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25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

Village House Receives \$17,500 Donation Toward \$100,000 Fundraising Goal

Village House received a \$17,500 donation from the Construction Employer's Association to kick off its fundraising drive for 2018. The donation represents a major first step in Village House's \$100,000 fundraising goal to fund the 12-month rotating inter-faith shelter. The check was presented at the Annual Builders Charity BBQ earlier this month. Donations will go toward funding the shower trailer and other operational costs.

Village House is now in its 9th month of operation in its first year of existence in providing love, compassion and support to unsheltered medically fragile women in churches and synagogues throughout San Jose. While each shelter houses a maximum of 15 women at one time, through August Village House has provided shelter to more than 35 women. Most of the women who have moved on have not returned to the street.

All of Village House's 16 partners have staffed their shelters and winter warming centers with hundreds of volunteers throughout the year - providing meals, laundry, registration, overnights, and transportation. On January 3, Holy Spirit will once again host the shelter here at our church. In support, the Episcopal Church of Almaden is committed to operating a warming center during the day in coordination with the Holy Spirit operation.

In another development, in coordination with Village House, Holy Spirit is partnering with Catholic Charities to provide housing for three women previously guests in our shelter. The small house, in a lovely neighborhood in western San Jose, is being rented by a parishioner from ECA as an act of love toward the guests of Village House. Our agreement with Catholic Charities provides caseworker support for the three women who moved into the house earlier this month. This is the first 'home' these women have lived in for many years.



**Texas Mission Trip –
Save the Date
Sunday, February 18th to
Saturday, February 24th**

We are headed back to San Augustine, Texas! If you are a Holy Spirit Parishioner or a Holy Spirit School family – 6th grade or older – you and a parent or legal guardian are eligible to register. Please join us for an information meeting on **Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall.

On line registration opens at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18th and closes at 6:00pm on the parish website on Monday, October 23rd. For more information please contact Patricia Kennedy at kennedy89@sbcglobal.net or visit the Holy Spirit parish website ministries section - www.holyspiritchurch.org

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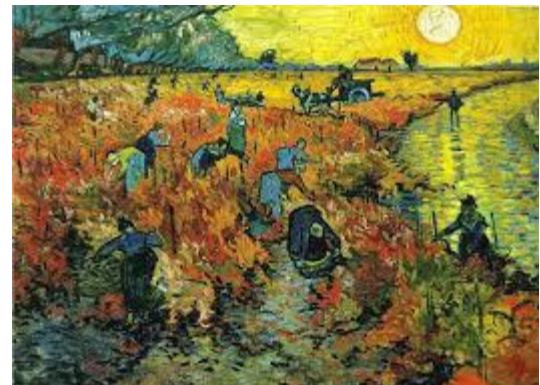


NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Most often when we hear today's gospel reading, our internal mechanism sets off a discordant note, "That's just not fair." While we find it a powerful story of God's love and mercy, we also find it a challenge to accept that God gives out mercy so indiscriminately. My mother used to complain about the modern version of the God of love and forgiveness. She would say, "Getting into heaven with last minute conversion by just saying, 'I'm sorry, Lord.' without having lived a life a full of virtue seems wrong!" That is the way it seems but imagine listening to this gospel from a different perspective.

Imagine for a minute that we were the worker who was hired at 5pm and only worked one hour. Imagine how it felt to be there all day waiting to be employed.

Imagine how difficult it must have been to see all the other laborers hired and we were left behind. Imagine the worry about our family who would not eat if we did not bring home any money for the day. Our family relied on us for them to eat. We must feel insignificant as each of the workers get hired and we are left behind. As the hours go by throughout the day, we start to worry about our children not eating again after another day without work. We worry about their well-being. We worry if we are doing enough to get work. While we know it is just luck that others were picked and we were not, we still start to wonder if there was something wrong with us.



When we are hired at 5pm, we are delighted even if it is only an hour of work, it is better than no money, no food, nothing to show for the day. When the boss gives us the whole day's wage, we wonder if it is a mistake and hesitantly protest but quietly celebrate the gift of more money than we deserve. Our family will not go hungry. At least for one more day, they will not think we are a worthless father who cannot provide for his family. We hope the other workers get paid the same as they worked the whole day but internally we really don't care as we need money for food for our children and wife.

When we read this gospel from the view of the poor, then we find it to be a story of compassion in the sight of poverty. The challenge is that most of us have enough money for meals for weeks or months into the future. The idea of going hungry is far from our minds. But if we look at it from the day-laborer's viewpoint, the person who earns money day to day, then the message comes alive. God gives to those in need and we ought to do the same. We ought to not worry about what others might say. We ought not to be stingy with our love or mercy but abundantly generous. Why? Because the other is in need and we have it to give. Generosity from the heart is what the Lord asks.



Through our Baptism we are called to respond to God's call, do I have the heart to hear?

Liturgical Music

Music is an integral part of the liturgy. We listen to music because of the way it makes us feel. The Mass is a joyous celebration of thanksgiving which incorporates singing and playing musical instruments. When Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, there wasn't any music. When did the use of music in the Liturgy begin?

