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June 3, 2018

Note from Fr. Brendan: Update on Nicaragua Mission Trips

I am deeply saddened to bring you this news regarding the 2018 summer mission trip to Nicaragua.



We had previously communicated to all missionaries that we were closely monitoring the civil unrest caused by actions of the Nicaraguan government. At that time, the protests and civil unrest were localized to Managua and on the University campuses. Chinandega, the city to which we travel and do our work with our partners, Amigos for Christ, had remained quiet and we had hoped the overall situation would improve. However, the reality is different.

Unfortunately, the conditions have worsened. Negotiations organized by the Catholic Church between the government and the citizens have not been fruitful and have shut down as of May 24th. The families of the US Embassy staff have been evacuated and the embassy is only providing services by appointment. On the evening of May 23rd, there was a clash in León between anti-government and pro-government citizens in which at least two people died and fifty were injured. León is a city between Managua and Chinandega and we travel through it going to and from the Amigos for Christ compound. Multiple organizations are beginning to pull missionaries from the country including the Mormon Church and the German government. We have been in contact with Catholic Relief Services who are on the ground in Managua and they are advising us that the situation in Nicaragua is unstable and unpredictable. As of 11:00 p.m. on May 23rd, Amigos for Christ have canceled their servant leader program for the summer and are sending current servant leaders in Nicaragua home.

With all of this, I have made the decision, in consultation with our mission planning team, that **both of our July missions trips will be canceled**. The safety of our missionaries is, and always will be, our number one priority. And given the current situation and the unpredictable nature of it, I do not feel that we can maintain adequate safety this year.

My heart is aching for our partner organization, Amigos for Christ. In speaking with John Bland on Friday of last week to notify him of our decision, both Mike Ferrero and I were profoundly saddened to share the news and it brought us to tears to share it. We have partnered with them for over 10 years and have grown to love the people who work for Amigos as well as the Nicaraguan people we have come to know.

The ordinary people of Nicaragua are suffering and it feels like we are abandoning them in their time of need. However, the unpredictable situation leaves the future of the mission in the hands of God. I am confident that God does have a plan for Nicaragua, Amigos for Christ and for Holy Spirit. And I know that he will make good out of this sad, sad situation.

We are working with the airlines and Amigos for Christ with regards to unraveling our plans. We hope to be able to give a refund to all missionaries. We do hope to be able to continue our missions with Nicaragua soon and I am sure you will share my sadness of this decision. **Please prayerfully consider making a donation to Amigos for Christ to support their continuing efforts. There is a link on the home page of the parish website.**

Please hold the Nicaraguan people and Amigos for Christ in your daily prayers. We pray fervently that peace will come to the country soon.

God Bless,
Fr. Brendan

Continue to page 2 for more info on the situation in Nicaragua

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Question of the Week

When have you experienced your family or parish putting aside individual interests for the sake of the common good?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



What is happening in Nicaragua?

Civil Protests. It started as a protest against a Social Security reform that would have negatively affected both the public and private sector, and has turned into a rejection of a government dominated by one political party. The Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the government are all under the control of one party and the majority of the Nicaraguan people do not want this anymore. The Catholic Church is attempting to mediate talks between citizen groups and the government. Despite the calls from the international community for peaceful resolutions, pockets of violence have complicated the peace discussions. In response, the peace discussions are being restructured for better mediation and action.

How is the Amigos for Christ team?

They are all good. Fortunately, they are not involved in this conflict. Both their US missionaries and local Nicaraguan team remain

focused on their mission to serve, so that Christ becomes more visible. This mission takes on an even greater significance during this time.

Are the projects continuing?

Yes. The Leadership, Water & Sanitation, Health, Education, and Economic Development projects are moving forward in the 18 communities they serve. Positive results in these projects allow families to continue to thrive during this difficult political season that the country is facing.

Are mission teams going to Nicaragua?

