



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

First Sunday of Advent

December 2nd, 2018



Gifts of Opportunity

Holy Spirit Church is once again excited to offer our community the opportunity to **give the gift of lasting change!** Empower a child, a family, or even an entire community by giving a **Gift of Opportunity** 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.

Hundreds of Holy Spirit community volunteers and missionaries were forced to cancel their trip to Nicaragua (the second poorest country in the western hemisphere) this year due to civil unrest, but are hopeful the political environment will improve so that they can continue to work alongside **Amigos For Christ** staff (who need us more now than ever), to represent your gifts personally by delivering pigs, chickens, building clean-air kitchens to eliminate a major source of respiratory issues, as well as building toilets and showers with running water through the Modern Bathroom Project. This year, three new gifts; **Microloans, A Mile of Pipe for a Water System, and Farmers Well and Irrigation System**, are being offered for your consideration to donate towards breaking the cycle of poverty. **ALL** of these incredible projects made possible by **YOUR COMPASSION, GENEROSITY and GOODNESS OF YOUR HEARTS!**

PLEASE stop by the **Gifts of Opportunity** table outside of church after any mass on the designated days listed above, purchase your life changing gifts, receive a beautiful Christmas card describing the impact of your specific gift, 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 visit <http://squareup.com/store/HSGO> to place your order immediately or for more information. Corporate Matching Programs accepted - please contact Laura Smith at sargi8@sbcglobal.net for more details.

Thank you for being the hands of Christ to those in need.

Reconciliation

The Holy Father stresses that forgiveness of our sins is not something that we can give ourselves. In confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus.



"Forgiveness is not the fruit of our own efforts but rather a gift, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the wellspring of mercy and of grace that flows unceasingly from the open heart of the Crucified and Risen Christ." *Pope Francis*

Please join us on **December 11th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, as we celebrate Advent Reconciliation as a parish.

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

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Maureen Christensen, Principal
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Question of the Week

What action or spiritual practices
can I embrace for this Advent?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



This weekend we begin a new liturgical year with the first Sunday of Advent. Even though we have not reached the beginning of our calendar year, we begin our liturgical year with great joy and we anticipate the Christmas message. We eagerly await the celebration of Christmas itself. It is a time to put old ways behind us and embrace the freshness of the Christian message. That is the very message of Advent—to focus on the joy, peace and love of the Christ. Ultimately the message of God at Christmas is that God loves us so much that he became one of us in Jesus Christ. That message never gets old and I love to remind us all of it.

There are times we need to be reminded of the power of God's love to overcome all pain, all suffering and all issues of this life. This is certainly one of those times for all of us and especially for me. My dog, Leyla, died a few weeks ago but I have the great pleasure of introducing you to my new dog, Bella. She is a puppy rescue of 5 months old and another German Shepherd. My nephew was fostering her and said she is the "best dog he has ever fostered!" Even though it was a few days after Leyla died, I went to visit and to check her out. Well, the rest is history. You will see her photo below. She is a gentle beauty and a perfect companion for me. I am ready for a new dog and a new year! Like the embracing of a new liturgical year, I am ready for something new. Now more than ever do I need newness and freshness.

Indeed, that is what the whole new liturgical year is about. It is in the midst of these difficult times as Church do we need to hear and embrace that message of love and peace. Now more than ever we must turn to Jesus and the message of love he brings to the whole world so desperately needing to hear it. Now more than ever we must continue to fight for positive change and use our deep faith in Jesus to guide us through this challenging time. Now more than ever we should show love for our Church and be its people. Now more than ever do we need to be Church to each other and the greater community. Now more than ever do we need to be more involved in our local community.

This week you will receive via email the Annual Report for the Parish. Please read it and see the great work we have done this past year. We hope to inspire all of you to become more engaged than ever before!



LIVING THE LITURGY



Immaculate Conception

As we enter Advent, our nation prepares to celebrate the solemnity of our patron: Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. One of the six Holy Days of Obligation in the

Roman Calendar for the United States, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a celebration that is both easy to misunderstand and crucial to our faith as Catholics. The Catholic Church teaches that all people are born with original sin, inherited at birth from the Fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and freed from it in the waters of baptism. The term "Immaculate Conception" defines the state of being born without original sin. In the history of Salvation, there are two people born without sin after our Fall from Grace in the Garden: Jesus and Mary. Now, while we know that Jesus was without sin his entire life, as it says in scripture, "You know that (Jesus) was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin." (1 John 3:5), Jesus could have only lived without sin if he had been born without sin. This is why the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is what we celebrate. The Immaculate Conception of Mary declares that, from the moment of her conception, Mary was preserved from all stain of original sin by the merits of her son's future life, death, and resurrection. As Catholics, we believe not only that Jesus was born without sin, but that Mary was born without sin too, so that she can give birth to the one who saves us all from sin and death. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is next week, Saturday December 8th. While we hold a special reverence for this Holy Day of Obligation, we also hold a special reverence for the First Sunday of Advent, as Sunday celebrations hold a special significance to our Worship. Since we will still celebrate our normal Sunday Vigil Mass on **Saturday at 5pm**, we will have a Vigil for the Immaculate Conception on Friday, **Dec. 7th at 7pm, and Dec. 8th at 9am.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 12/3	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
T 12/4	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
W 12/5	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
TH 12/6	Is 26: 1-6; Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a, Mt: 7: 21, 24-27
F 12/7	Is 29: 17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
S 12/8	Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1-4; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12; Lk 1: 26-38
SU 12/9	Bar 5: 1-9; Ps 126: 1-6; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk 3: 1-6



