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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

Sacred Heart Reverse Collection

Next Sunday is our annual reverse collection for Sacred Heart. You will be asked to take a slip from the second collection basket instead of putting money in. These slips will ask you to donate products that Sacred Heart distributes every day to their many customers. We will be collecting these items at Holy Spirit from **February 24th through March 4th** and we will donate them to Sacred Heart.

The Reverse Collection can be a Lenten family experience. During Lent, we are examining ourselves and our hearts so that we can follow Christ more closely. We have been blessed by God with so much and it is our Christian responsibility to care for others. We ask that you prayerfully consider participating in the Reverse Collection.

Sacred Heart provides many daily essentials to their customers. Items that are in high demand include pop-top cans, disposable diapers, infant formula, and adult tube socks.



As we all know, there are thousands of homeless men, women and children in Santa Clara County, and Sacred Heart offers them non-cooking bags of food that contain pop-top cans and produce, as well as bag lunches. Many homeless walk constantly to keep moving and avoid loitering, and Sacred Heart provides clean, dry socks to make their days easier.

Sacred Heart also helps families with young children. Diapers and infant formula are expensive, and customers often cannot afford to purchase the diapers and formula that they need for their children.

Please remember these needs when you are shopping this week, and thank you for caring for those in our community.



A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Gracious God,
today begins a period
of inner reflection and examination.
The days stretch before me
and invite me inward
to that silent, holy space
that holds your Spirit.
This special time beckons me
to see my life through Christ's eyes
and the truth and reality
of your love incarnate.
Give me the grace
to enter the space of these days
with anticipation of our meeting.
And, when I open my soul
to your presence,
let your loving kindness
flow over me
and seep
into the pockets of my heart.
I ask this for the sake of your love.

**Join us for Ash Wednesday
Mass on February 14th, at
8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

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Question of the Week

How will you spend these
forty days of Lent?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



This week, on Wednesday, we celebrated a liturgy for the close of the Village House shelter at Holy Spirit for the 15 women experiencing homelessness. We hosted for 5 weeks and things went well overall. They now go to Willow Glen United Methodist Church, one of our early partners in this endeavor. Pastor Rebecca was on hand to receive the ladies and to assure them of the love waiting for them at their Church. This whole process has been a wonderful blessing to the parish again this year.

I want to give a public thank you to all our volunteers and especially the leadership team led by Mike Ferrero. He took a lead in the whole operation along with his many teams of people who help him, especially Bob Fields and Christine Burroughs who were on hand for every major step. They have done a fantastic job. Please hold the women in your prayers each day. They continue to need our support spiritually too.

Now we transition this week to our Lenten journey starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Valentine's Day is an unusual day to start our Lenten observances and many people have asked that they skip the regular Lenten practices for Ash Wednesday. I would ask us to engage in Ash Wednesday as we would always do. Valentine's Day is a worthy celebration in itself for love is always a worthy celebration. I submit that Ash Wednesday has the higher importance and we can use the day to highlight our loved one's place in our lives.

The concept behind lent has always been three separate and equally important aspects: **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. All three of these are to help us prepare for the celebration of Easter. It is our journey of renewal of our commitment to discipleship. If you would prefer to see it in sports terms: it is our commitment to get in shape spiritually again. We get back to basics of our spiritual journey.



I do not think I need to say anything more about prayer, as I am constantly encouraging you to pray more each day, other than to add that **now is the time to commit to 30 minutes of prayer daily**. Fasting is something we rarely talk about and it is directly connected to almsgiving. The purpose of **fasting is to "sacrifice" something for the sake of others**. To deliberately deprive ourselves, to consciously choose to do without something but for a purpose. That purpose is to open our eyes to those who do not have as much as we have.

I encourage you to think about what you will sacrifice for the sake of others. What will you give up or do that will help you focus your discipleship on others more in need than us. Please also help your children to "give up something" for the sake of others. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving all go together. Let's start with Ash Wednesday and give up our candy that day and think of all those who are without love. Think of those who are stuck in human trafficking and have nobody to love them and recognize their human dignity. Yes, candy is easy to give up if we focus on others and think of their lack of love. Then we promise to love our loved ones even more.

LIVING THE LITURGY



Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday, we as a Church will be celebrating an important day marking the beginning of the holy season of Lent. While the world around us will be bustling with beautiful flowers and colorfully wrapped chocolates for Valentine's Day, we, as a community, will be taking an opportunity to look at our lives here on earth and to remember the importance of keeping our eyes on eternal life.

Ash Wednesday comes along once a year and is the first day of Lent -- the season before Easter. It is a truly unique celebration, often remembered as the day when people are signed with ashes on their foreheads. The ashes that mark our foreheads on Wednesday have a deeper meaning than letting our friends know that we are church goers, though. The ashes remind us of our mortality, and that our God is constantly inviting us into communion with Him because He is gracious and merciful.