Amigos has postponed all mission trips until July 21st. They will continue to evaluate the situation in order to ensure the safety of the mission team members. Although visitors are not the subjects of this struggle, marches and roadblocks affect in-country travel.

What does the future look like?

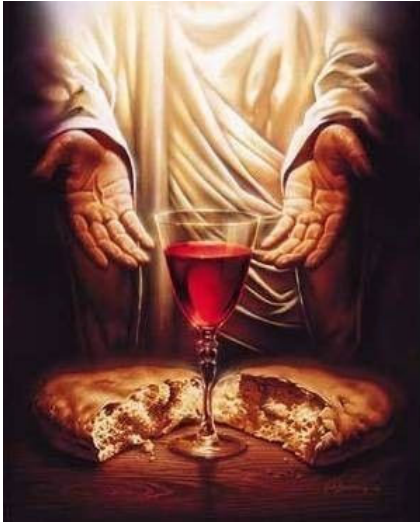
Fortunately, the country is not at war. The Nicaraguan people just want change. Change takes time and a desire on all sides to work through the differences that exist. We have seen incredible progress happen here, and we know the hardworking Nicaraguan people want the best for their country.

How can you help?

Pray with us. Pray for the leaders of Nicaragua, and that a peaceful resolution is agreed upon quickly. The Amigos team are daily witnesses to the hopeful and joyous spirit of the Nicaraguan people, and we pray that God would fill them with strength during this time. We also humbly ask that you would continue investing in their work and their team, as they continue their ministry of transforming life in rural communities.



LIVING THE LITURGY



Corpus Christi- Transfiguration in the Liturgy

This Sunday, June 3rd, marks the celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Often referred to as Corpus Christi, or "the Body of Christ" in Latin, this feast day is celebrated to focus in on the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. The term "the Real Presence of Christ" refers to our belief in the process of Transubstantiation, during which Christ becomes physically present in the Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that, during the Eucharistic Prayer, the

substance of the bread and the wine transform into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ. The bread and wine at Mass are not symbols of Christ, but actually become Christ's Body and Blood, by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, despite looking, tasting and smelling like bread and wine.

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus shares in the Feast of the Unleavened Bread with his disciples, where he offers them bread and wine, saying to them, "Take it; this is my body... this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." In doing this, Jesus renews the covenant that was established by Moses' animal sacrifice in this weekend's first reading, presenting us an opportunity to cleanse ourselves from our sin because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Today, we recognize in an even more intimate way what we celebrate every time we receive Communion. We commemorate the sacrifice of Jesus' body and blood as redemption for our sin, and we celebrate an intimate unity with Christ as we receive the substance of his physical presence in the bread and wine.

At the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, we pray that, "partaking in the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit." Today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, not only do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, but we are received into the Body of Christ through the Church and in one another.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12
T 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17
W 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27
TH 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34
F Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
S 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51
SU Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13 -- 5:1; Mk 3:20-35



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	8:30	Dorothy Luu
F	8:30	Steve Popovich † Maria McKenzie † Kathleen Moritz †
SA	5:30	Bob Nguyen † Daniel Talbot †
SU	8:00	Holy Spirit Parish
	9:30	Mickey Lepow †
	11:30	Mickey Lepow †

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill: Erin Bingham, Valerie Gold, Pat Lambert, and Lee Wishart.

For those who have recently died: Kathleen Fallon, Dora Rivera, and Daniel Talbot.

STEWARDSHIP



Layette Ministry Collection

Next weekend, June 9th and 10th, the second offering will go to help the layette ministry to purchase diapers, wipes, onesies, sleep/play suits and socks for families in need. The recipient families are a combination of low income, low education and increased exposure to crime, drug use or domestic violence; often single mothers.

The members of this ministry knit, crochet and sew afghans, quilts, sweater sets, gowns, fleece sleepers, bibs and caps. These items along with what we purchase through your donation makes up a complete layette.

