

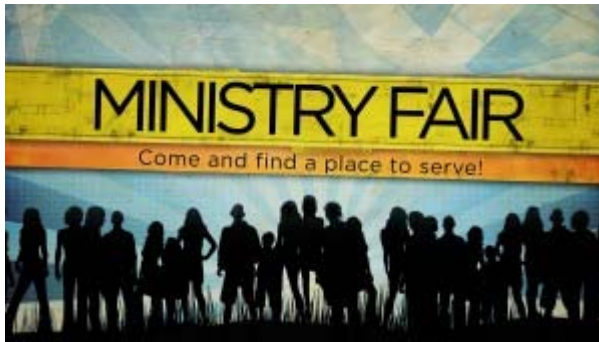


HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8th, 2019



Social Ministries Fair

"Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others and with the washing of the feet the Lord teaches us to be servants, and above all, servants as He was a servant to us, for every one of us."-Pope Francis-

Please stop by the Social Ministries Fair over Hospitality Weekend between masses September 21st and 22nd. Mimosas, coffee and snacks will be served.

We encourage you to please take a moment to check out many of the opportunities available for you to be Christ's presence to the people of our community and beyond.

Amongst the many volunteer possibilities is service locally in the many programs provided in our partnership with Sacred Heart Community Services, or maybe volunteering to serve with Village House Women's Shelter during its annual stay here in January. You might be interested in our domestic immersion trip to East Texas or our international immersion trip to Chinandega, Nicaragua, where missionaries will help to improve the living and economic conditions of the residents in need in those communities. Many serving opportunities are provided in our parish, there is truly something for everybody!

Holy Spirit ministry leaders will be on hand to answer any questions.

As Pope Francis calls us to the service of others, the Social Ministries Fair is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the many services we offer at Holy Spirit to minister to those living on the margins of society.

PLEASE COME TAKE A LOOK!

HELP US MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE!

**Planting:
"Lord, Teach
Us to Pray"**



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.

The participants will be presented methods of creating a sacred space for prayer, developing a routine, and using scripture and other forms of prayer to enrich their prayer experience. In addition to the opening and closing retreats and the 4 weekly sessions, the participants will be asked to pray and journal daily for up to 30 minutes a day. At the end of the session, the participants will be ready to attend another planting session or experience one of our cultivation sessions.

Planting 9/14 Sat. 9:00-12:00pm
Parish Hall Opening Retreat

Planting 9/19 Thu. 7:00-8:30pm
HSS Library

Planting 9/26/19 Thu 7:00-8:30pm
HSS Library

Planting 10/3/19 Thu 7:00-8:30pm
HSS Library

Planting 10/10/19 Thu 7:00-8:30pm
HSS Library

Retreat 10/19/19 Sat 9:00-4:00
Parish Hall-Closing retreat

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NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



The text from today's gospel always presents a difficult challenge because it seems that Jesus gives a hardline that it is



impossible to maintain, namely, "anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." There are few to any of us who have renounced all our possessions to be his disciple! Does that mean we cannot be his disciple?

In both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of Apostles, St. Luke uses the term "possessions" to symbolize power and control. In this light, discipleship demands that we give up the self-centered reliance on what one has or what one controls. This is what it means then to "renounce one's possessions." "Control" being the most difficult component to address as we all like to be at least somewhat in control.

For Luke, the Evangelist, a disciple chooses to rely completely on the resources that God provides. In other words, we surrender our will to the will of Jesus. This is often calling "dying to the old self" or "becoming a new creation in Christ" or "metanoia" or "turning away from one's old ways." All of these phrases point to a real letting go of oneself. There is nothing more difficult than to let go of what we once were and thought we were. And nothing more challenging than to acknowledge that we need to change our way of life and embrace a new habit of life. From this perspective, discipleship is very costly indeed and demands a full commitment of the heart.

What is the Lord asking of us? This all depends what we are struggling with in our lives. The Lord does not ask the same thing of all of us. That would not make sense because all of us have been given different gifts and have different challenges in our lives. The Lord only asks us to listen to him and follow him with our whole heart and let him into the solution of our lives.