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

WED 12/5	8:30	Giuseppina Brusorio †
SAT 12/8	5:00	Rahul Pinto † Kathy Moritz †
SUN 12/9	8:00	Mary Thul †
	9:30	Herbert Saska † Mark Evans †
	11:30	Holy Spirit Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS



For those who are ill:

Gene Conry, Beau Anthony Fazo,
Valerie Gold, Donna Junghaene,
Christine Thompson

For those who have recently died:

Mary Cummings

STEWARDSHIP

Survival Sacks

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 living on the streets of San Jose, usually about 50 on each distribution day. We have the privilege of looking for the face of Christ in each of our clients.

Due to the holiday schedule for food and toy distribution, we are providing Survival Sacks on the first and second **Thursdays of December (12/6 and 12/13)**. The signup link can be found on the parish website. Volunteers must be 16 or older. We meet at Sacred Heart at 8:45 a.m. and finish up about 10:45 a.m. Sign ups for December will open on the parish website as of November 26th. Please contact either Patty or Tom at tnburgei@yahoo.com or call (408) 356-6773, with questions.



SECOND OFFERINGS

December 2nd	Holy Spirit School
December 9th	Retirement Fund For The Religious

“The best thing I did in ministry was to teach children the Gospel through plays,”

says Sister Clare Vandecoevering, 88
“Oh, they were just delighted!”

A member of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, she spent over 50 years in the classroom. Today she is one of 31,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefits from the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Your gift helps religious communities care for aging members and plan for the future. Please be generous.



To Donate:

National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make check payable to
Retirement Fund for Religious.

Or give at your local parish. Almost 94 percent of donations directly aid senior religious. Visit retiredreligious.org for additional information.

Make A Child's Christmas Bright

The Holy Spirit Advent Angel Toy Drive will help fulfill the holiday wishes of children and families in need! Please consider donating a new game or toy for a child between the ages of 0-17 (there's a need for teen gifts).

Please help us reach our goal of 1,000 toys by visiting the Gold Angel at the entrance of Holy Spirit Church, or the Advent Angel Tree in the School Office, and:

- * Pick up a Gift tag with a child's wish for a new Toy, Game, or Gift Card
- * Return new, unwrapped donations on: December **1st & 2nd and 8th & 9th** weekends to the Altar during Offertory at all Masses or **Dec. 3rd through Dec. 10th** to the bins outside the School Office, or inside the Parish Office.

Toys will be donated to the Sacred Heart Community Holiday Toy Box making a difference for the children and teens of our community! For more information please contact Maria McGuire at m McGuiremaria@comcast.net.





Advent Wreath

This Sunday, **December 2nd**, we have the opportunity to come together and build an Advent Wreath in the parish hall, from 9am to 1pm.

Hope you can make it! So what makes up the Advent wreath? It is usually put together with evergreen plants, holly berries, pine cones, and the candles.

The use of evergreen plants reminds us of our eternal life with Christ. The holly berries represents the crown of thorns from the Passion of Jesus and his Precious Blood. The pine cones symbolize Christ's Resurrection.

The Advent wreath holds four candles, one for each week of Advent. During the first two weeks of Advent, we light the first two purple candles.

On the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, we light the only rose-colored candle, signifying joy and to celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus is almost over.

Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance.

FAITH

Our 4th grade retreat focused on gratitude and God's love and grace.



KNOWLEDGE

Using only popsicle sticks, duct tape and glue our 7th graders built ships that would float while carrying "treasure" based on those of Chinese explorers.



COMMUNITY

Everyone looks forward to the annual 2nd grade Saints Play where we hear from St. Cyprian, Mother Teresa and many more.



To learn more about our community or to visit Holy Spirit School, please call 408.268.0794.

3sixty High School Ministry

3sixty is back on after the 6pm Mass. That evening, we will have our final session in the **Out in the Open** series. This night will address the cause of suffering in the world and encourage the youth to turn to Jesus, who suffers with us and can transform our suffering into something beneficial.



Next Sunday, **December 9th**, 3sixty will be having an Advent social. All high school youth are welcome to come!

