



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Second Sunday of Lent

March 8th 2020



Sacred Heart Reverse Collection

Hello Holy Spirit parishioners, please allow us to introduce ourselves. Our names are Nick Elliott and Jack Werle. We are both sophomores at Bellarmine College Preparatory, and alumni of Holy Spirit School. We are taking over the reins of the annual reverse collection for Sacred Heart from Grant Gruwell and Patrick Ward, as they have both begun their college journey this fall. We hope to serve you as well as they did and look forward to meeting some of you as we embark on this stewardship.

This Sunday, 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 March 14th through March 22nd 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 men's underwear (new, sizes L, XL).

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.

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.



If you have already made your gift or pledge to this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal-Thank you!

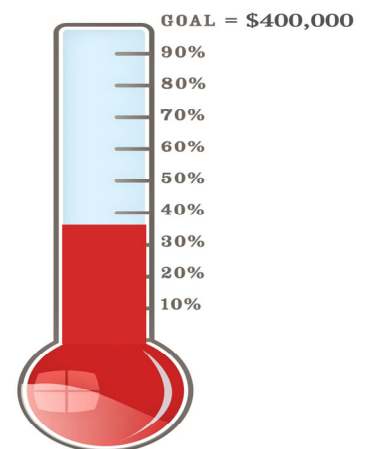
You and many other faith, generous donors have joined together on behalf of the 53 parishes and missions in our Diocese in joyful stewardship of treasure!

Your generosity supports the many ministries, programs and services that support all of us in the Diocese.

If you have not yet participated in this opportunity, on behalf of our parish, please do so right away. Currently, we are at \$151,00, and 37% of our goal.

Thank you in advance for carrying out this blessing to one another. And Remember if you contribute before March 15, 2020 you will receive a free copy of Fr. Brendan's Homily Book – Weaving the Divine Thread.

You DO Make a Difference!



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NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Often when we are faced with something we have done wrong, we might initially deny we did what we have been accused of or make excuses why we did them trying to explain away our poor actions or words either on circumstance or other people. In reality, we did something wrong and we know it regardless of the circumstances or context. Sometimes we come to that realization right away and sometimes we need to think some more about it. Last week I spoke about Lent being a time to "Go to our rooms" and think about the things we have done that are wrong, admit them and then turn back to God in repentance. That is the journey of Lent, metanoia, changing our minds back to God.

During the weekday Masses we are reading from the Book of Jonah. It is the parable about how God will forgive as long as we turn back towards him. It is somewhat of a divine comedy where Jonah initially refuses to preach repentance to the city of Nineveh but eventually does so reluctantly. Much to Jonah's dismay, the whole city repents, and the king declares that everyone, even the animals, should repent and wear sack cloth and ashes as a sign of repentance. God sees this act of humility and relents from any punishment.

The people of Nineveh are held up by Jesus as a model for repentance and we are called to follow their lead. We are called to admit our mistakes, ask for forgiveness and make amends. We are called to change our minds and turn back towards God. That is the journey of Lent.

When we realize that God forgives our sins, we have a fresh start. Then we are called to pass that mercy onto others and forgive them their sins against us. WE are called to help each turn back towards God and be forgiven. That way we are all in union with God and are forgiven by Him and each other.

This seems easy but it is more difficult than we might recall. When others hurt us, especially those closest to us, it can be very hard to let go of the hurt. But if we can allow those who hurt us to repent as well and not make it difficult for them to turn back, we more quickly get back into a more peaceful place with those around us.

When we are not in harmony with one another or when there is unforgiven hurt and pain among us, then the energy between us is negative and saps the life out of us. The message of Christ is to forgive and ask for forgiveness so we can live in freedom with each other and with God. Let the negative go and be set free. Ask for forgiveness and give forgiveness. Be set free!



