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Christ The King

November 26, 2017

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Holy Spirit Church is once again excited to offer our community the opportunity to **give the gift of lasting change**, and 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 travel to Nicaragua (the second poorest country in the western hemisphere) each summer, and working alongside **Amigos For Christ** staff, 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. Progress of the new school buildings in La Chuscada continues with Phase 1 completed, and the preschool is now open and bustling with happy and hopeful children! This year a new gift of **"Feed A Student For A Year"** is being offered for your consideration to donate towards Education and Nutrition to break the cycle of poverty. **ALL** of these incredible projects made possible by **YOUR COMPASSION, GENEROSITY** and the **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 most impoverished in our world.

Christmas Pageant



We will be having tryouts for our annual Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00pm** in the Church.

If your child is interested in participating this year, please plan on attending the tryouts.

Children will be trying out for speaking parts. All parts, both speaking and non-speaking will be assigned that day.

All children between the age of 5 and 12 are welcome to participate.

Our planned practices for this year are **Tuesdays, December 5th, 12th, 19th and Friday, December 22nd.**

The first 3 practices on Tuesday will be from 6:00 – 7:15pm and our dress rehearsal on Friday the 22nd will be from 4:00 – 5:30pm. The Christmas Pageant performance is at the Christmas Eve children's Mass at 4:00pm in the school gym.

If you have any questions, please email Liz Roberts at lizroberts@mindspring.com

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Question of the Week

How will I live this Advent differently?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



As I write this bulletin, I am in Nicaragua for the thanksgiving with a donor family on mission. I was expecting the Amigos for Christ compound to be quiet as I thought, "Who would leave their family to serve in hot and humid place over Thanksgiving?" I was wrong. This is their busiest week of the year with over 120 missionaries from different states. Interestingly there is wait list each year for this week! Wow! I am so impressed that families will spend their time serving others during the holidays. What a place of joy it is and I am so blessed to be here. Thanksgiving is a time to offer gratitude to God for his blessings and this year is special to be able to do so here.

This weekend marks the end of our liturgical year as we celebrate Christ the king and acknowledge that we place Christ at the center of our lives. While we try to do that each week, we also accept that so much gets our attention over Christ. We have so many distractions in our lives, so many ways to entertain ourselves it is often hard to keep Christ front and center. Maybe as we prepare to close one church year and begin another we can set our hearts on Christ again.



How do we do that? Maybe we can do what I preached and said last weekend at mass and revisit our image of God. Our image of God can affect our ability to spend time with God. If we see God as judge or harsh dictator or miracle worker, our approach will be very different than if we see God as a loving mother or father. Christ told us to call God "daddy" not just father. That is a very intimate name.

Maybe we can look at who we see God to be. If we can listen to Christ as our brother, and see God as daddy. Not just father but as daddy, we might see his love for us as a gentle loving daddy. Then we will want to go to him every day and say hello and give him a hug in prayer and allow him to hug us in prayer.

LIVING THE LITURGY

The Last Sunday of Ordinary Time

It's that time of the year again. Darkness comes earlier each night. The leaves are changing color and falling. The weather is cooler and there is renewed hope for another rainy season. Soon, the season will change and we will be in winter. It's also the start of the busiest time of the year. There are only 27 shopping days left till Christmas.

The season will also be changing in the Liturgical Calendar. It is the last Sunday of the Liturgical season of Ordinary Time. It is also the Feast of Christ the King. This is the day when we are invited to remember that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. The solemnity was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. This was a very difficult time in the world's history. The First World War just ended. Secularism was on the rise and dangerous dictatorships were emerging in Europe. Christ had long been referred to as King. Pope Pius saw that the respect and reverence for Christ's authority was lacking with all the unrest during the first part of the 20th century. In response, the feast was created with the intention of refocusing faith and respect in the kingship of Jesus.

The Jewish word "messiah" and the Greek word "Christ" mean the "anointed one." It refers to the king that the Jewish people expected to come and free them from Roman rule. But Jesus didn't just come to free them from the Romans; he came to free all people from sin and death. Jesus said that his kingdom is not of this world but for the kingdom of heaven. He came to be the spiritual king and not the earthly king. In the Gospel reading Jesus tells us that he is a king; "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him."

The liturgical year began with Advent, the season of awaiting the coming of Christ, and now the liturgical year ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. Every ending is also a new beginning. Sunday, December 3rd marks the beginning of the Advent season; the start of a new liturgical year. It is fitting that the feast celebrating Christ's kingship is observed right before Advent, when we liturgically wait for the coming of the promised Messiah, the newborn king.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
T	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
W	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
T	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
F	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
S	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
S	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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	8:30	Monica Nguyen Catherine Nguyen
T	8:30	Thomas Ferguson †
W	8:30	Eric and Family Adelma Legaspi
F	8:30	Rahul Pinto † Bob Nguyen † Renee Lowrance †
Sa	5:00	Francesca Junkar † Vnette Paslaqua † Carmel Bastholm
Su	8:00 9:30 11:30 6:00	Bob Nguyen † Esther Frances † Rahul Pinto † Rich Benedetti † Holy Spirit Community

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill: Julie Quinn,
Bill Sterner and Madeline Rose Vijil

For those who have recently died.