What will it take for us to give this full commitment to Jesus? It starts with **desire**. We cannot change a habit of *doing something wrong* if we are not interested in *doing something right*. In other words, we need to foster the "desire" to do God's will, to please God and we need to desire to follow Jesus' way. That desire to follow comes through prayer for sure but it also comes through simple acts of kindness and gentleness.

If we are kind and gentle with one another, we are following Jesus in his way to God's will. When we move gently and kindly with others in what we do, then soon enough other steps will be revealed to us. Larger steps of forgiveness and service starts to be made known to us. These larger steps will never be noticed if we do not have the desire to please God. Today our discipleship starts with the simple acts of kindness and gentleness.

Question of the Week

Do you find yourself aligning with the older or younger brother? Why?



Birthday of Mary

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are told by some of the earliest Christian writers. These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The Gospel of James describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. Joachim began fasting for forty days and forty nights in the desert while Anne prayed fervently, saying, "Oh God of our fathers, bless me and hear my prayer, as You blessed the womb of our mother Sarah and gave her son Isaac to her." And behold an angel appeared and said, "Anne, Anne, the Lord God has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall give birth; and your child shall be spoken of in all the world." Similarly, an angel appeared to Joachim and said, "Joachim, Joachim, the Lord God has heard your prayer. Return home. And behold, your wife Anne has conceived a child in her womb." Anne was standing by the gate, and when she saw Joachim coming, she ran to meet him and said, "Now I know that the Lord God has blessed me greatly; for, behold the widow no longer a widow, and I the childless has conceived." Nine months later, Anne gave birth to a girl. Anne told the midwife, "My soul has been magnified this day." And she named the baby "Mary."

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of historic significance, and a prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed," he said.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 9/9 Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

T 9/10 Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

W 9/11 Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26



TH 9/12 Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

F 9/13 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14, Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

S 9/14 Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Su 9/15 Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

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

T 9/10	8:30	Carol Denehy
S 9/14	5:00	Annamma Palakan
SU 9/15	8:00	Holy Spirit Parish
	9:30	Jaqueline Stahara
	11:30	Holy Spirit Parish
	6:00	Robert Fernandes

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

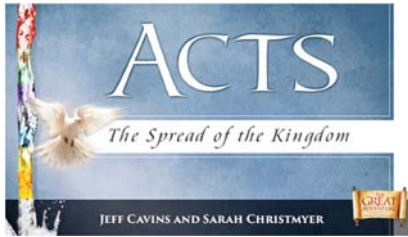
Nicole Conley
 Lisa Olsen

For those who have recently died:

Russell Todd



Scripture Study



Holy Spirit Scripture Study begins a new study **Wednesday, September 18th**, Acts: *The Spread of the Kingdom*, by Jeff Cavins.

The Acts of the Apostles shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching healing, and restoring the outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. It provides a historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of Acts. You will learn how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves, from Jerusalem to Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Share with the early Christians the joys and struggles of living the life of Christ, and learn how these still apply today.

We meet from 9:15AM until 11:00 in the Parish Hall. The cost of the study is \$40. for the study guide. All are welcome, no matter where you are in your faith journey or scripture study experience.

For more information contact Merry Reardon at merry.reardon@djs.org

Cub Scouts



Pack 229 is holding our first meeting of the year on **Monday, September 9th @ 7pm** in the Holy Spirit School Gym.

You and your child are invited to visit and experience a typical Pack meeting. Cub Scouts is designed for boys and girls in grades 1st through 5th grades.

If you are interested, please contact our Recruitment Chair, Jean Lattie at 408-398-3035 or jean@lattie.org.

Watercolor Workshop



Join us for Watercolor Workshop, a Small Christian Community, which meets on Tuesdays at 1:30 to 3:30 in Room 4 of the Parish Hall, beginning September 24.

Contact Chris Cairns at cairns7@pacbell.net to get the Supply List.

No experience necessary! Beginners welcome. Watercolor is a great creative outlet, friendly, and fun."

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 homeless and living on the streets of San Jose, usually about 40 on each distribution day.

We have the privilege of looking for the face of Christ in each of our clients.

Survival Sacks will be distributed on Thursday, **July 11th** and Thursday, **July 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 at about 10:45 a.m.

Please consider joining us for this important ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact either Patty or Tom at tnburgei@yahoo.com or call (408) 356-6773.

Buddies Abound!