We provide 3 complete layettes a month to the Public Health Nurse along with taking many of our layette items to the Annual Layette Tea, sponsored by the Department of Evangelization, Office for Family Life held in December. We have recently partnered with Sacred Heart Community Services providing them with baby items for their layette program.

We are very grateful to our parishioners for your help supporting this ministry.

SECOND OFFERINGS

June 3rd	Holy Spirit School
June 10th	Layette Ministry

Art & Environment Ministry

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Revelation 22:13

Today we come to the end, the last of our Liturgical Ministry articles in hopes of the recruiting new ministers all around.



Did you notice how beautiful the church and gym looked for Easter and, more recently, Pentecost? Our worship space is transformed to match each Liturgical season. Our Art and Environment team, led by Patricia Bilello and Sue Schill, work tirelessly to prepare our worship space each weekend and give whatever extra effort is needed for special celebrations. The Art and Environment ministry is another behind the scene ways to contribute which is perfect for people with an eye for beauty or with muscles who are willing to share some time on **Saturday mornings**. While there are currently 17 energetic ministers preparing our worship space each week, we can always use more hands. Why would you want to join our team of Art and Environment Ministers? Our ministers say it best:

"It gives me a lot of pleasure to work on the art and environment for Holy Spirit. Whenever I prepare a floral arrangement, I feel great satisfaction looking at the finished product knowing that in some small way I have beautified our church. I can't think of a group of people I would rather spend my time with."

"The time I spend in preparing our worship space, is time that helps me prepare myself for worship."

"It brings me great joy to know that I have helped create a place where so many people will find peace. I hope that my work enhances the ability of others to pray and get closer to God."

If you are interested in joining this ministry on a weekly basis or would just like to make yourself available for Christmas or Easter preparation, please contact Katie Metzger at 408-997-5115.

Saturday at Sacred Heart

School aged children and older are invited to join us for our next Saturday at Sacred Heart on Saturday, June 16th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. 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.



Sign up on the parish website. School aged children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Service hours can be earned. Hope to see you at The Heart!



Faith Formation registration for the 2018-2019 year is still open!

Register today at <http://www.holyspiritchurch.org/faith-formation-classes>

Who Can Register?

- Kinder through 5th grade Faith Formation classes
- Sacraments of First Reconciliation / First Communion (year 2)

Faith Formation Class Offerings:

- Sunday: 8:30-9:25 a.m.
- Sunday: 10:30-11:25 a.m.
- Monday: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Making Memories

We have many wonderful traditions at Holy Spirit School. We've shared PreK's Teddy Bear Picnic, the Kindergarten production of The Three Piggy Opera, 6th grade's trip to Science Camp and many more. Recently, our 2nd graders created one of the most special memories our students make here.

It was the last school Mass with the entire student body in attendance, the Class of 2018 graduated on May 31st. It was already a special day. Many of our 2nd graders received their First Eucharist in the weeks following Easter and at this particular Mass they wore their special suits and dresses again and presented a special Communion meditation song to the entire community of students, teacher, parents and staff.



The children sang "Here I am to Worship," in English and Sign Language with great reverence, sincerity and joy at being able to come to the Lord's table and receive Him in their hands and hearts. Perhaps equally moving, there were older students, 6th graders who shared this particular First Communion song who were signing along from their seats. Congratulations to all the First Communicants, we are so happy you are here.

If you or someone you know is looking for a school, please contact us at 408-268-0794. We still have openings in some grades, including next year's 2nd grade.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Diocesan Youth Retreat

Next week, **June 11th-15th**, Holy Spirit will be taking a record number of youth to Lake Tahoe for the annual Diocesan Youth Retreat. Roughly 50 youth and 10 leaders will join the 260 youth and 60 leaders up for a five-day retreat. Please keep the youth and leaders in your prayers as they make their final preparations.



