



# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15th, 2019



**ONLINENOW AND WEEKENDS OF**  
**DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>**  
**DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>**  
**DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Holy Spirit Church** is once again excited to offer our community the opportunity to **give the gift of lasting change!** This Christmas, we invite you to share joy by giving opportunity in rural Nicaragua in your name, your loved ones, or friends' names. Your generosity and support will bless a child, family, or entire community. Whether it's the health of a family, their economic development, or education, your support will have a lasting impact.



### HOW IT WORKS:

1. You purchase Gifts of Opportunity on behalf of your friends and family members by either:
  - ◆ stopping by the **Gifts of Opportunity** table outside of church after any mass on the designated days listed above and meet some of our incredible volunteers that will share their stories, and tell you firsthand how your gift will **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** this Christmas!
  - ◆ Or by visiting <http://amigosforchrist.org/gohs/>
2. Your loved ones receive a beautiful card and keepsake ornament that explains the impact of their gift.
3. Families or communities in Nicaragua receive opportunities that will change their lives forever.

**Corporate Matching Programs accepted • Donations are tax deductible**

### 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**  
**December 24th thru. January 5th**  
**For the Christmas Season**

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## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Holy Spirit Parish is well known as a welcoming community. While this is a great attribute, I wanted to understand exactly what we do that makes new parishioners feel so welcomed. They mentioned several things that are important to them. They say they love the way we welcome visitors at the beginning of each Mass and recognize from where they are visiting. Often new parishioners don't raise their hands because they are shy, but they appreciate the gesture of welcome. They also mention how there are so many staff outside of Mass before and after to chat to about the parish activities as well as other active parishioners. They mention how important the many different social justice activities are to them especially the mission trips to Nicaragua, Texas and locally with Sacred Heart Community Service and our Village House. They also express their delight at all the different ways to Grow in Friendship with Jesus. Overall they love how incredibly active the community is in living out their faith.

Then how can we improve and how can we make a difference over the Christmas time when we will have 1,000's of extra people coming to Church? No matter how welcoming I, as a pastor am, if I welcome and shake hands with 500 or 1,000, I will do well but there will be over 5,000 souls at Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. So what can we do? All parishioners can welcome and be part of this hospitality and see it as an opportunity to welcome others back to Church and not see them as a nuisance or them as "those who take my seat."

I recently had a conversation with a parishioner who has mastered the art of welcoming others. She and her husband, like most of us, sit in the same place each weekend. Once when a new parishioner came and sat next to them. They introduced themselves and welcomed her. They spoke of all the different ministries we have here and encouraged her to try out a Growing in Friendship with Jesus session or get involved in the Village House. At the end of the conversation, they said to the new parishioner. "It was really wonderful to meet you. We always sit here and when you come to Church, come and sit with us. It would be great to see you again." Wow! What a wonderful way to welcome someone. Now we know why new parishioner became so active in all the different ministries.

If every parishioner could reach out to those who sit near them this Christmas in this way, then we might have the chance of welcoming back someone who might have strayed from the Church. It is not for us to judge why others might have left the Church but more important that we welcome them home.

**This Christmas let's welcome everybody into our seats!**



## Question of the Week

How can the coming celebration  
of Christmas nourish your  
holiness?

## LIVING THE LITURGY

### Advent Wreaths by the USCCB

Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin) is the season encompassing the four Sundays leading up to the celebration of Christmas and marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas day. Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are made of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.



The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass: Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half-over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's birth into the world and anticipation of His second coming to judge both the living and the dead.

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent, or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 12/16 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

T 12/17 Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

W 12/18 Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25



TH 12/19 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

F 12/20 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

S 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 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### 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 12/16 8:30 Dianna Burhans †  
TH 12/19 8:30 Dolores Fortich †  
F 12/20 8:30 Christine Thompson †  
S 12/21 5:00 Socorro Magallon †  
Dave Zenk †  
Anne Francioch †  
SU 12/22 9:30 Holy Spirit Parish  
11:30 Lucila Ruiz Lanzas  
Angelita Gutierrez  
6:00 Holy Spirit Parish

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### For those who are ill:

John Todd

#### For those who have recently die

Mildred Burgei-Miller  
Tom Walsh



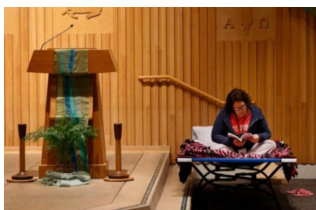
**Village House Shelter Opens**

The Village House shelter for homeless women begins its 5th year on **January 3**. The Shelter offers a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to live out Christ's message of serving our homeless neighbors through love and compassion!