STEWARDSHIP

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalms 119:105

To keep our path lighted at Holy Spirit Church by the Word of God we must keep the Missals and Music Books up to date. The new Missals arrive three times a year and must be replaced in a systematic method. The behind-the-scenes work that goes into preparing for each of our liturgies often goes unnoticed. Think of a duck floating peacefully on the surface of the lake but is kicking energetically just below the surface. We are looking for a few good souls to be the energy behind the scenes (just below the surface) to help with updating our Missals for the first day of our Liturgical year 2018.



If you have an hour to help on Thursday, November 30th at 10:00am, please contact Katie Metzger at 408-997-5115 or kmetzger@dsj.org.

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 (note the date change for December as we will distribute sacks on the second rather than the third Thursday so as not to conflict with the holiday food and toy distribution) to distribute

Survival Sacks, organize supplies, make hygiene kits, and fill backpacks. Sacks are provided to those who are homeless and 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.

We continue to receive generous support from numerous corporate partners (Motorola) and area Catholic Churches and schools (e. g. Mitty, St. Francis, and Presentation). Starbucks on Curtner Avenue and Starbucks on Monterey near Sacred Heart have been very generous in their support of the program by providing coffee for our homeless clients on each distribution day. Please thank them if you happen to be in either Starbucks.

Consider joining us on the first or second **Thursday of December (12/7 and 12/14)**. We meet at Sacred Heart at 8:45am and finish up about 10:45am. Sign ups for December will open on the parish website as of November 27th at holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/

Make A Child's Christmas Bright



The Holy Spirit Annual Advent Angel toy drive will help fulfill the holiday dreams of thousands of children and families in need! Please consider donating a new game or toy for a child between the ages of 0-17 (there is a need for teen gifts).

Please help us again this year to reach our goal of 1000 toys by visiting the Gold Angel located at the entrance of Holy Spirit Church, or the Advent Angel Tree located in the School Office, and:

Pick up a Gift tag describing a child's wish for a new Toy or Game. Return new, unwrapped donations on:

December 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th weekends to the Altar during Offertory at all Masses or **December 2nd-December 13th** to the bins inside the Parish Hall or outside the School Office.

Thank you for your generosity and for giving back this Christmas and making a difference for the children and teens of our community!

*Toys will be donated to the Sacred Heart Community Service Holiday Toy Box Program. For more information please contact Laurie Brant at lauriebrant@earthlink.net

Advent Guide

In these dark days of winter, let us journey through Advent, preparing our hearts and homes for the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-us, Jesus the Christ.



Advent is rich with sacred symbols. The Scriptures are filled with images of light and darkness, cacophony and silence, waiting and fulfillment. The color of the season is deep purple, reflecting the penitential and reflective nature of the season. Both the circular shape and the evergreen of the Advent wreath suggest eternal and everlasting life. Arrive a bit early at Mass each Sunday and look around your parish for the signs and symbols of the season. What do your kids notice? What do you notice?

Candlelight – Christ is the light of the World

Evergreen – In Jesus, we are given the gift of eternal life

Water – We recall our baptism and are born anew in Jesus

Chant – We await the birth of the babe in the manger

Angels – Witnesses to the Good News

Star – The cosmic sign that the King of Kings has been born

The central focus of the season is the coming of the Lord. Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church stresses this twofold meaning: “When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming” (No. 524).

Thank you to those who came to the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser last Sunday. We had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed the delicious breakfast. Your support for youth ministry is much appreciated. All the proceeds will go directly to programs that will enrich your youth’s faith.

Thank you all who helped make the breakfast a success and to Country Inn for their generous donation.



3sixty High School Ministry

There will be no 3sixty after the 6pm Mass. **3sixty resumes back on December 3rd** for an issue and Scripture night. All high school youth are welcome to attend.



Our next Edge night will be on **Wednesday, December 13th**. On this night we will prepare ourselves for the physical presence of our Lord. All middle school are welcome to attend.

Second Grade Service Project



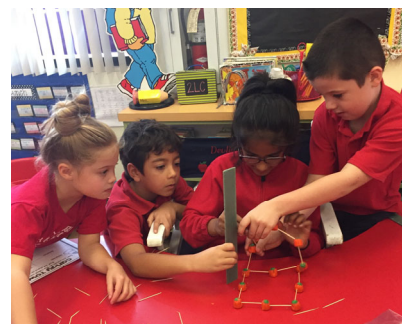
Our second graders participated in a very special service project this week. The first step of the project involved doing small chores around the house to raise money for a field trip to the Build-a-Bear Workshop. Children pooled their pocket change and a few days later carpoled over to Oakridge Mall to create some very special bears.

The children knew the bears would not go home with them, but as they stuffed and dressed the bears, they poured as much love as they could into this new friend that would go to a child in need.

