



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King

November 24th, 2019

Village House Shelter Opens January 3; Sign-Up Now!

The Village House shelter for homeless women begins its 5th year on January 3. Our evening shelter will operate from 7pm – 7am seven days per week, January 3 – February 3. The Episcopal Church of Almaden will operate a day center during the daytime hours.

Village House is a year-round Rotating Shelter for homeless women. The shelter has been home to over 100 women since 2016 helping to stabilize their lives. In four years, it has grown from four churches to 20 churches and 2000 volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities at Holy Spirit:

Intake and registration – Assist guests with registration and sign-in each evening.

Morning meals – Prepared at home and served to our guests in the parish conference room.

Daily lunch – Our guests make own lunches. Volunteers help organize and restock supplies.

Evening meals – Prepared at home and served to our guests in the parish conference room.

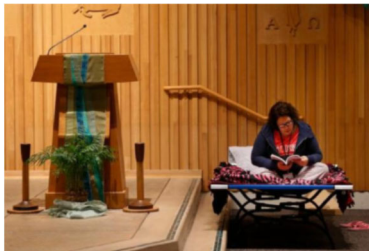
Laundry – Weekly laundry service for our guests; pick up laundry bags and launder at home. Clean sheets and towels are returned to the parish.

Overnight monitors – Volunteers spend the night in the shelter assuring our guests have a safe and restful evening.

Overnight setup – Each evening, we need volunteers to assist setting up sleeping cots in the church.

Transportation – Each morning and evening, provide transport between Holy Spirit and the warming center or the VTA light rail. Volunteers provide their own vehicles to transport our guests.

Sign ups are open on the Holy Spirit website Village House webpage; <https://holyspiritchurch.org/village-house>. Screening is required by the Catholic Diocese of San Jose for those volunteers in close contact with our shelter guests. For more information on volunteer opportunities or screening requirements, contact Frank Ricchio at frankricchio@sbcglobal.net.



Join us for the annual

Advent Wreath Making

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

9AM - 1PM

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH HALL

Supplies are available for purchase:

\$10.00 for forms

\$5.00 for candles

\$5.00 for greenery and decorations

Please order supplies and

R.S.V.P. on the parish website at

www.holyspirit.org/advent-wreath-making

so that we can plan appropriately for this event.

If you have items you want to use from previous years, bring them with you!



The Parish office will be closed on **Thursday, November 28th and Friday, the 29th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday



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Greg Vohs, Interim Principal
Maira Gutierrez-Folchi, Assistant Principal

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



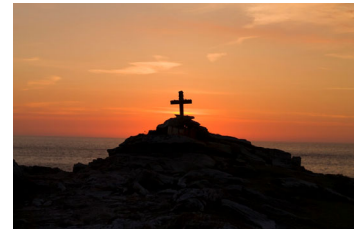
In today's gospel, the rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." It goes on to say that even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine, they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."

This powerful narrative has always disturbed me on a few levels. I often wonder why Jesus didn't just show the truth about who he really was, the Messiah! Why didn't Jesus just give them a blast of "divine justice" right there and smite them.

If we are honest, most of us would do something like that, demonstrate our strength. But that is not the way of Jesus. He is a different sort of king; he is a humble king. He submits to the cross and shows us a strength beyond power of authority. He knew inside in his own heart that nothing he would say or do that day would convince the evil doers from having their way. He knew he had eternal life

Jesus says he came to testify to the truth and those who belong to the truth will know his voice. I have learned over the years that sometimes evil has its day and Jesus did not fight fire with fire. Instead he chose to absorb that evil and give back goodness. He chose to absorb all the hatred and give back love. He chose to absorb all that bitterness and envy and give back gentleness and understanding. He chose to absorb all that cursing and give back blessing. He chose to absorb sin and give back forgiveness. He does not give back what he received but he chooses to transform all of the poison of the world and give back new life.

