francioch †

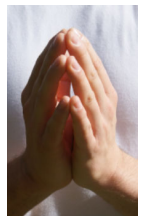
## PRAYER REQUESTS

### For those who are ill:

Gene Conry, Evan Grober,  
Donna Junghaene,  
Katie Peckham

### For those who have recently died:

David Grant Campbell





**Village House Shelter Opens January 4 at Holy Spirit Parish; Register Now to Volunteer**

The year-round rotating shelter for women opens on January 4 here at the parish and runs through February 6. This will be our fourth year of opening the church to women who would otherwise be homeless this winter! It's only through your participation that this ministry is possible in providing a warm, safe and loving environment for our women guests!

During 2017-18 Village House, a temporary shelter for medically fragile homeless women, sheltered 51 women. Women stay in the program for an average of four months while they attempt to stabilize their lives. Here they will have a safe place to sleep each night, to shower, and have three meals every day, seven days per week. Most of all, they will be surrounded by people who give them unconditional love and support.

In the past year 76% left the program for another safe and stable environment. 35% were discharged to permanent housing, either a rental or living stably with family or friends.

There are volunteer opportunities with preparing meals, towels and linen laundry, intake and registrations, transportation, set-up and take down, medical and overnight supervision. Our volunteer sign-up page is now open at [www.holyspiritchurch.org/village-house](http://www.holyspiritchurch.org/village-house).

For volunteers who are over 18 and serving in overnight, intake or transportation positions we require:

- Clearance through Megan's Law.
- Fingerprint clearance through the Verify Group in Campbell or through any other Diocese of San Jose Clearance.
- Training for Safe Environment for Vulnerable Adults through [www.virtusonline.com](http://www.virtusonline.com) to be updated every 3 years.

For more information on screening, contact Katie Metzger at 408-997-5115.

**Sandwich Ministry**

Please consider joining us in an exciting way to serve others.

We meet in the Parish Hall 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 **this January 5th at 10:30 a.m.**

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.



**Holidays at Sacred Heart Community Service**

There are still many volunteer opportunities available at Sacred Heart Community Service for their holiday program. The weekday shifts on **December 17, 18 and 19**, are in particular need of your help.

Please take a moment to visit <http://holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service> to see where you can give the precious gift of your time.

Contact Mary Jane Vitkovich at [mjvitkovich@hotmail.com](mailto:mjvitkovich@hotmail.com) with any questions.





**First Reconciliation**

This past week, over 70 children here at Holy Spirit Parish completed their preparation and experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Parents were invited to lead by example and help their children reflect upon their experience.

When we come to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we come to Christ to ask for forgiveness. We always say before receiving the Eucharist, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Do we truly believe that our sins are truly forgiven when the priests, in God's name, absolve our sins? Do we come to seek this beautiful sacrament to prepare ourselves and make ourselves worthy to receive Him?

There will be times where we might feel reluctant, scared, or discouraged. But we should always remember that this sacrament also brings healing and the grace to help us avoid future sin. Remember, no sin is so great that it cannot be forgiven if a person seeks God's forgiveness.

**O Holy Night**

With all the end of year and Christmas parties filling our schedules, there is one event you don't want to miss this time of year. The Holy Spirit School community gathered for crafts, cookies, caroling and the blessing of our school Christmas tree last week. Our annual "O Holy Night" celebration reminds us to pause in the midst of our busyness and remember the why of Advent.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers for their tireless efforts.



**To learn more about our community or to visit Holy Spirit School, please call 408-268-0794.**



**3sixty High School Ministry**

Last Sunday, we had a great time at our Advent and

Christmas social. To cap off our 2018 year, **this weekend after the 6pm Mass we will be having a Christmas Praise and Worship night.** This will be a great way to prepare our hearts for the Christmas season. All high school youth are welcome to attend.



**Edge Middle School Ministry**

Edge last week was a great way to end our calendar year. Our next Edge night will be on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019!**



**Confirmation Year 2**

The next session is on **Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.** starting in the Church. Both candidates and sponsors are to attend this meeting. Parents or other relatives or friends may proxy if the sponsor cannot attend.



**Caring For Yourself During the Holidays**

Despite the many joys of the season, they can add a heavy load of duty and responsibility which cause feelings of stress to soar. Caregivers, parents, and those carrying grief in their hearts are especially affected by this stress. How do you limit the triggers of stress or cope with the stress that is sometimes unavoidable?

- Make a to-do list, organize, then eliminate any unnecessary commitments.
- Call on your support network.
- Learn to say “No, thank you.”
- Don’t aim for perfection.
- Laugh – it’s good for your body and your soul!
- Maintain your health/diet/exercise.
- Spend devoted time with immediate family (this replenishes and alleviates guilt).
- Remember to breathe—take deep slow breaths to calm mind and body.
- Journal and pray.

