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

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019



**Growing Our
Friendship
with Jesus**

The schedule has been set for our next Planting sessions as we continue "Growing Our Friendship with Jesus (GOFJ)." The "Growing Our Friendship with Jesus" process was developed to take everyone where they currently are in their faith journey and help them grow their own relationship with Jesus.

The planting process provides you with tools and practices that will help you learn to use your daily prayer time. This process is for anyone looking to be more consistent and deliberate in their prayer life.

Please plan to commit to the entire process on Wednesdays or Thursdays. It will be possible to move between session times if necessary but attendance at all sessions is suggested to grow your friendship with Jesus as you strengthen the roots of your session community.

Wednesday Evenings

Opening Retreat: Sat, 2/16/19

1st Session: 2/20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

2nd Session: 2/27, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

3rd session: 3/6, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

4th session: 3/13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Closing Retreat: Sat, 3/23/19



Thursday Mornings

Opening Retreat: Sat, 2/16/19

1st Session: 2/21, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

2nd Session: 2/28, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

3rd Session: 3/7, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

4th Session: 3/14, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

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Volunteer for Village House

The year-round shelter for women is now **open at Holy Spirit**. This is the fourth year of opening the church to women who would otherwise be homeless this winter! It's through your participation that this ministry is possible.

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.

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 to be updated every 3 years. For more info on screening, contact Katie Metzger at 408-997-5115.

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Question of the Week

"You are my beloved son; with you
I am well pleased" Luke 3:22

Take a few minutes and ponder
this, Do I live my life as someone
who is pleased with God?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

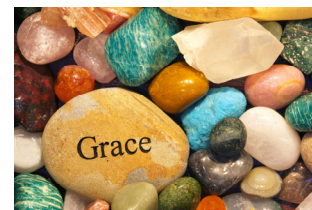


Back in Ireland we call January 6th "Little Christmas." It is another feast day and another opportunity for families to gather together. While we always had turkey on Christmas Day, we always had spiced beef on Little Christmas which was more of a treat than turkey. For us children, Little Christmas was as big as regular Christmas! The message of Christmas remains the same though that God became flesh in a humble way in Jesus. He is worthy of a king's arrival onto earth but would always embrace a path of simple humility and poverty. I love the title given to this day "Epiphany!" It points to a revelation of some sort, an opening of the mind and heart to God. What is at the heart of this feast day.

For me it is "grace." God so loved his creation that he gave humanity the special grace in becoming one of us. God's grace is the unmerited favor of God, unconditional love given to all without distinction, even to the undeserving.

In a recent article in the New York Times on "The Uncommon Power of Grace" Peter Wehner wrote, "There's a radical equality at the core of grace. None of us are deserving of God's grace, so it's not dependent on social status, wealth or intelligence. There is equality between kings and peasants, the prominent and the unheralded, rule followers and rule breakers."

In doing so, God showed us the way to live a life full of grace. That is the ultimate message of Christmas and Little Christmas extends that message into the new year. All of us strive to to be a person who is, like Mary the mother of God, "full of grace."



What does a grace-filled life look like? Sometimes it is easier to answer that question in the negative. We know when we are "not operating out of grace," when we are not our best selves. When we feel wronged and we want payback, we are not grace-filled. When our first impulse after being hurt or offended, is to strike out, justifying our anger in the name of fairness, we are not grace-filled. We are stingy with our love then we are not grace-filled. When we are not gentle or kind but manipulative and petty then we are not grace-filled.

What does a grace-filled life look like then? When we meet a person, who is grace-filled, we know it in our hearts. Their presence gives warmth to our heart. When we are in their presence their words break through the clouds of our darkened lives like a bright sun burning of the morning fog. As Peter Wehner says, "grace is some combination of generosity and magnanimity, kindness and forgiveness, and empathy. All above the ordinary call of duty, and bestowed even (or especially?) when not particularly earned." Yes, when we are in the presence of grace, we know it.

Maybe the best New Year resolution we make this year is to practice at being a grace-filled person each day. To really strive to be our best selves and allow God's great gift of grace to slowly transform us into grace-filled people who are kind, gentle, forgiving and empathetic to others especially those who have not earned it. Happy New "grace-filled" Year.

LIVING THE LITURGY



Epiphany

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Often referred to as "Little Christmas," or "Three Kings Day," this particular holiday has a tendency to cause some confusion, due to the multiple uses of the word "Epiphany."

The word can be defined as, "an experience of sudden or striking insight." In other words, "the Epiphany of the Lord," by this definition, could then be understood as "Jesus' Big Idea." This, couldn't be further from the truth. The word "Epiphany" comes from the ancient Greek word *epiphainien*, meaning both "to come to light" and "to manifest." By these definitions, the true spirit of our liturgical celebration comes to light.

