



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Second Sunday of Lent

March 17 2019



Lenten Series

Each year we enter into the **40 days of Lent** to remind ourselves of the journey of Christ's life and the importance of a prayer life that leads us to serving others. Then we end our Lenten celebration focusing on his death for the 3 days of the Triduum. We spend the next 50 days talking about Christ's resurrection and life in the Spirit in the Easter season. We call this the Paschal mystery and it is central to the Church's teaching of Christ along with his birth and incarnation we celebrate at Christmas.

Over my last **19 years of priesthood**, I have given nearly **1,000 Sunday homilies** with over 15 of those years here at Holy Spirit Parish and over **600 homilies on Sundays here**. This year I thought it would be a fun to do something different for our Lenten Series. I will focus on the life, death and resurrection of Christ by re-telling **my best 30 homilies: 10 homilies on the life and ministry of Jesus; 10 on the death and suffering of Jesus; 10 on the resurrection of Jesus and life in the Spirit**. Some of these homilies you might remember right away as they were memorable. Others you might not remember at all and you will be able to hear with fresh ears. Still others were given elsewhere and will be a surprise to you.

My hope is that these homilies will help us to focus even more on the true power of coming to know and experience the love of Christ and developing a deeper prayer life. St. Teresa of Avila insists that the starting point of all Christian prayer ought to be the humanity of Christ. She maintains that if we start there we will easily fall in love with God and our communication with him, our prayer, will become meaningful and bear rich fruit. Lent prepares us for Easter and during the Lenten season we look at Jesus' life and contemplate the meaning of his humble life and contemplate his death and resurrection as a means to salvation.

As humans, we cannot help but ask questions: Why? Why would God become one of us? Why did Jesus have to suffer death on a cross? There are many answers of course, but the basic answer is that he loves us and cannot help but draw near to us and so reveal that love in the most intimate way possible.

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Special Collection March 23–24 to Support Holy Spirit's Missionary Fund



A special collection will be taken at all masses the weekend of **March 23 and 24** to support the Missionary Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance to our own missionaries on national and international assignments to impoverished areas of throughout the world.

Holy Spirit currently sponsors mission trips to East Texas and Nicaragua. Most of our missionaries are able to cover the full cost of these opportunities to support our brothers and sisters in communities much different from ours here in San Jose. We do have some missionaries each year who need some assistance in taking advantage of this opportunity. The Scholarship Fund allows the Parish to help missionaries with financial support. The Parish is proud of all our Nicaragua and Texas missionaries for going to the fringes of society and offering themselves to the poorest of the poor. Our hope is the Missionary Scholarship Fund will continue to enable our parishioners to follow in Jesus' footsteps by taking these roads less traveled.

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For what do you spiritually thirst?



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God tried to share that message with humanity through all of human history by way of many prophets. Sometimes we listened, but most times we did not. So, he took on flesh to share his message of love as one among us and he was even willing to die for our sakes. It is a beautiful and simple message but somehow the world finds it hard to hear. Even we who claim to believe in Jesus Christ sometimes find it hard to let that message of love into our hearts.

Lent is a time when we prepare for the celebration of Easter. It is a time for us to become more aware of the humanity of Christ and his presence with us in the past, his presence here today, and the promise of his presence in our future. The challenge of Lent and Easter is to allow ourselves to be loved by God; to truly allow God to love us and reflect on the depth of that love. It sounds so easy but for some reason we all seem to struggle with God's deep desire to love us and to forgive us our sins.

This Lenten series, I will use my own homilies to focus our attention on the profound message of love revealed to us in Jesus. All my homilies are the inspiration and grace from the Holy Spirit and so I think by retelling them again, we are asking the Holy Spirit to bless us anew. Based on the feedback I have received over the years and any new feedback I will get (you are welcome to tell me which are your favorite homilies), I will select the ten best homilies on each aspect of Jesus life, death and resurrection.



March 27 Life of Jesus

April 3 Death of Jesus

April 10 Resurrection of Jesus



Each of the sessions will begin at 7pm and end by 8:15pm. We will allow some time in each session for your questions.

I encourage you to set aside these last 3 Wednesdays of Lent and join me in celebrating the Paschal Mystery in a unique way.

Come and celebrate the Holy Spirit at work within our community.

Questions and Answers about Lent and Lenten Practices

By USCCB



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

Q. I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Also, I've noticed that restaurants and grocery stores advertise specials on expensive types of fish and seafood on Fridays during Lent. Some of my friends take advantage of these deals, but somehow, I don't feel right treating myself to the lobster special on Fridays during Lent.

A. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, bouillon cubes, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden.

Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted. However, while fish, lobster and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in expensive types of fish or seafood, or in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Remember, abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice of sacrifice, uniting it with the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 3/18 Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

T 3/19 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

W 3/20 Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

TH 3/21 Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31



F 3/22 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

S 3/23 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SU 3/24 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

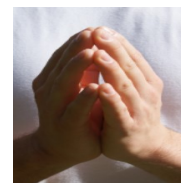
MASS INTENTIONS

T 3/19 8:30 Paola Terracina †
Dolores Fortich †
W 3/20 8:30 Betty Hoffman †
TH 3/21 8:30 Carmen Quintero
S 3/23 5:00 Aji Mathal
SU 3/24 9:30 Carol Magallon †
Sean Flanagan †
Carmen Quintero
11:30 Holy Spirit Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Gretchen Bates
Suzanne Duncan





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.

We meet at Sacred Heart at 8:45 a.m. and finish up about 10:45 a.m. Our next gathering is **March 21st**.

Sacks are provided to those who are homeless and living on the streets of San Jose, we usually distribute 50 sacks each time.

We have the privilege of looking at the face of Christ in each of our clients. To sign up for this ministry, simply go to <http://holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service>.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Burgei and Patty O'Neil at tnburgei@yahoo.com

Sacred Heart Reverse Collection

The slips that are being handed out at Mass by the ushers are for our annual reverse collection for Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart provides many daily essentials for their customers.

Items that are in high demand include pop-top cans, disposable diapers, infant formula, and adult tube socks.

We will be collecting these items from:

March 16th through March 24th.

Thank you for your generosity.



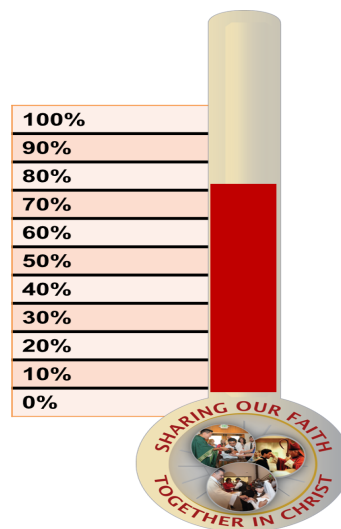
ADA 2019
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The 2019 ADA has passed the halfway point. To date, 314 of our parishioners have contributed \$206,890 towards our Diocesan goal of \$290,000 and our stretch goal for the parish

of \$400,000. We are at 71% of our Diocesan goal and 52% of our parish goal.

We are very grateful for the contributors support early on in our campaign. Please keep in mind that there are so many diocesan ministries that serve our parishioners.

This is our once-a-year opportunity to show the Diocese our support. And don't forget-every dollar received over our ADA goal is returned to Holy Spirit's parish.



Saturday at Sacred Heart

School aged children and older are invited to join us for our next Saturday at Sacred Heart. We will help in the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet, and anywhere else we are needed to help Sacred Heart prepare to serve their customers in the week ahead. Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Service hours can be earned. Hope to see you at The Heart! **Join us on Saturday, April 20th, 2019!**



Thank you to all who supported and came out to California Pizza Kitchen last Thursday. It was a fun night seeing the many Holy Spirit Parishioners in the restaurant. A special thank you to California Pizza Kitchen for hosting our fundraiser.

3sixty High School Ministry

Last Sunday, 3sixty had a wonderful night of Praise and Worship to start off their Lenten journey. After the 6pm Mass on **March 17th**, 3sixty will be having a social night to celebrate the feast of St. Patrick. All high school youth are invited to attend...don't forget to wear green!



Confirmation Year 2

The final capstone session will be held on Wednesday, **March 27th** at 6:30pm. Candidates, parents, and sponsors are to attend.



FAITH FORMATION



Children in Prek-5th grade registration for Vacation Bible School is at bit.ly/HSVBS2019register. There are still slots available in Prek and Kindergarten.

Youth Volunteer registration is **closed**...thank you to all that have volunteered. We are still in need of 3 additional adult volunteers and a 3rd grade teacher. Adult volunteers can register at bit.ly/HSVBS2019volunteer

Evening Open House

Holy Spirit School is hosting a special evening Open House on **Wednesday, March 20 from 6 to 7:30 pm**. Please join us for tours and an opportunity to visit with our amazing teachers. Tours will start in the library. If you have any questions or to schedule a tour, please call the school office at 408.268.0794

Students Expand Recycling Efforts on Campus



As part of their effort to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette can earn, four Holy Spirit School Cadette Girl Scouts founded the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Club to increase environmental impact awareness among our students. The girls raised funds by selling cookies, holding free dress days, and collecting donations. The funds raised were used to replace the recycling bins around the schoolyard, create educational materials, and bring recycling back to the school. With more events being planned in the future, these 8th graders plan to leave a legacy on their campus.