“Self-care is not selfish.” Throughout the holiday season, and year-round, remember to be good to yourself. Caregivers work very hard and deserve quality time to meet their own emotional needs. Only by replenishing our own reserves can we continue to give to others.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Dates subject to change. View our complete calendar at: [www.holyspiritchurch.org](http://www.holyspiritchurch.org)

MON 12/17	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Christmas Food Distribution Prayer Shawl Ministry Faith Formation Class Texas Mission Trip Meeting Finance Council Meeting Men’s Faith Group AA Meeting	Sacred Heart Classroom 2 Parish Hall Church Parish Office Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 12/18	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Food Distribution Women’s Faith Group Christmas Pageant Practice Women’s Faith Group 3sixty Core Meeting	Sacred Heart Parish Hall Church Off Site Be Still Room
WED 12/19	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men’s Faith Group Toy Distribution Scripture Study-Revelation Confirmation 2 Meeting Adult Choir Practice	Parish Office Sacred Heart Classroom 4 Church/Parish Hall Church
THU 12/20	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	School Mass Toy Distribution Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal	Church Sacred Heart Gym
FRI 12/21	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting	Parish Hall
SAT 12/22	5:00 p.m.	Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	Parish Hall
SUN 12/23	8:30 a.m.	RCIA	Be Still Room



**Nursery Closed**

The Nursery will not be open on the following Sundays:

**December 23rd**

**December 30th**

**January 6th**

**Art and Environment**

Help is needed for Christmas Liturgies!

**Gym Set-Up on Saturday, December 22 at 9:00am**

**Church Set-Up on Monday, December 24 at 9:00am**

Please contact Sue Schill at [sue@bobschill.com](mailto:sue@bobschill.com) if you're interested/available to help. We can sign off on hours for those seeking volunteer hours.





**Tax Preparation Opportunity at Sacred Heart Community Service**

Every year Sacred Heart Community Service prepares hundreds of tax returns for low income customers as a part of the IRS VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program. For the 2017 tax year, they were able to secure \$300,157 dollars in federal refunds for those customers!

Sacred Heart Community Service is looking for more volunteers and, we at Holy Spirit Church, can help!

Volunteers will be trained January 6, 13, and 20. Actual tax preparation begins the first week of February and ends the week of April 15. Taxes are prepared in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., as well as on Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. beginning on January 22 through April 15.

You do not need to be a trained accountant to participate, but some knowledge of simple income tax guidelines is helpful.

If you are interested in volunteering for this much needed service, please contact Efrain Segundo Orozco at Sacred Heart to schedule your training. You can reach him at 408-278-2190 or at efrains@sacredheartcs.org.

You do not need to volunteer for all preparation evenings; you will choose which day(s) you can participate. It is important that you sign up with Efrain no later than Thursday, December 27, to participate.

Thanks for considering this "Time and Talent" opportunity!

**Monthly Doctors' Mass**

All medical doctors are invited to attend a monthly Mass specifically dedicated to physicians and their work throughout our San Jose Diocese. Mass is held **each first Saturday of the month at 7:00 a.m. at St. Frances Cabrini Church** in San Jose.

The next Doctors' Mass is scheduled for **January 5th**. Come give your medical vocation some extra spiritual attention.

Mass is followed by a light breakfast and fellowship with colleagues.

For more information, contact Dr. Steve Bui at [khoi.bui@kp.org](mailto:khoi.bui@kp.org) or call 408-972-6846.

**Catholic Charities Pilgrimages**

Catholic Charities of California is excited to be hosting walking pilgrimages in Spain along the Camino de Santiago and in Italy along the Via Francigena, as well as non-walking pilgrimages visiting colonial Catholic Churches in Cuba and following in the footsteps of martyrs in Mexico!

These pilgrimages will change your life and support the work of Catholic Charities of California.

**Please join us for an informational meeting at Holy Spirit on Saturday, January 27th at 5:00 p.m.**

To RSVP for the meeting or for more info, contact CCC at [pilgrim@catholiccharitiesca.org](mailto:pilgrim@catholiccharitiesca.org) or 916-706-1539 Ext. 12.



**Save the Date for the Gold Rush Gala!**

The Gold Rush Gala will be held on **March 30, 2019** at Villa Ragusa in downtown Campbell!

Invitations will go out early 2019. Ticket price includes dinner and dancing!

Save the date to Wager in the Wild West! Proceeds go to Holy Spirit School.

Stay tuned for sponsorship and underwriting opportunities in the upcoming months. Please consider donating.

For ways to get involved please email us at [hssauction@dsj.org](mailto:hssauction@dsj.org).