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

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage.

Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen

Make A Child's Christmas Bright



The Holy Spirit Annual Advent Angel toy drive will help fulfill the holiday dreams of thousands of children and families in need!

Please consider donating a new game or toy for a child between the ages of 0-17 (there is a need for teen gifts).

Please help us again this year to reach our goal of 1000 toys by visiting the Gold Angel located at the entrance of Holy Spirit Church, or the Advent Angel Tree located in the School Office, and:

Pick up a Gift tag describing a child's wish for a new Toy or Game. Return new, unwrapped donations on:

December 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th weekends to the Altar during Offertory at all Masses or **December 2nd-December 13th** to the bins inside the Parish Hall or outside the School Office.

Thank you for your generosity and for giving back this Christmas and making a difference for the children and teens of our community!

*Toys will be donated to the Sacred Heart Community Service Holiday Toy Box Program. For more information please contact Laurie Brant at lauriebrant@earthlink.net

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving starting with Mass at **9:00am on Thursday, November 23rd**. We hope you can join us in the Parish Hall afterward for a bit of hospitality and fellowship before you set off to be with your family and friends. Please bring your favorite bread or sweets to share. You may drop it off in the parish hall before mass. We very much look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to help with set-up or clean-up, please contact Stephanie Francois at: ssf123@pacbell.net or 209-814-5443 (cell)

The parish office will be closed from Thursday, November 23rd through Sunday, November 26th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



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Question of the Week

How have I lived out the Corporal
and Spiritual Works of Mercy?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



When I was a child, my mother or father taught me to be grateful for anything that a person did for me or gave me. For example, if I received a gift from someone, my mother or father would say, "Brendan, what do you say?" To which I would quickly add, "Thank you." When I was very young, I would regularly forget to say anything because I would get caught up in opening the gift and enjoying it first. But always I would hear my parents, "Brendan! And what do you say?" I would respond "Oh yeah! Thank you!" Then I would quickly go back to opening the gift. The older I got the better I became at first saying thank you and then opening the gift.

In our often-busy lives, I think we take so much for granted. We are so busy enjoying the gift of life, the ultimate gift from God, that we often forget to say thank you to God for the gift at all. It seems we start to act like little ungrateful children who receive a gift and don't acknowledge the giver!



The national holiday of Thanksgiving is a time for all of us to pause and say THANK YOU GOD. It is time to pause and reflect on our lives and see how much goodness we have. I am sure that not everyone has a wonderful day every day but for the most part, we are incredibly blessed by God for so many things. Most of us have good health, family, friends and work necessary to support our families. Let's be grateful to God for those gifts.

But may we also pray for those who are struggling with a decline in health, a broken family, estranged friends or being out of work.

The one thing we have in common is our faith. Through the gift of faith, we know that God is with us no matter what is happening in our lives. Our faith allows us to believe in God in the good times and the tough times. The consistent message of the Gospels is that God loves us no matter what we say or do. He just loves us and loves us. When we come to experience that reality and really hear that message in our hearts, it changes us in ways that nothing else can. It is bit like when you realize that your spouse or friend or parent really loves you. Most often this happens when we do something bad; we say something hurtful, we do something awful or we make a mistake and they still love us. They don't like what we have done but they still love us. That is the way it is with God. God just loves us no matter what.

We come together each week because we want to share in the faith and strengthen each other on the journey. There are times when even our faith is tested as we endure difficulties in our lives. May you take the time to be grateful to God for the gifts you have in your life. Then please find a way to express that gratitude with those who are around you. Happy Thanksgiving to all parishioners.

LIVING THE LITURGY

A Time to be Thankful

On October 3, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation setting aside the last Thursday in November as a national day of thanks. Over the decades since that original proclamation, many traditions have sprung up around this holiday. We have the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, black Friday, the turkey trot run and of course lots of food, family, friends and football.

For most national holidays, people go out, take trips, and have outdoor barbecues and picnics. Thanksgiving is different. People come together with family and friends and want to be home. Everyone helps out in preparing the abundance of food for dinner. When all the preparations are done the family is finally seated at the dinner table and the head of the household says grace. Grace is an act of offering thanks to God and asking His blessing for the people and the food. It is also traditional to go around the table and each person says what they are thankful for this year. It is not surprising that they mention family first.

Thanksgiving is about reflecting on the past year and giving thanks for the people in our lives and blessings that we have received. Our secular society doesn't mention this but it's important for us to remember that the source of all the things we have and the one to whom we give thanks is God. To give thanks to God for all his blessings is one of the most distinctive marks of a Christian. When we fill our hearts with the spirit of gratitude, we grow our relationship with God and with others.