Edge Middle School Ministry – Diocesan Youth Retreat for Middle Schoolers

Edge registrations for the 2018-2019 school year will open up in August. In the meantime, there is a wonderful opportunity for middle school youth as the Diocese will hold its first ever Diocesan Youth Retreat specifically for Middle School youth. All incoming 6th graders to incoming 8th graders are invited to come! The retreat will be on **August 6th-8th** at the Alliance Redwoods Retreat site in Occidental, CA. Registration is now open. Please contact Row at rdavid@dsj.org for more info.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



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 50 on each distribution day. We have the privilege of looking for the face of Christ in each of our clients.

Consider joining us on the first or third Thursday of June (**6/7 or 6/21**). We meet at Sacred Heart at 8:45 a.m. and finish up about 10:45 a.m. The signup link can be found on the parish website. Volunteers must be 16 or older. Signups for June are now open on the parish website.

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. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Layette Ministry Children's Choir Practice Music Practice ESL at OLR Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Be Still Room Church Church OLR Classroom 4 PK1 & Parish Hall
TUE	9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Workshop Women's Faith Group ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Parish Hall, CR4 Parish Hall OLR
WED	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Scripture Study: David the King Sandwich Ministry Come and Pray ESL at OLR	Parish Office Classroom 4 Parish Hall Church OLR
THU	8:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Survival Sacks Music Practice	Sacred Heart Church
FRI	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting	Parish Hall
SAT			
SUN	1:00 p.m.	Taste and See: Praying with the Five Senses	Parish Hall

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Religious Life Discernment Retreat

Saturday, June 9th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for single Catholic women ages 18-40.

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RSVP and register online at www.msjdominicans.org or www.bit.ly/discernRLife

Catholic Professionals welcomes you to hear Sam Liccardo, Mayor of San Jose

Topic: "What Do Catholic Values Have to Do with Governing in Silicon Valley?"

When: Thursday, June 14, 2018

7:00 - 9:00 a.m. (Mass, breakfast and presentation)

Where: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose

RSVP early at: www.sjcatholicprofessionals.com or 408-491-9229



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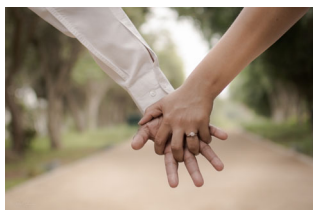
Many, many thanks to our amazing and awesome volunteers who hosted the Catholic Charities Handicapables Program guests on Saturday, May 19th. The Handicapables program, celebrating its 50th anniversary in the San Jose Diocese this June, reaches out to local adults and older adults with disabilities, providing opportunities for socialization within a group with common interests and concerns. Holy Spirit is honored to be their annual May hosts.

All present, including guests and volunteers, enjoyed a meaningful prayer service with faith sharing where our guests were able to tell their stories. Then, we all enjoyed an energetic sing-a-long with Michael Conley at the piano before a delicious lunch. To finish up the afternoon, guests enjoyed watching and learning the Hula from beautiful and kind Kilani Bree. Even the gentlemen were enticed to sway to the island breeze with a "Warrior Dance"!

All these fun activities were sponsored and provided by Holy Spirit Pastoral Care Ministries. But it was the time and hospitality of the terrific, friendly greeters and volunteer "buddies" who accompanied our guests and mingled and visited with them all day, creating an atmosphere of love and welcome at our blessed parish. Thank you, everyone!



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Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married Couples: Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen that special someone who loves you.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is **August 24-26, 2018** at the Vallombrosa Retreat Center. For more information, visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at a 408-782-1413 applications@sanjosewwme.org.

Religious Freedom Week begins Friday, June 22nd, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher.

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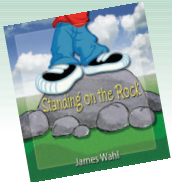
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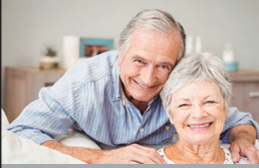
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