The Cross is the ultimate key to understanding Christianity and it unlocks the mystery of Christ as "King." We cannot understand Christ until we understand the profundity of the Cross. And when I say "understand it" I mean we have to take it in and live that reality. We have to live our own crosses the same way Christ lived his cross. We are called to find a way to absorb in all the evil, hate, bitterness, envy, jealousy, sin and cursing and transform them into goodness, love, gentleness, understanding, forgiveness and blessing.



Our annual Thanksgiving celebration is an opportunity to say thank you to each other and to God for the gift of our country and the gift of family life here in the USA. With all the time around family, it is sometimes a test of our willingness to be a witness to Christ in our lives and be a living witness to his cross. In a time of increasing polarization, our nation is under a test for us. We must not give into all the evil, hatred, bitterness, envy, jealousy, sin and cursing. Instead we are called to absorb it all and transform it into beauty and love.

Christ's witness to the truth is about witnessing to love. We are called to love others especially those who do not love us back. That is how others will know we are Christian and have listened to Jesus as our King.

Happy Thanksgiving...and good witnessing to Christ.

Question of the Week

How can I prepare my heart for
Christmas?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Christ the King

"For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

John 18:37



The Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas Primas* (translated as "In the First"). In this encyclical he wrote, "It has long been a common custom to give to Christ Jesus the metaphorical title of "King," because of the high degree of perfection, whereby He excels all creatures." Jesus is said to reign "in the hearts of the faithful," both by reason of the keenness of His intellect and the extent of His knowledge. He reigns, too, in the wills of men and women, for in Him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God. He subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavors. He is King of hearts, too, by reason of His "charity which exceeds all knowledge." And His mercy and kindness which draw all men and women to Him. For never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that humanity be loved so much and so universally as by Christ. If we ponder this matter more deeply, we see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as Man in the strict and proper sense too. For it is only as a man that he has received from the Father "power and glory and a kingdom," since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with Him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created. The Kingship of Christ which we have found in the Old Testament is even more clearly taught and confirmed in the New. The Archangel, announcing to the Virgin that she would bear a Son, says that "the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of David his father, and He shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

It was surely right then, in view of the common teaching of the sacred books, that the Catholic Church, which is the kingdom of Christ on earth destined to be spread among all and all nations, should with every token of veneration salute her Author and Founder in her annual liturgy, who is Christ Jesus, as King and Lord, and as King of Kings.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 11/25 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

T 11/26 Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

W 11/27 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

TH 11/28 Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28

F 11/29 Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

S 11/30 Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

S 12/1 Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



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 11/25	8:30	Joseph But Nguyen † Maria Khiet Nguyen †
T 11/26	8:30	Annette Trinh Nguyen † Annette San Nguyen † Madaleina Xuan Nguyen †
W 11/27	8:30	Annette LoNardo †
TH 11/28	8:30	Brenda Rose † Thomas Ferguson †
SU 12/1	8:00	Robert Fontana † Victoria Fontana † Michael Poitevin †
	9:30	Doreen & Andy Williams Renee Lowrance †
	11:30	David Campbell † Rahul Pinto †

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Steve Herreria,
Sam Imrisek,
Donna Junghaene,
Jerry Metzger,
Zach Richard



**Make A Child's Christmas Bright
This Year
at the Holy Spirit Annual Sacred
Heart Toy Drive**



Please consider donating a new game/toy for a child between the ages of 0-17. We are always in great need of teen gifts.

Please visit the Gold Angel located at the entrance of Holy Spirit Church or the Christmas Tree located in the School Office and

- *Pick up a Gift tag with the child's age and gender*
- *Return new, unwrapped donations on the following dates:*

**November 16th & 17th AND
November 23rd & 24th to the
back of the church**

**December 2nd – December 12th
to the bin outside the School
Office or to the parish office**

*Thank you for your
generosity. For more information
please contact*

*Margaret Keeney at
makeeney@hotmail.com or
Sandra DeMarco at
ssdemarco2003@gmail.com.*



Survival Sack Opportunities



Holy Spirit parishioners continue 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.