Our greatest gift of all was God giving us his son and continuing to share him with us in the Eucharist. The Eucharist means Thanksgiving and is also about food. When we go to Mass we receive spiritual food in the body and blood of Christ. Just like the family gathering together at table, we say grace before the meal. The priest takes the bread and wine and blesses it. This is what Jesus did at the Last Supper. He took the bread, said grace and gave it to his disciples. This grace or blessing is part of the Eucharistic prayer. Every Sunday we come together with our church family and celebrate a Thanksgiving and we thank God for all he has given us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
T	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
W	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
T	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
F	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
S	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
S	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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	8:30	Annamma Mathai-Jackson Martin Hartigan † Jeanne Bomar
W	8:30	Rafael Brian Gorospe Vigilio Hernandez
Th	8:30	Rahul Pinto † Vinette Paslaqua † Fernando Villar Jr. †
Sa	5:00	Vinette Paslaqua † Sylvia Lynn Sanchez Carmel Bastholm
Su	8:00	Marilyn Johnson Liz Orneles Joyce Tomaszewski
	9:30	Walid Mathi † Gloria Griffith † Rahul Pinto †
	11:30	Holy Spirit Community

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill: Julie Quinn, Bill Sterner and Madeline Rose Vijil
For those who have recently died: Richard Benedetti, Esther Francis, Virginia Hanni, Jessica Iacomini, Ernesto Rodriguez and Eugene Salkeld

STEWARDSHIP



The following is prayer attributed to Mother Teresa that gives us a wonderful model for stewardship and a reason to be thankful:

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;
It was never between you and them anyway.

Please stop by the Ambassador Table any day after Mass to find ways to serve in and outside of our Holy Spirit Community.

Saturday Lunch Ministry



Please consider joining us on **Saturday, December 2nd** in an exciting way to meet others. We will meet at the Parish Office at 10:30 am to make sandwiches and then pack the lunches.

After the lunches have been made, we will drive to the St. James Park area of downtown San Jose. The sandwiches will be distributed to everyone in the park. Signup at holyspiritchurch.org/sandwich-ministry/

Only ten families will be able to sign up. We are asking 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 will be limited to sixth grade and older. A donation of \$10 will be asked from each family to cover the cost of food and supplies.

Holidays at Sacred Heart Community Service



There are still spots open to volunteer for various service opportunities at Sacred Heart during the Christmas holidays. Weekday shifts particularly need to be filled.

Please consider giving the gift of your time to those in need this Holiday season. Contact Mary Jane Vitkovich at mjvitkovich@hotmail.com should you have any questions about sign ups on our website at holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/

Thank You



A heartfelt thank you to all those who donated to the annual Sacred Heart Turkeys and Tarps Drive.

Over the last two weekends Holy Spirit parishioners donated \$10,584. Thank you all for your generosity.

Thanksgiving Prayers



Thanksgiving is a time for family and friends to come together in celebration and reflection on the blessings of the last year. What better way to start off the Thanksgiving meal, than with a prayer.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious God,
 As we gather together around this Thanksgiving table may we be ever mindful of your blessings.
 For abundant food and the gift of family, we give you thanks.
 For those whose hands brought this food to our table, we give you thanks.
 For those who are giving of their time and resources to feed the poor and homeless today, we give you thanks.
 May our celebration of Thanksgiving be a reminder of the abundance of your love given to us freely each day.
 Open our eyes to the surprises held in each moment.
 With deepest gratitude we pray.
 Amen

Children's Prayer for Thanksgiving

Dear God,
 I am thankful for all You give:
 For food, for love, a place to live.
 I thank you for my family too.
 And I want you to know that I love you. Amen

Saints in the City

In its third year running, the Diocese hosts the Saints in the City Awards banquet highlighting special young men and women and recognizing them in their ministry and love in Christ. Each parish and school elects one youth who displays a wonderful example of Christ in their actions and growth in their relationship with Him. Holy Spirit's nominee this year is Andrew Teeple. In addition, Chiara de Leon was also nominated through Notre Dame High School. Kudos to both Andrew and Chiara for being such wonderful examples of faith!



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Stop by the Parish Hall after the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses this morning to support the youth in their annual Autumn Pancake Breakfast fundraiser! Breakfast prices are \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of four or more. All proceeds go directly to youth ministry.

3sixty High School Ministry

Last Sunday, 3sixty had a wonderful praise night singing songs of reflection through praise and worship. We took time for individual prayer to give thanks to our Lord and to thank Him for what he has blessed us with. A great night to prepare us for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

After the 6pm Mass, 3sixty will be capping off the Discernment series with a youth night on our Universal Call to Holiness. We will examine what it means to be holy in today's society. Please note that there will be no 3sixty on Sunday, November 26th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Edge Middle School Ministry

Our next Edge night will be on **Wednesday, December 13th**. In this night, we will prepare ourselves for the physical presence of our Lord. All middle school are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Spirit School students, teachers and staff are grateful to all the parishioners who share their time, talent and treasure with us all year long. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!!