On November 17th, the students blessed the bears and that afternoon their wonderful teachers donated 54 brand new, and much-loved bears to Sacred Heart Community Services’ Christmas Toy Chest.

Come Visit

Please join us **Friday, December 1st between 9:00 and 11:00am** for a special Open House. Come see our school in action. This is the last chance to visit until next year.



PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care to the Sick and the homebound is a ministry of compassion (Latin for "suffer with", or in English "to love together with"). Even more than the reflexive feeling of empathy, compassion triggers a responsive desire to alleviate the suffering of another. As Catholics, we seek healing and strength in the Eucharist in the context of



our community of the faithful. Therefore, the ministry of Pastoral Care seeks to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot be with us for Mass, whether temporarily or ongoing.

Even in our comfortable Almaden neighborhood, suffering is present for those who are isolated by illness, injury or the effects of aging. And when we are suffering, we may know we ought to pray, but we cannot seem to do it on our own. Ministers of Pastoral Care are called to be a sign and a bridge, a compassionate presence in imitation of Jesus' care of His people. The primary concern of the pastoral care minister is to show the sick how much Christ and his Church is concerned for them.

If you know of someone who is in need of visits at home or you feel a calling to become a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound, sick or aging, please contact Leah Harris in the Pastoral Care Office at 408-997-5110. It is our hope that Holy Spirit parishioners will manifest faith and charity on behalf of our community for anyone seeking compassionate companionship.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Week at a Glance

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

Monday	9:15 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Widow's Book Club Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Classes Music Practice ESL at OLR Men's Faith Group Liturgy Committee Meeting AA Meeting	Parish Hall Library Parish Hall Library Church Parish Hall Church OLR Parish Hall Room 4 Parish Hall PK1 & Parish Hall
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Workshop Out of the Wilderness Suicide Bereavement Group 3sixty Core Team Meeting Women's Faith Group ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Parish Hall & Rm 4 Parish Hall Library Parish Hall Room 2 Parish Hall OLR
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Bridge Scripture Study ESL at OLR	Parish Office Parish Hall Parish Hall Library OLR
Thursday	8:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit School Mass Scripture Study Music Practice Growing Our Friendship With Jesus: Mary In Scriptures ESL at OLR	Church Parish Hall Library Church Parish Hall OLR
Friday	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Scripture Study AI-Anon Meeting Eucharistic Adoration	Parish Hall Library Parish Hall Church
Saturday	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Growing Our Friendship With Jesus: Characters of the Nativity Saturday Lunch Ministry Children's Liturgy of the Word	Parish Hall Library Parish Hall Parish Office Parish Hall
Sunday	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Advent Wreath Making Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation Classes 3sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall



Saturday Lunch Ministry

Please consider joining us on **Saturday, December 2nd** for an exciting way to meet others. We will meet at the Parish Office at 10:30 am to make sandwiches and then pack the lunches.

After the lunches have been made, we will drive to the St. James Park area of downtown San Jose. The sandwiches will be distributed to everyone in the park. Signup at holyspiritchurch.org/sandwich-ministry/

Only ten families will be able to sign up. We are asking 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 will be limited to sixth grade and older. A donation of \$10 will be asked from each family to cover the cost of food and supplies.

If you have any questions, please contact Merry Reardon at mreardon@dsj.org.



Advent Wreath Making Sunday, December 3rd

Bring your family and join us to make an Advent wreath for your home. Come to the Parish Hall anytime between **9:00 am and 1:00 pm** to construct your wreath. There will be a small fee for supplies: \$10 for forms, \$5 for candles, \$5 for greenery and decorations.

Please R.S.V.P. at holyspiritchurch.org/advent-wreath-making/ so that we may plan appropriately for this event. This is a great way to kick off the Advent season. We hope to see you there!

If you have questions contact Merry Reardon at mreardon@dsj.org.



Winter Blood Drive

Stanford Blood Center will be onsite on **Sunday, December 10th**.

Appointment times are 8:30am-1:30pm. If you are able to donate blood, please consider doing so.

Blood will be in high demand during the winter months.

Appointments can be made online at <https://sbcdonor.org>.

Contact Row David at rdavid@dsj.org if you need help setting up an appointment.



Growing Our Friendship with Jesus

Please join us for one or all of our Advent scatterings in the coming weeks:



Growing Our Friendship with Jesus

Mary in Scriptures – Thursday, November 30th

7:00–8:30pm in the Parish Hall with Father Angelo

Characters of the Nativity – Saturday, December 2nd

10:00am–12:00pm in the Parish Hall with John McCarthy

Art of the Incarnation – Thursday, December 7th

7:00–8:30pm in the Parish Hall with TBD

Angels – God’s Messengers – Thursday, December 14th

7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall with TBD



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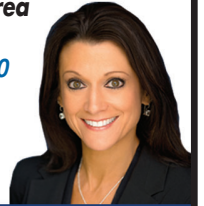
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