Starbucks Coffee supports the Survival Sack Program by providing coffee for our clients. Coffee is provided by the Starbucks at Old Almaden Road and Curtner and by the Starbucks at Monterey Highway and Alma (near Sacred Heart).

Survival Sacks will be distributed on **Thursday, December 5th and Thursday, December 12th** (note this is the second Thursday as Sacred Heart is distributing food and/or toys on the third Thursday of December). The signup link can be found on the parish website ***Volunteers must be 16 or older.*** We meet at Sacred Heart at **8:45 a.m.** If you have any questions, please contact Tom Burgei at tnburgei@gmail.com

**Holiday Help at Sacred Heart
Community Service**



"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself and the other for helping others"

Audrey Hepburn

A big thank you to those parishioners who have signed up to volunteer. There are three shifts that still need more volunteers: 11/26, 11/27, 12/19. Sign up now on the church website at <https://holyspirtchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/> for service opportunities during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Sacred Heart's goal is to give out 7400 food boxes over the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Many people are needed to help ensure food is packed and handed out..

Their annual Toy Program also needs the help of many hands so that 6200 children receive the joy of a gift at Christmas.

For more details on the shifts, please check out the website.

For questions, contact Mary Jane Vitkovich at mjvitkovich@hotmail.com.

THANKFUL

Tuesday, Nov. 19 marked the 20th anniversary of the groundbreaking for the construction of Holy Spirit School. The youngest Catholic elementary school in the Diocese.



From left to right holding shovels: Fr. George Mancha (Saint Anthony's Parish), Bishop Patrick J. McGrath, Marian Stuckey (Superintendent of Schools), Father Paul Weisbeck (Holy Spirit Parish)

We are grateful to those who were here that day, to the visionaries who brought them to that day and to the families who continue to benefit from that day.



Kindergarten classroom at the groundbreaking site. The students, teachers and staff of Holy Spirit School are grateful to you too!

Happy Thanksgiving.

Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to all who came and showed support at last week's pancake breakfast. Thank you to the youth and parent volunteers who woke up early in the morning to provide a wonderful breakfast for the community. A special thank you to Country Inn for donating pancake batter for us.



3sixty High School Ministry

Last Sunday, 3sixty continued the **Belong** series with a night focusing on acceptance. In this evening, we will unpack the term 'diversity' and showcase the diversity of the Church in a way that the youth can see that they are truly the Body of Christ.

After the 6pm Mass, 3sixty will be having a meditative art night. We will explore praying through art. No artistic experience nor materials needed. All high school youth are welcome to attend.

Edge Middle School Ministry

Our next Edge night will be on **Wednesday, December 11th** for an Advent and Christmas social night. All middle school youth are invited to attend this fun evening.

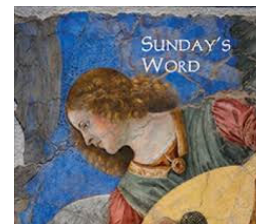
Confirmation Year 1

The next session for the year 1 group will be on **Wednesday, December 4th** at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Year 2

The next session for the year 2 group will be on **Wednesday, December 18th** at 6:30pm in the Church

A Refresher why we do what we do! Part 3



How does everyone seem to know what's going on and what to expect?

This is one of the best things about Catholic Mass. The way we do it in America is the same way they do it everywhere in the world. And the way we do it today is basically the way it's been done since the 1st Century. From the prayers that we say to the Scripture readings, to the postures and responses that we participate in—it's all mapped out; and it's all uniform in every language. This is awesome because, if you're familiar with it, you can just sink in, let go of whatever was weighing you down on your way in, and let the ritual happen. There is a flow, a beauty and a comfort to the routine. Built in to the routine is a cycle of Scripture readings that change weekly (but we know what's coming), songs that change weekly, a homily that should change according to the Gospel and some of the prayers (I'm thinking General Intercessions, here) that change weekly. So, it's never exactly the same, but always the same format. It gets easier as you go along. Also, most parishes have a missalette in the pews that have the whole order of the Mass in it that you can follow along with.