ONE MORE CHANCE

We are excited to offer one more opportunity to visit Holy Spirit School this year. Please join us on **Friday, December 1st between 9:00 and 11:00am**. Come see our school in action.

Caring For Yourself During the Holidays



Despite the many joys of the Season, the holidays can add a heavy load of duty and responsibility which cause feelings of stress to soar. Caregivers, parents, and those carrying grief in their hearts are especially affected by this added stress. So, how do you limit the triggers of stress or at the very least, cope with the stress that is sometimes unavoidable?

- Make a to-do list/organize, then eliminate any unnecessary commitments
- Call on your support network
- Learn to say "No, thank you."
- Don't aim for perfection
- Laugh – it's good for your body and your soul!
- Maintain your health/diet/exercise
- Spend devoted time with immediate family (this replenishes and alleviates guilt)
- Remember to breathe – take deep slow breaths to calm mind and body
- Journal and pray

"Self-care is not selfish."
Throughout the holiday season, and year-round, remember to be good to yourself. Caregivers work very hard and deserve quality time to meet their own emotional needs. Only by replenishing our own reserves can we continue to give to others.

Week at a Glance

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

Monday	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Food Distribution Prayer Shawl Ministry Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Classes Music Practice ESL at OLR Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	SHCS Parish Hall Room 3 Church Parish Hall Church OLR Parish Hall Room 4 PK1 & Parish Hall
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit School Mass Women's Faith Group Thanksgiving Food Distribution Watercolor Workshop Out of the Wilderness Suicide Bereavement Group Women's Faith Group ESL at OLR	Church Parish Hall SHCS Parish Hall & Rm 4 Parish Hall Library Parish Hall OLR
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Food Distribution ESL at OLR	SHCS OLR
Thursday		HAPPY THANKSGIVING Parish Office closed through Sunday, November 26th	
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

Growing Our Friendship with Jesus

Please join us for one or all of our Advent scatterings in the coming weeks:



Growing Our Friendship with Jesus

Mary in Scriptures – Thursday, November 30th
7:00–8:30pm in the Parish Hall with Father Angelo

Characters of the Nativity – Saturday, December 2nd
10:00am–12:00pm in the Parish Hall with John McCarthy

Art of the Incarnation – Thursday, December 7th
7:00–8:30pm in the Parish Hall with TBD

Angels – God's Messengers – Thursday, December 14th
7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall with TBD

Christmas Pageant



We will be having tryouts for our annual Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00pm** in the Church.

If your child is interested in participating this year, please plan on attending the tryouts.

Children will be trying out for speaking parts. All parts, both speaking and non-speaking will be assigned that day.

All children between the age of 5 and 12 are welcome to participate.

Our planned practices for this year are **Tuesdays, December 5th, 12th, 19th and Friday, December 22nd.**

The first 3 practices on Tuesday will be from 6:00 – 7:15pm and our dress rehearsal on Friday the 22nd will be from 4:00 – 5:30pm.

The Christmas Pageant performance is at the Christmas Eve children's Mass at 4:00pm in the school gym.

If you have any questions, please email Liz Roberts at lizroberts@mindspring.com

**Advent Wreath Making
Sunday, December 3rd**



Bring your family and join us to make an Advent wreath for your home. Come to the Parish Hall anytime between **9:00am and 1:00pm** to construct your wreath. There will be a small fee for supplies: \$10 for forms, \$5 for candles, \$5 for greenery and decorations.

Please R.S.V.P. at holyspiritchurch.org/advent-wreath-making/ so that we may plan appropriately for this event. This is a great way to kick off the Advent season. We hope to see you there!

If you have questions please contact Merry Reardon at mreardon@dsj.org.

**Annual Layette
Tea**



Sponsored by: Department for Evangelization, Office for Family Life

Date: Sunday, December 3, 2017
Program begins at 2:00pm
Doors open for drop off at 1:00pm

St. Lucy, 2350 Winchester Blvd., Campbell, CA 95008

Program for the afternoon: Prayer and Welcome, Speakers, Entertainment, Basket Raffle - to provide further funding for The Layette ministry, Refreshments - Courtesy of YLI, District 13 and St. Lucy's Parish

For further information please call: Eileen McMahon 408 978-5298



Just as we celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering together with family. Why not celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. Make your reservation now! **The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 9-11, 2018 in San Jose.**

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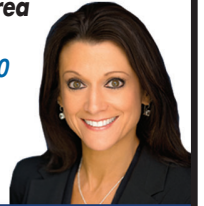
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