Our evening shelter will operate from 7pm – 7am seven days per week, **January 3 – February 3**. The Episcopal Church of Almaden will operate a day center during the daytime hours. Volunteer opportunities are available to help with -

- ◆ **Intake and registration**
- ◆ **Morning meals**
- ◆ **Daily lunch**
- ◆ **Evening meals**
- ◆ **Laundry**
- ◆ **Overnight monitors**
- ◆ **Overnight setup**
- ◆ **Transportation**

Sign ups are open on the Holy Spirit website Village House webpage; <https://holyspiritchurch.org/village-house>. Screening is required by the Catholic Diocese of San Jose for those volunteers in close contact with our shelter guests. For more information on volunteer opportunities or screening requirements, contact Frank Ricchio at [frankricchio@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frankricchio@sbcglobal.net).



**Join us for:  
Christmas Carols  
Sing-Along Event**



**December 22nd**

after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.  
Come and gather around the Christmas tree in the courtyard for caroling, fellowship and a warm drink!  
Caroling will be followed by light hospitality in the courtyard

*Oh come,  
let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise  
to the rock of our salvation!*

*Psalm 95.1*



**SECOND OFFERINGS**

December 22nd	No Second Collection
December 24th-25th	Village House Collection

**Nicaragua Mission Trip 2020**



Holy Spirit is planning two mission trips back to Nicaragua next summer; June 13-20 and June 20-27.

While political turmoil in the country forced most missionary groups – like Holy Spirit – to cancel their trips in 2018, we had a successful trip in 2019 and are looking forward to 2020.

In June we plan to send two group of adults, and high school age minors with their parents.

Information meetings for this trip will be held on:

**Saturday, January 25 at 1 pm**

at Holy Spirit Church. This meeting is especially important for those traveling to Nicaragua for the first time.

More information can be found on <http://holyspiritchurch.org/nicaragua-mission>.

If you have questions or would like to receive updates about this trip, please email [hs.amigos@yahoo.com](mailto:hs.amigos@yahoo.com).



**FAITH.**

Every classroom has a unique spot for our students to pause for prayer during the day. In second grade, this space holds a prayer board to post prayer intentions.



**KNOWLEDGE.**

Making magnetic slime is a fun way to study the properties of magnets and get a little messy.



**COMMUNITY.**

Thank you to all the amazing parent volunteers who made O Holy Night, our annual Advent community event such an amazing success!! In addition to fun and fellowship, our students made close to 70 small blankets to donate to a local animal shelter.



**FAITH. KNOWLEDGE. COMMUNITY.**

To learn more about Holy Spirit School, please mark your calendar for our **January 26** Open House or call 408.268.0794.

**3sixty High School Ministry**



Last Sunday, we capped off our semester **Belong** series. We explored the needs of the church, our personal needs, and the needs of others. Ultimately, we find that we belong to each other in that we all need one another. This series was a great one to explore.

After the 6pm Mass, 3sixty will have an Advent Praise and Worship night. This is a night not to miss! All high school youth are welcome to come.



**Edge Middle School Ministry**

We had a fun Edge night last Wednesday to wind down the 2019 year. The next Edge night will be on Wednesday, **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 year 2 group will be on Wednesday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the Church.

**A Refresher Why We do What We do! Part 6**

*Why does everyone dip their fingers in the water when they come into Church?*



The water in either the Baptismal font or the little fonts fastened to the walls of the entry of the Church is holy water. When we enter the Church, we dip our fingers in the water and make the sign of the cross on our ourselves to recall our Baptism.

It is through Baptism that we enter the Church (as Christians) and it is through Baptism that we receive our identity as adopted children of God, and we receive our initial call by God to live differently. We enter our celebration of Mass with this ritual to remind ourselves that we are children of God, in God's house, sharing the most special meal that God offers us with God's other children.

We say that the Church is the "body of Christ," and this water reminds us that our parish family and our worldwide family of believers all make up that body. We belong to each other, are responsible to one another and are called to share our faith and our lives with one another. And we are all united and have our sin forgiven through this one Baptism.

