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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30, 2018



Village House Shelter at Holy Spirit Open; Register to Volunteer

The year-round shelter for women is now **open at Holy**

Spirit. This will be our 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. Our women guests are provided a warm, safe and loving environment.

During 2017-18 Village House, a temporary shelter for medically fragile homeless women, sheltered 51 women. Women stay in the program an average of four months while they attempt to stabilize their lives.

Here they have a safe place to sleep each night, 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.

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.



Dear Lord,

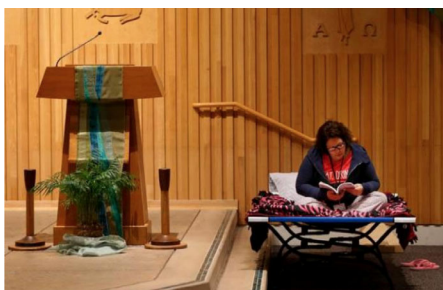
As a new year begins, we come to You and ask for Your blessing.

We pray that you will give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives.

Thank You for the plans You have for us in this new year. We wait in anticipation to see all that You will do!

Thanking God for You and praying Your new year is blessed in every way.

"For I know the plans I have for you." declares the Lord. "plans to prosper you and not harm you. plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



**The Parish Office
will be closed
December 30th
through
January 1st.**

Have a Happy New Year!

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Question of the Week

How can I help my family see God working in times of stress and anxiety?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



As I write this bulletin article the fog has rolled into Almaden Valley and the visibility is only 30 feet or so. It is hard to travel in such conditions and it requires us to slow down. In the evening when it gets dark it is even more dangerous and we need to slow down even further. I think that is a good metaphor for life. Things happen in our lives that are out of our control and cause us to not see well. The fog of a job loss or a broken relationship or a death in the family, cause us to lose visibility in our lives. When that happens, we need to slow down and go a little slower. And if the night of doubt creeps in we need slow down even further.

The same is true for our lives. We often do not have control over the events that take place, but we can believe in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who is like the sun and will burn off the pain that comes from the fogs of our lives. And will shine brightly and dispel the darkness that comes from doubt and a struggling faith. So, what are we to do? Just like driving in the fog and at night, slow down and proceed with caution. We know that eventually the fog will burn off and the sun will rise again in the morning.

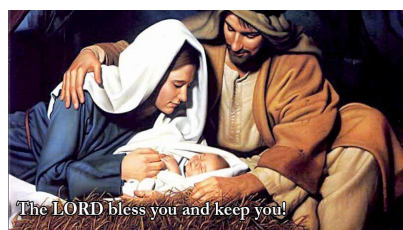
In the same way, we need to slow in our spiritual lives and proceed with caution. Listen to the Lord in prayer and allow him to shine the light of his love into our hearts. The light of God's love is the one thing that heals all pain and dispels all darkness. If we can let that love into our hearts it will heal but it takes time just like the sun to overcome the light. Jesus is the light of the world. That is the ultimate message of Christmas, God loves us so much that he sent his only Son to dwell among us; His light in midst of our darkness.



As we come to the end of 2018, it is a message worth repeating. God loves YOU. It is so obvious and yet it needs to be said again and again. Our whole life changes when we let that message sink in. To really let that in, we need to hear it with our hearts and that is the biggest challenge. We are so busy that allowing that message in can be a real hurdle. We need to slow down enough to experience that love.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, Joseph, Mary and Jesus, the ultimate example of a loving family. Many of us had loving families that mirrored imperfectly the Holy Family and allowed us to understand the love of God. Others have had dysfunctional families and it is hard to conceive of a loving family. We need to use our imagination to approximate this love. Thankfully all of us have experienced love in some way and can appreciate the power of love.

Next week we will open our doors to the Village House, a shelter for 15 medically fragile women who are experiencing homelessness. We will shine the light of Christ into their darkened world. For the next 30 days, we will love them and show them the way of love.



Happy New Year: The Feast Of Mary Mother Of God and The Christmas Octave

This weekend marks the final weekend of the 2018 calendar year. It is a time of joy, a time for family and friends, and a time for holiday cheer. But as we approach the New Year Holiday, we also remember the year past, and set our eyes on the year ahead. In the Catholic Church, we gather to pray and celebrate all of these things; focusing on giving thanks for the previous year, celebrating the peaceful joy of the coming of Christ, and working to devote our next year to the work in the vineyard of the Lord.

These days after Christmas that culminate in the celebration of New Year's Day 2019 are an important time for us as Catholics. They are a continuation of the Christmas Holiday called the Octave of Christmas. During this Octave (*Octave stemming from the latin term Octava, meaning "eighth part."*), we celebrate each day as if it were Christmas day, continuing the celebration all the way until The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: the eighth day after Christmas.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a celebration of the Nativity of Christmas through the dignifying of the Virgin Mary. This Holy Day of Obligation honors Mary in a special way for her crucial role in our Salvation through the birth of Jesus. Because of Mary's willingness to serve the Lord by giving birth to a son, the second Person of the Holy Trinity was brought into the world as a human being.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, which takes place on the January 1st, provides us with an excellent opportunity to give praise to God, asking him to hear our prayers on the first day of the New Year. We place the 2019 calendar year under the patronage of the Lord, through the intercession of our Lady, as we pray in a special way for the "Mother of God to pray for us Sinners, now and at the hour of our death." Please join us at 9am for mass on this Holiday of Obligation as we pray for even more of God's grace in the New Year.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 12/31	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
T 1/1	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
W 1/2	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
TH 1/3	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
F 1/4	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
S 1/5	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
SU 1/6	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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

TU 1/1	9:00	Doreen Williams Andy Williams
SA 1/5	5:00	Rahul Pinto †
SU 1/6	8:00	
	9:30	Holy Spirit Parish
	11:30	Frank Bellanca †

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Gene Conry, Valerie Gold,
Katie Peckham, Bill Roberts

For those who have recently died:

Kevin Beaulieu





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.