Edge Middle School Ministry

We had a fun time last week at our Edge night. Our next Edge night will be on Wednesday, **December 12th**. All middle school youth are welcome to come.



Confirmation Year 1

The next session will be held on **Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30pm**. The meeting will begin in the church.



Confirmation Year 2

The next session will be on **Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30pm** starting in the church. Both candidates and sponsors are to attend this meeting. Parents or other relatives / friends may proxy if the sponsor cannot attend.



Grief Consolation

During the Holidays

Evening of Support

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

7:00pm—8:30pm

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Grieving Through the Holiday

“Living with grief during Christmas can be the most overwhelming experience that one’s heart can bear.”

Join in prayer and fellowship as we share

life-affirming ways to cope.

You are invited

Seasonal Support for our Grief

Wednesday, December 12

7-8:30pm

Holy Spirit Church

In the church

RSVP required to

Leah 408-997-5110/ lharris@dsj.org

Refreshments provided.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 12/3	9:15 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Layette Ministry Children’s Choir Practice Christmas Pageant Practice Faith Formation Class Men’s Faith Group AA Meeting	Parish Hall Church Parish Hall Parish Hall Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 12/4	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women’s Faith Group Christmas Pageant Practice Baptismal Preparation Class Women’s Faith Group 3sixty Core Meeting	Parish Hall Church Church Parish Hall Be Still Room
WED 12/5	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men’s Faith Group Domestic Church/1st Eucharist Mtg. Scripture Study-Revelation Sandwich Ministry Confirmation 1 Meeting	Parish Office Church Classroom 4 Parish Hall Church/Parish Hall
THU 12/6	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Survival Sacks HSS 5th Grade Retreat Domestic Church/1st Eucharist Mtg.	Sacred Heart Parish Hall Church
FRI 12/7	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Parish Hall Church
SAT 12/8	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception May Miller Funeral Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Camino Information Night	Church Church Parish Hall Church
SUN 12/9	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Class RCIA Faith Formation Class Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Nursery 3sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Be Still Room Parish Hall Parish Hall Pre-K Parish Hall

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 go to the Holy Spirit website under <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 with any questions.



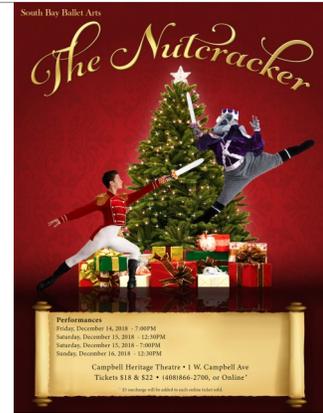
Village House Shelter needs our help Dec. 5, 14, 23, and Jan. 1

The Village House rotating shelter moves to St. Paul's United Methodist Church on December 5 just in time for the Christmas holidays. St. Paul's has one of Village House's smallest congregations and needs the help from other Village House church volunteers. We especially need volunteers to help with the dates designated specifically for Holy Spirit Church, **December 5, 14, 23 and New Year's Day on January 1**.

Volunteers can sign up for any of the vacant jobs on the St. Paul volunteer signup. You can access on the Village House Homeless Shelter page on the Holy Spirit website. Available volunteer jobs include;

- ◆ Overnight Supervision 2nd shift, 2am-6:30am
- ◆ Breakfast Assistants
- ◆ Laundry Service - Towels
- ◆ Dinner Preparation and Service assistants
- ◆ Overnight Supervision 1st shift, 10pm-2am

The shelter will rotate from St. Paul's United Methodist on **January 4**, finally returning to Holy Spirit Parish. Volunteer openings for the shelter at Holy Spirit are now open on the Holy Spirit website! Click on the Village House Homeless Shelter webpage.



**South Bay Dance Center Presents:
The Nutcracker**

For Performance Times and to purchase tickets, call (408) 866-2700, or go to <https://itkt.choicecrm.net/templates/HERT/#/events>

Featuring Children from Holy Spirit School and Parish:

- HSS Kids
- Jase Babcock
- Claire Campbell
- Olivia Campbell
- Joey Dean
- Matthew Dean '18
- Natalie Enman '18
- Sonoma Mulvihill
- Ella Pascual
- Elina Pascual
- Hailey Pazdel '16
- Kiley Stephens
- Elyse Wilson
- Dean Weber
- Cal Zemaitis '16
- Payton Zemaitis



The Spirit of Giving is Alive and Well at Holy Spirit Church

A couple visiting their daughter and her family read in our bulletin the need for supplies for Sacred Heart's Survival Sacks.

They contacted us and donated not only supplies but gave a generous donation to this program. We are all very grateful to them. God works through us in many ways. From a family visiting relatives to the children at our school making sandwiches and feeding our homeless. Our community is alive with action.



We are truly blessed to belong to such a giving community.

Thank you for all you do for those in need.