



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA- The Scrutinies

The last few weeks of Lent is an important time for a group of people called The Elect. The Elect, after a period of study and prayer, have decided to become fully-initiated members of the Catholic Church and will participate in final stages of the Rite of

Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). They have been Elected by both our parish community and Bishop Cantu during the Rite of Election Mass to proceed to Easter Vigil, where they will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation.

Once they are chosen as members of the Elect, they begin their process of formal initiation within their local parish communities. This formalized initiation process takes place during the Scrutiny Masses, a set of three different masses that centralize around the reality of sin and the salvation that we receive through God's mercy and grace.

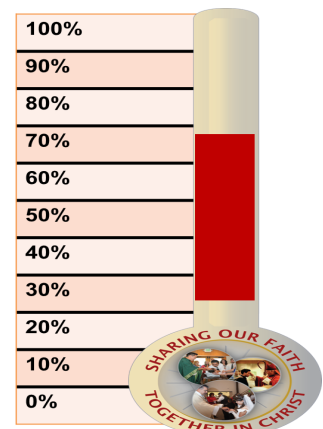
These three Scrutiny masses happen just before Palm Sunday; the 3rd Sunday of Lent (Sunday, March 24th at the 6pm mass), the 4th Sunday of Lent (Sunday, March 31st at the 9:30am mass), and the 5th Sunday of Lent (Sunday, April 7th at the 11:30am mass). Each Scrutiny mass reveals more of the Truth of God's covenant with humanity to the Elect, and teaches trust in God as the Elect prepare for their baptisms. They do this through the prescribed readings and chants for each mass (The Gospel Reading of the Woman at the Well for the First Scrutiny, the Man Born Blind for the Second, and the Resurrection of Lazarus during the Third).

Each Mass also provides the rest of the parish community the opportunity to pray over and intercede for the Elect, as the presider claims the Elect from the grasps of Sin and Satan for Christ through the celebration of the rite of exorcism.

As we continue through Lent and on to the Easter Vigil when the Elect will be freed from Sin in the waters of Baptism, we continue to ready our hearts to receive Christ into our lives as we did at our baptisms, and we pray for those who prepare for their Initiation into the Catholic Church.



Thank you to our many generous parishioners that have returned gift and pledges to the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your support to this Appeal helps our parish in our financial responsibility to our larger Diocesan Church. To date we have received \$224,442 From 359 families, toward our Diocesan goal of 290,000 and the Parish goal of \$400,000. We are at 77% of our Diocesan goal. Please remember, that any amount over our goal comes back to our parish 100%! Please consider a gift to ADA; every gift makes a difference. We want your participation and need your support.



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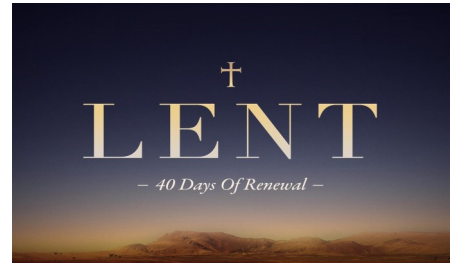
What other types of blindness are there, other than physical blindness. Lord please wash my blind spots clean, so I can be healed.?



I often find that Lent can be a bittersweet reality. Sweet because it brings the opportunity to spend more quality time with the Lord in prayer. Bitter because I strive to change so many things in my life only to realize that I am trying too hard, to change too much, too fast. It is almost like another

New Year's resolution failure! I set the goals; I succeed for a few days or weeks; I realize that I cannot continue to reach my goals; I falter and fail; I give up on the goals; I disappoint myself; I get mad at myself; I give up trying to change at all!

But Lent is not about resolutions to make ourselves better people even though those can be great things to improve. It is about conversion and renewal in our relationship with Christ. It is about walking with the Lord and allowing him to show us the path of discipleship in new ways through more prayer, some fasting and lots of reaching out to others. It is about turning ourselves gently towards Christ and listening with whom we ought to stand. It is about being more patience with the process that God has started within our hearts and allowing God to continue that process of conversion.