**Ten Ways to Honor a Deceased Loved One at Christmas**



Whether your loved one is recently deceased or passed away many years ago, the following ideas are ways for you to honor your loved one at this time of year.

- \* Give a gift to a special cause in the name of your loved one.
- \* Contribute to the parish Christmas environment with flowers or a plan in honor of your loved one.
- \* Make simple holiday ornaments that symbolically represent your loved one, and give them to family and friends.
- \* Hang a holiday welcome wreath on your front door and keep plants or flowers in your home.
- \* Lay a place setting for your loved one at your main holiday meal.
- \* Honor your loved one by creating a joyful video of fond memories or a scrapbook.
- \* Share an inspiring story about your loved one with a friend or acquaintance.
- \* Send thank you notes to those who were special to your loved one.
- \* Give to someone an item that belonged to your loved one.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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

MON 12/16	9:30 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Children's Choir Rehearsal Faith Formation Classes Music Rehearsal Finance Council Meeting Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Classroom 3 Church Parish Hall Church Parish Office Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 12/17	9:00 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Sharing Water Color Workshop 3Sixty Core Team Meeting Women's Faith Sharing SMOC Meeting	Parish Hall Classroom 4 Be Still Room Classroom 4 Parish Office
WED 12/18	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Scripture Study Confirmation Year 2 Meeting Prayer Enrichment Series	Parish Office Classroom 4 Church School Library
THU 12/19	8:45 a.m.	Survival Sacks	Sacred Heart
FRI 12/20	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting Small Community of Faith	Parish Office Offsite
SAT 12/21	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith <b>NO CLOW</b>	Be Still Room Parish Hall
SUN 12/22	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>NO Nursery</b> <b>NO CLOW</b> Music Rehearsal <b>NO Faith Formation Classes</b> Music Rehearsal <b>Caroling and Hospitality</b> 3Sixty Alumni Night	Parish Hall Parish Hall Church Parish Hall Church Courtyard Parish Hall

- \* Make a New Year's resolution that will honor your loved one throughout the coming year
- \* Share your honoring activity with others so others who loved your loved one may share in the joy as a family.

At Christmas, we celebrate the coming of God to dwell in our midst in the birth of Jesus Christ, the one who passed through death to new life. Our loved one has gone through this same passage. Honoring our deceased loved one at Christmas helps us to keep them and what we loved about them always in our hearts, and to see and touch the power of life beyond death. *(Derived from CareNotes #21593 by Kass Dotterweich)*



**DIOCESE OF  
SAN JOSE**

**Diocese of San José Receives Administrative Subpoena**

On December 9, the Diocese of San José, along with five other dioceses in California, received administrative subpoenas from the California Attorney General's office requesting documents related to the mandatory reporting of allegations of sexual misconduct with minors by clergy and laypersons within the Diocese from 1996 to the present.

Before receiving the subpoena, the Diocese provided the Attorney General with more than a thousand documents that did not affect the privacy rights of victims/survivors or disregard state and federal labor laws regarding personnel files and volunteer records. These documents were provided in response to the statewide administrative review initiated by the Attorney General in May 2019.

We, the Diocese of San José, believe that protecting all children, youth, and vulnerable adults and bringing about justice, reconciliation, and healing to all victims/survivors is our sacred duty. We have an important responsibility to protect the privacy and legal rights of victims/survivors, lay employees, lay volunteers, and clergy.

In this sense, a subpoena may be good and preferable to an informal request for documents without legal protection. It supports our shared goal of ensuring that the safeguards in place for our children are working as they should while protecting the privacy rights of victims/survivors and complying with state and federal labor laws.

The Diocese of San José provides ongoing comprehensive services and care to victims/survivors of sexual abuse and encourage anyone who has not previously come forward to do so, first, by contacting the local authorities: police department or sheriff's office; and second, by making a report to our Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults, toll-free at (844) 372-1691 or online via a third-party site, [opcva.ethicspoint.com](http://opcva.ethicspoint.com).

The Diocese will not be complacent. We pledge to continue working tirelessly to provide safe and nurturing environments for all and fostering a path of healing and reconciliation for those who have suffered abuse.

Learn more about what the Diocese of San José has done and is doing in the wake of the clergy abuse scandal by visiting, <https://www.dsj.org/safe-environment/> .