PASTORAL CARE

Senior Autumn Lunch "Thank you"

Thanks so much to everyone who served our parish older adults on Saturday, November 16th, for the annual Autumn Mass & Luncheon! What a great way to give thanks for their years of ministry and the blessing of their model of faith in our community! Special thanks to the HSS Girl Scouts for their gift of song!

For more info about serving older adults through ministry at Holy Spirit, call Leah Harris at 408-997-5110.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 11/25	12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Widow's Faith Group Carmel De La Pena Funeral Children's Choir Rehearsal Faith Formation Classes Music Rehearsal Men's Faith Group SEEL AA Meeting	Class Room 2 Church Parish Hall Church Classroom 2 Be Still Room Classroom 3
TUE 11/26	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Sharing SEEL Watercolor Workshop 3Sixty Core Team Meeting Women's Faith Sharing	Parish Hall Be Still Room Classroom 4 Be Still Room Parish Hall
WED 11/27	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Men's Faith Group SEEL SEEL SEEL SEEL	Parish Office Be Still Room Be Still Room Catechetics Room Be Still Room
THU 11/28	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Mass Parish Office Closed For Thanksgiving	
FRI 11/29	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting Advent Wreath Set Up	Parish Hall Parish Hall
SAT 11/30	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Choir Mass Rehearsal CLOW Sacred Heart Toy Drive Weekend	Church Parish Hall
SUN 12/1	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	CLOW Music Rehearsal Faith Formation Classes No 3Sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Church Parish Hall Parish Hall

Sacred Heart Volunteering

Sacred Heart Community Service needs volunteers for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. No tax return preparation experience required! While previous tax return knowledge is helpful, the United Way provides free, IRS-certified training for volunteers starting soon. Training will be in early December. After you indicate your interest, you will be contacted to confirm when tax training will begin. The VITA program offers free tax help to people who make less than \$54,000 per year, persons with disabilities and others who need assistance preparing their tax returns.



Sacred Heart's VITA site will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 pm to 8 pm, and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm, starting in late January 2020.

We hope you are interested in helping Sacred Heart Community Service with their VITA program. Please send your e-mail interest to Mayra Klinkhammer at mayrac@sacredheartcs.org.



**Growing in Faith...
Living with Hope**
Creciendo en Fe... Viviendo con Esperanza
在信仰中成長.....與希望共存 • Lớn lên trong niềm tin sống với hy vọng

Don't Miss Out -- Regular Registration Price for California Catholic Ministry Conference (CaCMC) Ends November 17.

The California Catholic Ministry Conference will be held December 5-7 at the San Jose Convention Center. Attendees from all across California are expected to attend.

Among the highlights of the 2019 conference are: in addition to Catechetical Formation there is also a focus on Social Justice, liturgy and leadership development. Region XI Liturgy Directors are leading a liturgical track and, liturgical publishers and artists are joining us for liturgical formation. Clergy formation is now a key part of the Conference this year focusing on preaching and presiding with Clergy formators being contacted across Region XI. In 2018, an additional day was added, Thursday, for day-long workshops sponsored by our partners in ministry. In 2019, two additional day-long workshops are added for a total of six.

Check out our new website at www.CaCMC.net for all the latest on over 120 workshops, 80 speakers, sponsors and prayer opportunities. Email CaCMC@dsj.org for more information. This Advent time will be an excellent opportunity to network with over 3,000 from the Bay Area. And, Christmas in the Park will be just steps from the hotels and convention center. On-site registration will be available for cash, check or credit card. Conference brochures are available at the parish/school or online.

We look forward to seeing you at #CaCMC!