Recently, I read these words on patience:

True patience is the opposite of a passive waiting in which we let things happen and allow others to make the decisions. Patience means to actively enter into the thick of life and to fully bear the suffering within and around us. Patience is the ability to see, hear, touch, taste, and smell as fully as possible the inner and outer events of our lives...Patience is an extremely difficult discipline precisely because it counteracts our unreflective impulse to flee or to fight. (Nouwen, McNeill, and Morrison, Compassion, 93)

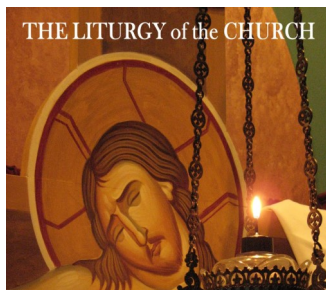
Lent is more a season of exercising patience in our relationships primarily our relationship with Christ. It is the season to walk with Christ more so that we see more fully how God sees our lives. That will mean we have to resist the temptation to "make ourselves better" but instead to simply allow God to give us his grace to "see, hear, touch, taste, and smell" life more by slowing down. Thank God Lent is 40 days long because it might take all 40 days to be patient with ourselves and with others remembering that God is patient with us on our lifelong journey of faith. God is willing to wait a lifetime for us to change. We do not have to do it all in one Lent. Let's be patient with ourselves.

Also many of you have asked me how am I deciding on the "best homilies" for my Lenten Series. I rely on your feedback. So if you have a favorite then please let me know and I will try to fit it in. email me at Brendan.McGuire@dsj.org . Thank you.

LIVING THE LITURGY

What is Liturgy?

It was remarkable when Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI analogously compared Liturgy to a "game" that people play. He wrote, it is like a game that has its own rules and sets up its own world. It is a moment of retreat from the pressure of daily life, i.e. a stress relief. For children, it is a kind of an anticipation of life or a rehearsal for a later life, e.g. virtual reality.



Similarly, Pope Emeritus said Liturgy would be a kind of anticipation, a rehearsal, and a prelude for the life to come, i.e. the eternal life. It is a real "game" where freedom and order (rule or law) are one. Laws were given like the rules in a game, nevertheless, it has a deeper implication, it is for man's righteous living, to live more free. Law is essential for freedom and community life.

In these tough times, people need someone to rule and guide, someone who essentially will lead them not to just living a life of prosperity and richness, but living a life of freedom and of justice, a righteous life that is based upon a solid moral ground.

God revealed Himself for He is that someone who can govern and protect humanity. He alone is the giver of life. From the beginning of time, He was there, He is today, and He will be in the future. He never abandoned nor deserted His people. This is what the Liturgy means, His eternal presence, i.e. in the past even before time exist, the present, and the future.

Liturgy is an infinity sign of God's presence in the world. Sacraments are the living proof of His presence, beginning in baptism to the Last Rite. After death, comes eternal life, completing the plan of salvation. Therefore, Liturgy is the revelation of God to humanity and human's relationship to God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 3/25 Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

T 3/26 Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

W 3/27 Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

TH 3/28 Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23



F 3/29 Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

S 3/30 Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

SU 3/31 Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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 3/26 8:30 Ernie Salera
W 3/27 8:30 Mabel Cunha †
F 3/29 8:30 Michael Cloonan †
SU 3/31 11:30 Augusta "Augey"
Urrere †
Valerie Abeyta
6:00 Holy Spirit Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Suzanne Duncan

For those who have recently died:

Gretchen Brush Bates

Ray Mercado



STEWARDSHIP



Feeding the hungry

Please consider joining us in an exciting way to serve others. We meet in the Parish Hall at 10:30 a.m. to make sandwiches and then pack the lunches. 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 all have been served, part of the group follows the light rail tracks into the center of the city and distributes sandwiches as they walk. The group who remains in the park cleans up litter.