Question of the Week

Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

LIVING THE LITURGY



Transfiguration as prelude to Jesus' passion

In Pope Francis' contemplation on the Gospel account of the Transfiguration of Jesus, he says "Jesus allows the disciples Peter, James and John a foretaste of the glory of the Resurrection, as well as preparing them for His suffering and death." This is for us also to understand the mystery of His suffering.

Indeed, the Transfiguration of Christ shows us the Christian perspective of suffering. Suffering is not sadomasochism: it is a necessary but transitory passage, that leads to His Resurrection."

Speaking of suffering, the color purple is used throughout Lent because it is traditionally linked with grieving or lamenting, and so anticipates the scrutinizing pain and suffering of Jesus' crucifixion. Nevertheless, it is also a symbol of royalty. Christ Jesus has dominion over all creation for eternity, he is the King of all kings. "The soldiers led Him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed Him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on Him. They began to salute Him with, "Hail, King of the Jews! (Mark 15:16-18)" Although these verses purposely were to mock Jesus, it was also a symbolic act. It was known in the old days that kings and emperors, the wealthy and the elite, would wear purple clothing, representing their royalty and nobility. Though Christ Jesus came humbly without richness or wealth, He is the true promised King who would bring salvation and who would reign forever.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 3/9	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
T 3/10	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
W 3/11	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
TH 3/12	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
F 3/13	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
S 3/14	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
S 3/15	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]

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

TH 3/12	8:30	Aleah Mathai Jackson Haley Bowers
F 3/13	8:30	Nick Martinez Jr. †
S 3/14	5:00	Holy Spirit Parish
SU 3/15	8:00	Linda Kurtz †
	6:00	Holy Spirit Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Nicole Conley
Alice Hayes
Jennie Hsue
Dinah Lyle,

For those who have recently died:

Delores Blaskower
Jan Reynolds
Jose Luiz Tavares de Moura



Saturdays at Sacred Heart



Sacred Heart Community Service is a non-denominational, non-profit organization which provides integrated services onsite free of charge to all in need.

The programs offered are in three main categories: Essential Services (food, clothing, housing, and utility assistance), Self Sufficiency (education, family support, and employment), and Policy and Organization (training low income volunteers to work together to address the needs of their community).

School-aged children and older are invited to join us for our next Sacred Heart Saturday. 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.

School aged children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent. You can sign up for the next Sacred Heart Saturday at <https://holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/>

Service hours can be earned. Hope to see you at The Heart!



Save the Date Vacation Bible School

JUNE 8th-12th



**REGISTRATION OPENS
MARCH 16TH**

**at
www.holyspiritchurch.org**



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.

The signup link can be found on the parish website at <https://holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/>. 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 Patty or Tom at tnburgei@yahoo.com or call (408) 356-6773.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Holy Spirit School celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday this week with special activities in several classrooms. Kindergartners wore their pajamas to school and spent the day rhyming and reading.



First graders and their eight grade buddies did much of the same. There was lots of good fun all the children would say. There was lots of good fun on this Dr. Seuss day.



We are enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are available online, to schedule a private tour, please call 408.268.0794.



3sixty High School Ministry

Last Sunday, Robbie Ocampo, our Associate

Director for Youth Ministry for our Diocese was our special guest speaker and performer. Robbie is known to for his charisma and talent in music, songwriting, and proclaiming the Word. His enthusiasm and love of the Lord was evident and all who attended were inspired. Thank you Robbie for sharing your time with us!

Please note that there will be no 3sixty after the 6pm Mass. 3sixty resumes back on **March 15th**.



Edge Middle School Ministry

The next Edge night will be on Wednesday, **March 11th**. All middle school youth are welcome.

Confirmation Year 1

And that's a wrap for the Year 1 group. Stay tuned for info regarding details to move to the Year 2 process.



Confirmation Year 2

Please continue to pray for the Year 2 Candidates as they will be coming home from retreat. We hope and pray that they had a wonderful encounter with the Lord and with each other. The final session will be on Wednesday, **March 25th** at 6:30pm. This session is for youth, parents, and sponsors. We will also go over details for the April 19th Confirmation Mass. Please make every effort to attend the March 25th session.

The Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election



These Catechumens celebrated the 'Rite of Election', on Monday, March 2nd at the Cathedral with Bishop Cantú.

Caden A.

Devin A.

Adam A.

Anna G.

Ursula G.

Christine H.

Raymond O.

Please pray for our Elect as they prepare for the 'Sacraments Initiation' at the Easter Vigil, on April 11th

Praying for Vocations



Bishop Cantú has given a Vocation Cross to each Parish and invites each parishioner to encourage our families to pray together and dialogue about our faith, our hope is the younger generations will open their hearts and minds to God's plan for them and for the Church.

Then and Now: Kitchen Angels 1993-2020



Ministries in the Church often grow out of a need discovered in the community. Over 30 years ago, a new ministry was started with the goal of caring for grieving families in their time of loss.

The Kitchen Angels are a group of caring individuals who know how overwhelming a funeral day can be. So that the grieving family can focus on their guest, the Kitchen Angels set up the tables and chairs, prepare coffee service and beverages and serve the provided food as their ministry gift to parish families.

The legacy of love in this parish has changed lives and brought many members back to the Faith. If you have a gift for hospitality and care, join us! Creating a beautiful atmosphere for fellowship in memory of a departed community member is both compassionate and fulfilling.

We are currently recruiting additional Angels to join our amazing team. Contact Leah Harris at lharris@dsj.org or 408-997-5110 in Pastoral Care.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 3/9	3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal Faith Formation Parish Council Meeting Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Church Parish Hall Parish Office Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 3/10	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Sharing SMOC Meeting Women's Faith Sharing 3Sixty Core Team Meeting	Parish Hall Parish Office Classroom 4 Be Still Room
WED 3/11	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Scripture Study Edge Youth Night	Parish Office Classroom 4 Parish Hall
THU 3/12	6:30 p.m.	State of the School	Church/Gym
FRI 3/13	7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. .	HSS Medieval Day Al-Anon Meeting	Parish Hall Parish Office
SAT 3/14	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith CLOW	Be Still Room Parish Hall
SUN 3/15	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.. 10:45 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Nursery CLOW Faith Formation Classes 3Sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall

CLOW Volunteers Needed

All children in grades 1-5 are invited to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). CLOW provides children with an opportunity to take a more active part in the celebration of their faith.



The catechists introduce the first reading and Gospel to the children in a text that they can understand, followed by questions to help them reflect upon the readings and deepen their understanding of God's message. We are seeking for more CLOW catechists at the moment. Do you feel called to help children grow in their faith? CLOW is offered at 5pm and 9:30am Mass for approximately 20 minutes, with all materials provided. If you are interested, please contact Merry Reardon at merry.reardon@dsj.org.



"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy."
(St. Faustina's Diary, p. 132)

Save the Date!!!!

**We would like to invite you to a
Prayerful & Personal Encounter with
Our Lord Jesus Christ
To Pray and Contemplate about His
Divine Mercy**

Sunday April 19, 2020

11:30am to 3:30pm

(The Sunday after Easter)

St Martin of Tours Church

200 O'Connor Dr, San Jose, CA 95128

Program

- 11:30 -12:30 pm Holy Mass - *Divine Mercy* – Father Saju Joseph presiding
Complimentary Lunch Immediately after Mass
- 1:15 -2:15 pm Talk on "*Divine Mercy*" by Father Jeff Fernandez
- 2:15 -3:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Confession and
Personal Reflection
- 3:00 -3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction



This retreat is brought to you by a group of Recent ILM Graduates (Institute for Leadership in Ministry) - with a desire to spread the message of Jesus' Divine Mercy to all.
More details on FaceBook page "*Divine Mercy 2020 – San Jose*".
For RSVP: Call (669) 232-1468 or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/divine-mercy-sunday-2020-tickets-93031446561>