The celebration of the Epiphany refers to the journey and revelation of the three Magi that came to pay homage to Jesus, the Newborn King. In the beginning of this Sunday's Gospel reading, three Magi from the east come to the kingdom of Judea asking to visit the Newborn King of the Jews, having witnessed a great star at its rising and used it to travel to Judea. This happening fulfills the very definition of an epiphany: a coming to light, a manifestation, or an experience of sudden insight. The Magi had a revelation that a new king was to be born at the star's rising. They followed the star to where the baby Jesus was revealed to them.

Just as Jesus was revealed to the Magi through the epiphany of the bright star signaling the coming of a New King, God continues to reveal more about himself through the Advocate; the Holy Spirit. We celebrate this holiday in a special way at the end of the second week of Christmas to recognize that God is never finished revealing himself to his Church through the life of Jesus, and through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We continue in this final week of Christmas to celebrate the coming of the Lord, and the relationship that God chooses to have with us through Jesus.

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 1/7	8:30	Lucy Sandoval † May Miller †
SA 1/12	5:00	Frank Morfin † Rahul Pinto †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 1/7	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
T 1/8	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
W 1/9	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
TH 1/10	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
F 1/11	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
S 1/12	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
SU 1/13	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3 9-10



PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Gene Conry
Valerie Gold
Katie Peckham
Bill Roberts





Survival Sacks

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 distributed to those who are homeless and living on the streets of San Jose, usually about 50 on each distribution day.

Consider joining us on **Thursday, January 17th**. We meet at Sacred Heart at **8:45 a.m.** and finish up about **10:45 a.m.**

For questions, please contact Tom Burgei and Patty O'Neil at tnburgei@yahoo.com.

SECOND OFFERINGS

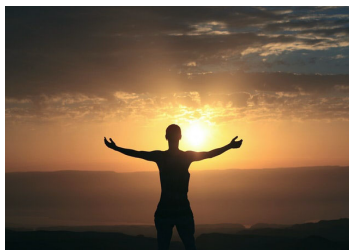
December 13th	Aid to Churches in Eastern and Central Europe
December 20th	Ethnic Minorities and Church in Latin America
December 27th	Holy Spirit Layette Ministry



Our Holy Spirit Parish Community has once again responded with incredible generosity and compassion to this year's Gifts of Opportunity Program! Your gifts will change the lives of our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters forever! **Thank you so much for your support!**

If you are still interested in purchasing a gift or making a donation, **the deadline has been extended to January 31st, 2019**, and can be made online by visiting: <http://squareup.com/store/HSGO>.

Don't forget to double your impact as many companies big and small, match gifts to non-profit or educational organizations. Donations can be applied to Holy Spirit Church or Amigos For Christ. For more information, please contact Laura Smith at sargi8@sbcglobal.net.



5 Steps to Spiritual Fitness

Paul writes, "Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come"

(1 Timothy 4:7-8). If our goal is to maintain general spiritual health, we can stretch our prayer muscles casually, like a walk in the park. But if we want to grow stronger we need a rigorous workout every day. To "run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (Hebrews 12:1), These five steps can help you grow spiritually stronger:

1. Find encouragement.

Christian community is important because we are "mutually encouraged by each other's faith" (Romans 1:12).

2. Pray for a larger comfort zone.

If our world consists of people like us, chances are that we're more focused on feeling safe than on spreading the Gospel. Our light can only "shine before others" (Matthew 5:16) if we interact, on a significant level, with people who are different than we are.

3. Warm up your faith muscles.

To be on fire for God requires stoking our spirit with the fuel of daily prayer. Ask God to give you love that "burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame" (Song of Solomon 8:6).

4. Get moving!

Vibrant faith doesn't come to those who wait complacently, expecting God to turn up the flame. Somewhere in our lives there is a person who is hungry and needs to eat, thirsty and in need of drink; a stranger Christ wants us to care for or clothe; a sick person to serve, or a prisoner to visit (Matthew 25:35-36).

5. Turn setbacks into renewed determination.

Peter denied the Lord three times and Saul persecuted Christians before Christ chose him as witness to the Gentiles. The cross is proof that Christ can transform even the worst things into good. Our job is to pick ourselves up after we fail and to ask for renewed vigor to follow Christ. "For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again" (Proverbs 24:16).

(From 5 Steps to Spiritual Fitness by Elizabeth Peale Allen)

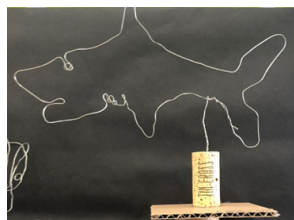
Wise Men Still Seek Him



At the end of this month, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, a national recognition of the value of Catholic education. Please stay tuned for more information and mark your calendar for our **PreK – 8th OPEN HOUSE on January 27** from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Art Studio

Our students were recently asked to “draw” with wire. Their animals are amazing! Nurturing all forms of expression is just part of what we do here at Holy Spirit School. For more information, or to schedule a visit, please call the school office at 408-268-0794.