Visit the Elderly as a Lenten act of service, part 2

Visiting the elderly can be challenging if you struggle to find things to talk about. Even though many senior citizens are “sheltered” from our fast-paced lives, they still have much to teach us. Rather than feeling pressure to entertain them, practice asking “open-ended” questions that require an answer or more than Yes or No from them. Make a small cheat sheet for yourself with some conversation starters:

- What was your first home like?
- What are your earliest memories of school?
- How did you meet your spouse? (if appropriate)
- What were the big world events when you were growing up?
- What advice would you like to pass along?
- Is there one thing you would like to be remembered for?
- What were popular games and hobbies when you were young?
- Who were your heroes or role models?
- What is the most interesting place you ever visited?
- What was your favorite subject in school?

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 3/18	9:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Children’s Choir Practice Faith Formation Class Finance Council Meeting Men’s Faith Group AA Meeting	Classroom 3 Church Parish Hall Parish Office Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 3/19	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women’s Faith Group Watercolor Workshop Women’s Faith Group 360 Core Team Meeting	Parish Hall Classroom 3 Parish Hall Be Still Room
WED 3/20	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men’s Faith Group Bible Study Robert Barron Growing Our Friendship With Jesus	Parish Office Classroom 4 School Library
THU 3/21	8:45 a.m.	Survival Sacks	Sacred Heart
FRI 3/22	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting	Parish Hall
SAT 3/23	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Growing Our Friendship With Jesus Small Community of Faith Children’s Liturgy of the Word	Parish Hall Be Still Room Parish Hall
SUN 3/24	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	RCIA Faith Formation Children’s Liturgy of the Word Nursery Faith Formation 3Sixty Youth Night	Be Still Room Parish Hall Parish Hall Pre-K Room Parish Hall Parish Hall

- Did you have a career? Were you a homemaker? What did you like best about it?

What was your church experience and faith life like when you were younger? How has it changed over the years?

Remember that even though some senior citizens might have memory loss and other cognitive issues, they still have a lot of wisdom to share. Be patient and give them time to participate in the conversation. You will be amazed at some of the insights and memories they can share. These are treasures.



Round Up Yer Spurs!!

The annual Holy Spirit School Gala and Auction is set for **March 30** at Villa Ragusa. You do not want to miss this rip roarin’ good ol’ time!

Registration is now open online and we hope you can join us for wagons and wagers in the Wild West. Please visit:

<https://hsssj.schoolauction.net/auction2019/homepages/>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®]

San Jose Events



**Spring Men's
Cursillo Retreat**

April 4-7

*St. Clare's
Retreat Center*

Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

March 6 – April 14, 7am to 7pm

1691 The Alameda, San Jose CA 95126

Opening Mass + Reception at Our Lady of Guadalupe

February 27, 7:30pm

2020 E San Antonio St, San Jose, CA 95116, USA

Adoration at Our Lady of Guadalupe

March 1, 9am to 5pm

2020 E San Antonio St, San Jose, CA 95116, USA

Opening Procession: St Leo church to Planned Parenthood

March 9, 9:30 am

88 Race St, San Jose, CA 95126

Ending Procession: St Leo church to Planned Parenthood

April 13, 9:30 am

88 Race St, San Jose, CA 95126

Looking to spend a weekend to grow and reflect on your relationship with Christ? Join several Holy Spirit parishioners as we attend the upcoming Cursillo Weekend!

During the 3-day retreat, a team of religious and lay people will present a series of talks to help you reflect on your Christian life, as well as what it means to live out Christianity in community.

SanJoseCursillo.org Contact:

Paul Milioto at

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... or ask parishioners Kyle Coulter, Bob Fields, Sam Florio, Tim Gale, Bruno Martinez, Joe Milioto, Sanjay Noronha, or German Scipioni.

Note: Spring Women's Cursillo Retreat is **May 2**.



El Retiro San Inigo
THE JESUIT RETREAT
CENTER OF LOS ALTOS

Father Brendan will be leading a Non-Silent Retreat for Women and Men the weekend of May 17-19 at El Retiro in Los Altos. Father Brendan will guide participants to allow the love of God to flow into their hearts with the hope that this love will weave the "disparate fragments of life into a tapestry of wholeness and holiness." Participants will take home tools that are intended as transformative practices that will impact everyday life of anyone working in Silicon Valley.

This retreat will guide participants using specific spiritual tools to listen to the desires and feelings of their hearts and find God in all things, even in Silicon Valley. St. Ignatius is famous for his motto "finding God in all things" and Silicon Valley is famous for "innovative and entrepreneurial things." The Valley is home to the invention of so many life transforming things and many in the workforce are people of faith. Unfortunately, with the speed of life here there is rarely time to reflect on the impact work can have on faith or the impact faith can have on work.

Please visit the Jesuit Retreat Center at Los Altos website at: https://jrc.retreatportal.com/events/f?p=101:2:8707989409053:::PROGRAM_ID:2412 to reserve your place.