We invite ten families to join us. 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. Our next Saturday Lunch Ministry meets on **April 6th**. Please contact Lisa Martin at lisamart666@gmail.com for more information.

SECOND OFFERINGS

March 24th	Sacred Heart Reverse Collection
March 31st	Catholic Relief Services

Survival Sack Distribution



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.

Survival Sacks will be distributed on April 4th and 18th. The signup link can be found on the parish website beginning on **Monday, March 25th**, Volunteers must be 16 or older. We meet at Sacred Heart at **8:45 a.m.** and finish up about **10:45 a.m.**

We have the privilege of looking for the face of Christ in each of our clients. If you are unable to volunteer, we would request that you say the following prayer for the homeless each day during your meditation time:

God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus whose earthly life began in a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross. We hold before you those who are homeless. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who provide them with shelter, food, and friendship. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen

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. **Thank you.**

ESL at OLR Needs Your Help!!



We are in need of volunteers to help teach adult classes in English as a Second Language over at Our Lady of Refuge Church (2265 Loretta Blvd. San Jose) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The only requirements is knowing how to speak English, get fingerprinted, and complete a short training through VIRTUS.

Please let us know if this is a ministry you could share your time, talent and treasure with. It is very rewarding! If you have any questions or would like to sign up please contact Jim Gibbons at Jim@Gibbons.com.



Diocesan Youth Retreat

The annual Diocesan Youth Retreat (DYR) will take place on **June 10-14** at the pristine retreat site in Lake Tahoe. This year marks its 24th retreat. This long-standing tradition in our Diocese has changed so many lives. Last year, the retreat had 260 youth and 70 lead-

ers. Holy Spirit alone brought 50 youth! We hope to grow this retreat this summer. This retreat is open to all 8th graders through high school seniors. Registrations are now up and online. Please visit <https://bit.ly/DYR2019ENG> to register. Or contact Row at row.david@dsj.org for more details.

3sixty High School Ministry

Last Sunday, 3sixty had a fun night in fellowship celebrating the St. Patrick's Day holiday. It was a great night that allowed the youth to hang and relax. After the 6pm Mass on **March 24**, we will continue our series on **Taking Care** with a night focused on taking care of the mind. All high school youth are welcome to attend.



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



2019-2020 Faith Formation Classes

Grades K-5

Class schedules are:

Sundays 10:45-11:45 am

or **Mondays 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 pm**

Registration begins March 31st

For those interested in First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation through the Domestic Church program at Holy Spirit, we ask that your child experience two years of religious education either through Catholic School education or the parish Faith Formation classes prior to celebrating their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Preparation begins during year two.

Questions? Please contact Melissa Brush at Melissa.brush@dsj.org



Holy Spirit School is excited to offer another fun-filled summer program here on our beautiful campus! Registration for students entering kindergarten through 8th grade will open to all on April 1. Applications will be available online or in the school office. (Current families may apply now.)

Academic Mornings

Spend the morning problem solving and being challenged in the subject areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. Students will use hands-on learning, critical thinking skills and technology to enhance their learning.

Morning courses run 9 – 11:30 am.

Enrichment Afternoons

The afternoon is filled with fun and engaging enrichment courses in cooking, art and sports to spark the imagination and introduce students to new adventures with their friends.

Afternoon courses run noon – 2 pm.

Drama Camp

Students in grades 1-8 may spend their whole day, from 8 am to 2 pm, with us as they prepare and perform this year's musical production of Alice in Wonderland!

For more information, please contact us at 408.268.0794.

PASTORAL CARE



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting are stitched together into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace with warm and comforting prayer shawls.

Our Parish shawl-makers work all year long to create lovely, comforting shawls rich with prayers and blessings for the recipient.

Upon completion, a final blessing from one of our priests is offered before the shawl is sent on its way.

Shawls can be used for any challenge: hospitalization, undergoing medical procedures, grief and bereavement, times of great stress, birth or adoption, bridal shower gift, during illness and recovery; tireless ministering to others.