Among the things our students look forward to at the start of the year, meeting the year's new buddies ranks fairly high on the list.

Each older buddy gets to know a younger student, shares special social, academic and service projects with them throughout the school year and attends mass with them every Thursday morning.

This is a small way we strengthen the bonds of community across the grade levels. The buddy program is also a wonderful opportunity for our older students to model the positive environment we encourage at Holy Spirit School each day.

Welcome back, buddies! It's good to see you.



3sixty High School Ministry

3sixty is back for another year in ministry. We kick off after the 6pm Mass. All high school youth are welcome to attend. Our kick off evenings are full of fun and fellowship. 3sixty registrations remain open during the entire year.



Edge Middle School Ministry

Edge kicks off another year in ministry starting on **Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00pm** in the Hall. All middle school youth are welcome to attend. Edge registrations remain open during the entire year.



Confirmation Year 1

There is still room to register for Confirmation Year 1. We had our first orientation session last week, however it is not too late. Please contact Row for more information at row.david@dsj.org.

Confirmation Year 2

Our orientation session for the Year 2 group will be on **Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30pm in the church.**



Women's Faith Sharing

God invites us to a deeper relationship with Himself. As we continue in our ministry in "Growing Our Friendship with Jesus",

We invite any woman who would like to join us to share scripture and community and sharing, as we grow deeper in our spiritual lives and specifically with Jesus.

As Christian women, our daily lives are dictated by the routines and responsibilities of our families, our work, our households.

So we invite women of all ages to come together in prayer and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

Please feel free to join us and be feel free to bring a companion. We meet every Tuesday at 9:15-10:30.

There is no need to rsvp all are welcome, in the Parish Hall, if you would like to join us for daily mass at 8:30 before woman faith feel free to join us.

We will begin on **Tuesday, September 10th.**



How to Communicate Effectively with Seniors, a series



We live in a society where the post-World War II Baby Boomer Generation (born 1946-1964) is reaching their senior years in ever-growing numbers and representing an increasingly larger segment of the population. Higher standards of living and medical advancements are extending life expectancies in many countries to well above the age of eighty.

Caring for, and having, successful relationships with older adults often requires unique communication skills and strategies. This series will offer five tips for successful communication with seniors. Not each of these ideas may apply to your particular situation or the older adult(s) involved. Simply use what works and discard the rest.

1. Exercise Patience and Compassion

It goes without saying that patience and compassion are often needed when dealing with the elderly. Physical challenges, slow movement, forgetfulness, neediness, and apathy are just some of the behaviors you might encounter. Sometimes it's easy to lose patience and become frustrated. One might even be tempted to give up and walk away.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 9/9	3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Classes Music Practice Parish Council Meeting Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Church Parish Hall Church Parish Office Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 9/10	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Auction Planning Meeting Women's Faith Sharing 3Sixty Core Team Meeting Finance Council Meeting SMOC Meeting Women's Faith Sharing	Be Still Room Parish Hall Be Still Room Parish Office Parish Office Parish Hall
WED 9/11	6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group GOFJ Cultivation Enrichment Prayer Series Edge Youth Night	Parish Office HSS Library Parish Office Parish Hall
THU 9/12	5:00 p.m.	SEEL	Be Still Room
FRI 9/13	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	SEEL AI-Anon Meeting	Be Still Room Parish Hall
SAT 9/14	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	GOFJ Planting-Opening Retreat Small Community of Faith CLOW	Parish Hall Be Still Room Parish Hall
SUN 9/15	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Nursery CLOW Faith Formation Classes Domestic Church Meeting 3Sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall Church Parish Hall

During these moments, it's very helpful to put yourself in the senior's shoes, even for just a moment. Consider the older adult you're dealing with and complete the sentence: "It must not be easy..." or "It must be hard..." For example: "She's being so apathetic. It must not be easy to live without her friends around." "He does everything so slowly. It must be hard to deal with arthritis every day."

Having empathy for the older adult is an effective way to generate more patience and compassion. If, despite your best efforts, your patience still runs thin, take a time out from the older adult if possible. Come back when you're in a calmer state of mind.

Next week: "Asking instead of ordering"

The "Other" Gospel People:

A Chaplain Shares
Her Experiences
Ministering Inside
California's Penal System

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