On Wednesday, the Distribution of Ashes will replace the Penitential Rite, the part of mass where we acknowledge our sins and ask God for forgiveness. During the Distribution of Ashes, the phrases "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" will be said to each person receiving ashes. These words are not to downplay the existence of human life nor to accuse church-goers of being overly sinful. These phrases bring perspective the discipline of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

During Lent, we remember the Love of God and to return to Him with our whole hearts as a reminder of our baptismal promises to be followers of Christ. Pope Francis wrote about Lent this year, saying that "Lent summons and enables us to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of life." This makes Ash Wednesday all the more important, especially on Valentine's Day, to remember that the material things of this world are fleeting, and that true joy comes in the consolation of eternal life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- M Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
T Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
W Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
TH Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
F Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
S Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
SU Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



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 8:30 Frank Morfin †
T 8:30 Stephen Popovich †
Jason Iberson
SU 8:00 Don Murray †
Richard Dadisman †
9:30 Joe Earnshaw †
Dolores Fortich †
Marie Firato
11:30 Holy Spirit Parish
6:00 Maria Costello

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:
Gretchen Brush-Bates,
Marcela Campero,
Howard LeBas, Daniel
McTeague, Francis X.
Miller, Thomas Rouse.



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"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

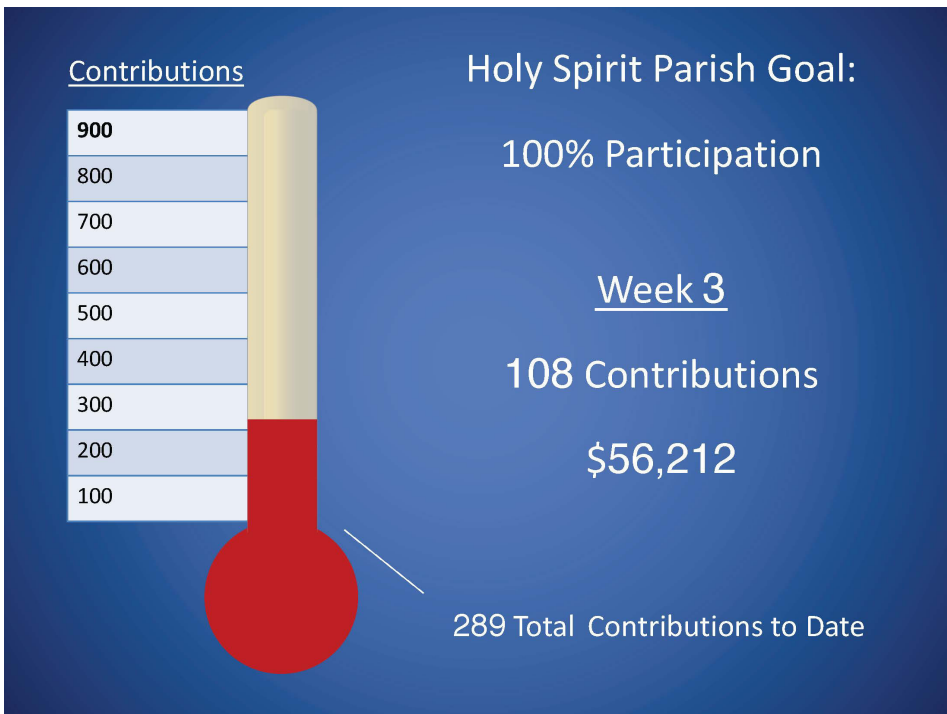
The Holy Spirit Art and Environment Ministry, led by Patricia Bilello and Sue Shill, is busy every week preparing our church for our weekend Masses. This ministry often goes above and beyond to meet the needs of our community, but when Christmas and Easter fall so close together as they do again in this Liturgical Year, our Art and Environment ministry needs a few extra hands to transform our worship environment.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th and we need your help. If you are willing to help in this grace-filled ministry on February 13th, Tuesday morning, at 9:30 please contact Katie Metzger know at 408-997-5115 or kmetzger@dsj.org. We are especially in need of a few strong men or youth to help with some heavy lifting and placement of banners. Community service hours can be earned.

We will be reaching out in a few weeks for help to transform our environment for Palm Sunday, then Holy Thursday, Good Friday and finally Easter for both the Church and Gym.

SECOND OFFERINGS

- February 11th Holy Spirit School
- February 25th Reverse Collection for Sacred Heart



Saturday at Sacred Heart

A group of volunteers from Holy Spirit will be gathering at Sacred Heart Community Service on **Saturday, February 17th at 9:00 a.m.** This group is a combination of families with children of school age, teens, and

adults. Children under 13 must be accompanied by at least one parent. Families like working together giving the example of living our faith, teens earn service hours while chatting with other teens, and adults enjoy meeting new people from the parish and other outreach organizations. Our volunteer shift begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at Noon.

We are usually packing produce, assembling food bags, or sorting clothes for the Clothes Closet. Sacred Heart depends on the work of the Saturday volunteers in order to run the daily operation more smoothly in the week ahead.

Signups are now open on the parish website. Contact Mischa Plesha at mischaplesha@sbcglobal.net with any questions. Hope to see you at The Heart!

Ash Wednesday Questions for Kids

Q: Hey, your forehead's dirty. What's that on your forehead?