Learn more about this ministry from Sandy Palodichuk at 408.268.7821.

Have questions about Pastoral Care and our parish ministries to those who are suffering? Call Leah Harris, Director of Holy Spirit Pastoral Care, at 408.997.5110.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 3/25	12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Widows Faith Group Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Class Men's Faith Group Liturgy Preparation Committee AA Meeting	Classroom 2 Church Parish Hall Classroom 2 Parish Office Classroom 3
TUE 3/26	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Workshop Music Practice Women's Faith Group 360 Core Team Meeting Passion Rehearsal	Parish Hall Classroom 3 Church Parish Hall Be Still Room Church
WED 3/27	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Bridge Bible Study: Bishop Robert Barron Confirmation 2 Meeting Paschal Mystery Presentation. Fr. Brendan	Parish Office Parish Hall Classroom 4 Parish Hall Church
THU 3/28	8:45 a.m.	Survival Sacks	Sacred Heart
FRI 3/29	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting	Parish Hall
SAT 3/30	5:00 p.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Parish Hall
SUN 3/31	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

Art and Environment Help

This is the time of year when our Art and Environment ministers have to work extra hard to transform our church into a beautiful and prayerful space for worship. Please let us know if you are available to help on any or all the dates below:

Palm Sunday Set up: 4/13 at 9:00am

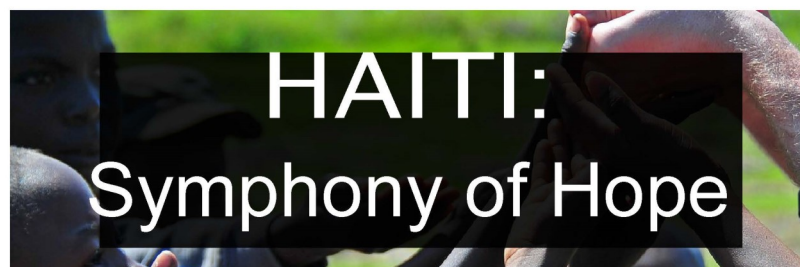
Holy Thursday set up: 4/18 at 10:00am

Good Friday set up: 4/18 at 8:00pm after Mass

Easter Set up: 4/20 at 9:00am

Please contact Sue Schill at sue@bobschill.com. Any time you can share will be much appreciated and community service hours are available, if needed.





Join Us!

Saturday RESCHEDULED EVENT
April 6, 2019
 10am-2pm

\$20
 (Please bring a bag lunch)

Dominican Center
 43326 Mission Circle
 (entrance off Mission Tierra)
 Fremont, CA 94539

RSVP by 3/26/2019 at
<http://bit.ly/2019Haiti>
 or call (510) 933-6360



Sister Mary Sean will present *HAITI: Symphony of Hope*, from her visit in January 2018 with Holy Family Parish, South Pasadena. Her presentation will include an overview of Father Tom Hagan's HANDS TOGETHER projects. Selected parts of the 'Symphony of Hope' DVD will be shown and discussed.

Sister Mary Sean Hodges, O.P., taught for 39 years in MSJ Dominican Schools. In 2002 she began work in her present ministry, Partnership for Re-Entry Program (PREP), having developed correspondence courses for inmates. Sister regularly visits many California prisons, working mainly with the Lifer population to prepare them for their Board of Parole Hearings for release from prison.



This event honors
 Sister Stella Marie Goodpasture, O.P.,
"Giant for Justice," for her 60+ years of tireless
 and passionate work for Social Justice.



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**Spring Men's
 Cursillo Retreat**

April 4-7

*St. Clare's
 Retreat Center*

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

pe-milioto@msn.com

*... 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**.



World Wide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples. How would you like to spend a weekend away with your spouse – just the two of you? Away from everything: the kids, job, phone, bills and house? *Plan to get away* to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is: **May 17-19, 2019** in San Jose, CA.

For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Claranne or Ken at applications@sanjosewwme.org, or 408-782-1413