The New Year is the time when many of us give thoughts to adopting New Year's resolutions. It is an opportunity to reflect on the previous year, to grow, and to make plans to do at least one small thing differently in the next. The practice of making New Year's resolutions can also be applied to our faith life. Here are some suggested questions for you to reflect upon:

- ◆ In which area of your spiritual life have you grown in 2018?
- ◆ Which area did you struggle or fail to make progress in?
- ◆ For 2019, which area of your spiritual life would you most like to grow?
- ◆ What's one spiritual practice you want to devote more time to in this year?
- ◆ What can you do to become more aware of God's presence?
- ◆ How can you live out these resolutions/commitments in a practical way?
- ◆ How can you invite family members to grow with you spiritually this year?
- ◆ What about members in the Holy Spirit community and other friends?

Praying for each one of you that this year will be filled with Christ, growth, and joy!

Happy New Year!

Hard to believe 2019 is here! Ministry is back up and running this week. No better way to start off the new year than starting it off with Christ!

3sixty resumes back after the 6pm Mass with a special Issue Night. Come to this to see how we can make the most out of our time and perhaps set some goals for the new year.



Edge resumes on Wednesday, **January 9th**. We'll recap the 2018 year and see what we can look forward to for the new year.



Confirmation Year 1

The next Confirmation session will be on Wednesday, **January 16th**. This will be a parent and candidate meeting to go over our progress thus far and talk about the upcoming retreat.

Confirmation Year 2

The next Confirmation session will be on Wednesday, **January 30th**. Candidates and Sponsors are to attend this meeting.



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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

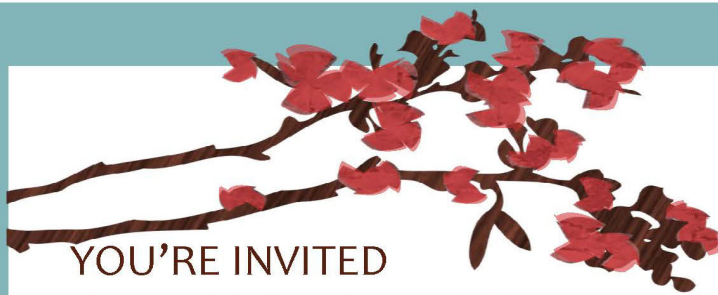
Dates subject to change. View our complete calendar at: www.holyspiritchurch.org

MON 1/7	9:15 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Layette Ministry Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Class Village House Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Parish Hall Church Parish Hall Church/Office Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 1/8	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Workshop Village House Baptism Prep Class Women's Faith Group 3sixty Core Meeting	Parish Hall Classroom 3 Church/Office Church Parish Hall Be Still Room
WED 1/9	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Domestic Church Meeting Scripture Study-Revelation Village House Edge Youth Night	Parish Office Church Classroom 4 Church/Office Parish Hall
THU 1/10	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Village House Domestic Church Meeting	Church/Office Church
FRI 1/11	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting Village House	Parish Hall Church/Office
SAT 1/12	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Village House	Be Still Room Parish Hall Church/Office
SUN 1/13	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RCIA Faith Formation Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Nursery Faith Formation Village House 3Sixty Youth Night	Be Still Room Parish Hall Parish Hall Pre-K Room Parish Hall Church/Office Parish Hall



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 or 916-706-1539 Ext. 12.



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Santa Teresa Social Action Ministry
Presents

Gaza-Israel Conflict:

**What is happening and
why does it matter?**

Speaker: Samir Laymoun

Wednesday, January 15th

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Santa Teresa Parish Avila Hall

Samir Laymoun is a former high-tech executive and an immigrant from Palestine who has lived in the U.S. for many years. As a human rights and social justice advocate, he is concerned for the ongoing Israeli attacks on civilians in Gaza and the bulldozing of Palestinian homes. Samir wants to present on the predicament many Palestinians find themselves in, and how violence is affecting their lives.

He states: "My goal is to bring to light the Palestinian narrative that has been subject to consistent marginalization and outright erasure. Recently a US Representative wrote to express support, saying "I have raised my concerns about the demolition of Palestinian settlements in West Bank." but even our politicians who vote to give Israel \$10 Million a day in military aid do not know who is bulldozing homes and who is building settlements!"

A Q&A session will follow the presentation. For more info contact Lynda DeManti at 408-839-3163 or Lynda@santateresachurch.com.



Catholic Charities Pilgrimages

TriAVAC is a triathlon for all ages on **Saturday, February 9** at Almaden Valley Athletic Club.

The purpose is to raise funds for the Cambrian School District Physical Education, Food Science and Nutrition Program Departments.

AVAC is at 5400 Camden Avenue. The first wave will start at 8:00 a.m. Register at avac.us/Triavac

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