A: Ashes...they're from church.

Q: Why did your church put dirt on your forehead?

A: It's not dirt; they're ashes. Today's Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Catholics wear ashes to show that we want to change to get ready for Easter.

Q: Are they supposed to be in a shape or something? Just looks like a smudge to me.

A: It's supposed to be in the shape of a cross – like the one that Jesus died on.

Q: So you think you're something special because you're wearing ashes on your forehead?

A: No, just the opposite. It shows that without God, this is all we are – ashes. It's a way of admitting how much we need God.

Q: So how're you gonna change...gonna become all holy on us?

A: Just trying to become what God wants me to be...a good person.

Q: I hear you guys give up stuff for Lent too. What for?

A: Giving up stuff – like snacks or watching TV or swearing – is kinda like exercise – it's hard work but it makes us stronger.

Q: So you can't have any fun for how long?

A: I can still have fun, I'm just gonna be doing some stuff a little differently for 40 days...that's how long until Easter.

Q: Then you can go back to being your old self?

A: No, that's the point, hopefully I'll be an even better version of myself!



YOUTH MINISTRY

3sixty High School Ministry

Please keep the high school youth in your prayers as they are on their retreat. We will return on Sunday at the 6:00 p.m. Mass, revitalized and renewed in the Spirit!



There will be **no 3sixty youth night this weekend**. 3sixty resumes Sunday, February 18th for a social night. All high school youth are invited to attend.

Edge Middle School Ministry

Our next Edge night will be on **Wednesday, February 28th**. We will explore what it means in our faith to give something up for Lent and why we do it. All middle school youth are invited to attend.

Holy Spirit School Auction Fundraiser



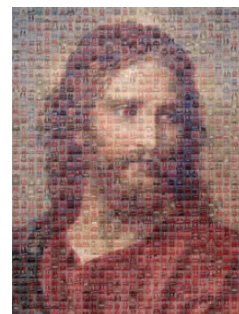
Gather your friends and join us at our Alice in Wonderland – themed annual event at Villa Ragusa on **Saturday, March 24th**. Email hssauction@dsj.org to reserve your table. You don't want to be late to this very important date!



Being the Face of Jesus

Each year, we select a theme to guide our students, faculty and staff. This year's theme is, "We are the face of Jesus." The theme guides activities and conversations all year long. *Am I being the face of Jesus?* is asked by all of our students regardless of grade.

We went one step further when every student chose a placard with one of the school mission statements of "faith,"



"knowledge," or "community" and posed for a picture. All 500 students, 55 faculty and staff, and 2 priests' photos were then compiled to create a composite face of Jesus that is displayed in every classroom and office on our campus.

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February 13th - March 20th

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Planning Your Christian Funeral Wednesday, February 21st 6:30 p.m. Hospitality; 7:00-8:00 p.m. Presentation

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

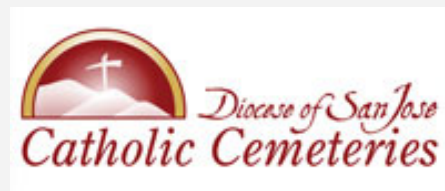
Dates subject to change. View our complete calendar at: www.holyspiritchurch.org

MON	9:15 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Classes Parish Council Meeting Music Practice ESL at OLR Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Parish Hall Library Church Parish Hall Parish Office Church OLR Classroom 4 PK1 & Parish Hall
TUE	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Suicide Bereavement Group Women's Faith Group SMOC Meeting 3sixty Core Team Meeting ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Parish Hall Library Parish Hall Classroom 4 Classroom 2 OLR
WED	6:30 a.m. 8:30 p.m. 9:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Ash Wednesday Mass Scripture Study Ash Wednesday Mass ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Library Church Classroom 4 Church OLR
THU	8:45 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Survival Sacks Scripture Study Music Practice ESL at OLR	Sacred Heart Parish Office Church OLR
FRI	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Small Community of Faith Al-Anon Meeting	Off-site Parish Hall
SAT	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Saturday at Sacred Heart Small Community of Faith Texas Missionaries Sendoff	Sacred Heart Parish Hall Library Church
SUN	7:00 p.m.	3sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall

Advance Directives

Saturday, March 3rd
10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Presenter: Cindy Safe



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HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

February 17 - 18

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Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Registration for Nicaragua

Registration for the Nicaragua Mission Trips **opens on Monday, February 12th, at 6:00 p.m.** The link to the Amigos For Christ registration website will be available on our parish website at <http://holyspiritchurch.org/nicaragua-mission-trip>.



Holy Spirit Parish Mission Trip

Dates

Youth Trip: July 7 - 14
Family Trip: July 14 - 21

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Feb. 12 – March 9, 2018

Interested?

Contact Dan Crocker
(dan@crockerworld.org)
or visit
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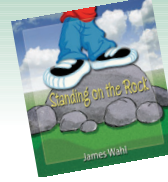


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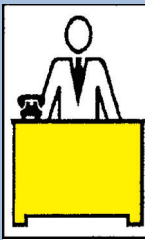
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