Survival Sacks

Holy Spirit parishioners continue to volunteer to distribute Survival Sacks at Sacred Heart Community Center. We gather on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 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. **Join us on Jan. 4th and/or 18th.** 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. Signups for January are open. If you have questions, please contact either Patty or Tom at tnburgei@yahoo.com or call 408-356-6773. Thank you.



Gifts of Opportunity

Thank you

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!!



Deadline Reminder

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.



What's in a Name?

Recently on December 8th, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We then celebrated the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th, and we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st.

Why are there so many titles for Mary? Similar to how post-nominal titles (such as CEO, COO, PhD, CPA, OTR) signifies the position, various degrees, or certifications a person have received, the various titles acknowledge our dogmatic beliefs of who Mary is (Immaculate Conception), the ways in which we honor her (Mother of the Church), the significant places of her apparition (Our Lady of Fatima), her experiences and virtues (Our Lady of Sorrows or Our Lady of Peace).

Mary served as the ultimate role model in her willingness to do God's will.

And while there are many different things we celebrate, they all celebrate who she is: Mary, the *Theotokos*, the Mother of God. Mother Mary, prayer for us!



Happy New Year From Holy Spirit School!

The students, teachers, parents and staff of Holy Spirit School wish you a new year filled with blessings. Thank you for all you do to support our community with your time, talent and treasure. We are most grateful!

Coming Up...

Please mark your calendar for some very important dates in the new year!

- January 16 is a Special Shadow Day for current 4th graders ONLY. Please come and spend the morning with us. To register for this special event, please call 408.268.0794
- Catholic Schools Week kicks off with our PreK – 8th OPEN HOUSE on January 27 from 10:30 am to 1 pm.

For more information, or to schedule a visit, please call the school office at 408.268.0794.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Christmas Holiday Break

Merry Christmas! We hope you have a safe and wonderful Christmas Holiday.

Youth ministry will be on a break until the new year.

3sixty resumes back on **January 6** and Edge on **January 9**.

PASTORAL CARE



Phew! You made it! Despite the many joys of the Season, the holidays 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. Caregivers report feeling even overwhelmed by the demands they put on themselves as much as the demands of others. In addition, expectations from others can add up to subtle stress symptoms such as shallow breathing, insomnia, worry and forgetfulness. The reality is, stress can occur at any time of year, how can we manage it? Here are some recommendations:

- ◆ Make a to-do list/organize, then eliminate unnecessary commitments
- ◆ Call on your support network
- ◆ Learn to say "No, thank you."
- ◆ Don't aim for perfection
- ◆ Laugh-it's good for body and soul!
- ◆ Maintain your health/diet/exercise
- ◆ Spend devoted time with family
- ◆ Remember to breathe-take deep breaths to calm mind and body
- ◆ Journal and pray

PARISH ACTIVITIES

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 12/31	8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	Parish Office Closed-Christmas Break AA Meeting	
TUE 1/1	9:00 a.m.	Parish Office Closed-Christmas Break Mass for the Solemnity of Mary	Church
WED 1/2	9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Scripture Study-Revelation Sandwich Ministry	Classroom 4 Parish Hall
THU 1/3	8:45 a.m.	Survival Sacks	Sacred Heart
FRI 1/4	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting Village House	Parish Hall Church
SAT 1/5	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Saturday Lunch Ministry Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Village House	Parish Office Parish Hall Church
SUN 1/6	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 Class Nursery Closed Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Faith Formation Class Village House 3Sixty Youth Night	Be Still Room Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall Church Parish Hall

Self-care is not selfish. Year-round, remember to be good to yourself. Caregivers work hard and deserve quality time to meet their own emotional needs. Only by replenishing our reserves can we continue to give to others. This New Year, review what is most important in life and ask yourself: "What do I need to give myself permission to stop doing?" Putting God at the center often gives us the perspective we need. For spiritual support contact the Pastoral Care Ministries office at 997-5110.



Nursery Closed

The Nursery will not be open Sunday, **January 6th.**

The Nursery will re-open on Sunday, January 13th for the 9:30 Mass.

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Save the Date for the Gold Rush Gala!

The Gold Rush Gala is **March 30, 2019** at Villa Ragusa in downtown Campbell!

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

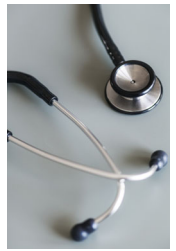
Save the date to Wager in the Wild West! Proceeds go to Holy Spirit School.

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.

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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 or call 408-972-6846.



NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT

Divine Encounters
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7:00pm - 10:30pm

Reflection
Eucharist

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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.

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