The early Christians were Jewish people who followed the customs and traditions of worship in the Temple. These early Christian communities simply continued the musical practices of the Jewish synagogues that they had been accustomed to. The basic prayer and song book for the Jewish people were the Psalms. They were said or sung during religious services. This included the use of musical instruments in use at the time like cymbals, lyre or trumpets. Over time the new Christians developed their own services but continued to use Psalms in their separate Christian meetings. As the Eucharistic Liturgy developed over the years, the use of music became an integral part. As the Church grew, it became influenced by the cultural traditions of the people.

St. Gregory the Great organized the Church's music tradition in the 6th century and it spread and developed in the West throughout the first millennium. The use of the organ was introduced in the eighth or ninth centuries. Gregorian chant, which is named after Pope Gregory, became the popular music and song at that time. The Second Vatican Council approved the incorporation of appropriate cultural elements into the liturgy. This included music. Today we hear many musical styles, instruments and songs in our Liturgy.

The lyrics of the songs we sing at Mass are prayers meant to correspond to the mood of each liturgical season. So it is important to understand and be able to express what the songs are trying to convey. The Catholic Bishops have said: "God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song. God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises. It is no wonder that singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to his people"

At Holy Spirit we are blessed with wonderful music. We have talented musicians and great cantors. Sometimes we just want to sit back and listen to the music. However, we forget that this isn't a concert where we get entertained. It is a celebration in which we are to be fully engaged and to participate.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| M | Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18 |
| T | Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21 |
| W | Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6 |
| T | Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9 |
| F | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51 |
| S | Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45 |
| S | Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32 |

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	Patrick Scudero †
T	8:30	Lupe Garcia
W	8:30	Monica & Catherine Nguyen
Th	8:30	Dolores Fortich † Jules Gamache † Winnie Niedzwiecki †
Sa	5:00	Holy Spirit Community
Su	8:00	Nicole Scott Holley † 9:30
		Lesley Emmanuel † 11:30
		Rahul Pinto † Joseph Thu Nguyen † Gina Balestrieri Baumbach †
	6:00	Kin Lee

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Maria Amaral, Mary Kane,
Angeles Olmas and Mary Rowe

For those who have recently died:

Bruce Gill and Bill Sinnott

STEWARSHIP

"Sing to the LORD a new song; Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Announce his salvation, day after day."
Psalm 96: 1-2



The Holy Spirit Children's Choir will begin weekly rehearsals on **Monday, September 25th from 3:15 – 4:15 pm** in the church. The Children's Choir, directed by John Kellett, Director of Worship, will minister at the 11:30 Mass several times each month and is open to all students in grades 2 – 5 from Holy

Spirit School and all local elementary schools. What better way to share with children our faith in God and the beauty of the Mass, than to encourage them to participate in the Children's Choir and share their voices? Let the beauty of Psalm 96 ring true through your child's voice. Saint Augustine tells us that when we sing, we pray twice.

If you are interested in the Children's Choir for your child please visit the website at www.holyspiritchurch.org to access the registration form, which is required for your child to participate. Forms are also available in the church and school offices. Please contact John Kellett at jkellett@dsj.org with any questions.

Survival Sacks

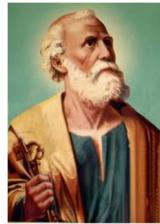
Holy Spirit parishioners are continuing to volunteer to distribute **Survival Sacks** at Sacred Heart

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 distributed 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.



Sacred Heart corporate sponsors continue to support our work. Motorola and Starbucks (stores at Alma and Monterey and at Curther and Old Almaden Rd.) have provided coffee and Survival Sack supplies. Also, several Catholic High Schools and churches within the Diocese (e.g. Presentation, Mitty, and Queen of Apostles) have contributed hygiene kits, backpacks, underwear, and socks. We thank each and every group for their support.

Consider joining us on the **first or third Thursday in October (the 5th or the 19th)**. We meet at Sacred Heart at 8:45 am and finish up about 10:45am. **Sign ups for October are open on the parish website as of September 25th.**



Scripture Study: Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism

Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism offers a fascinating, in-depth study series on the life and meaning of St. Peter. Bringing together biblical stories, historical knowledge, solid Church teaching, and personal insights, this study gives a fresh perspective on the fisherman to whom Jesus entrusted his Church. In these stirring lectures, learn what happens when flawed humanity comes up against God made flesh. This study runs ten weeks, beginning **Wednesday, September 27 through November 29**. We will meet from 9:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall, Classroom 4. All are welcome. We ask you R.S.V.P. on the parish website or in the parish office so that we may order sufficient study guides. There will be a \$28.00 charge for materials. If you have questions, please contact Mary Kane at mykane@dsj.org.

Garden Bricks and Pavers



We are in the last two weeks of running our special on our garden bricks and pavers. The cost of a brick is \$350 and a paver is \$750. Forms can be found in the back of the Church or in the Parish Office. All completed forms need to be in the office by October 1st. If you have any questions about the pavers in the garden, please contact Pat Grow at 408-997-0733.

FAITH FORMATION



**Why take the time
October 6th for
Growing Our Friendship
with Jesus -
Come and Pray Retreat?
Ronald Rolheiser
has the answer:**

"There is within us a fundamental dis-ease, an unquenchable fire that renders us incapable, in this life, of ever coming to full peace. This desire lies at the center of our lives, in the marrow of our bones, and in the deep recesses of the soul. At the heart of all great literature, poetry, art, philosophy, psychology, and religion lies the naming and analyzing of this desire. Spirituality is, ultimately, about what we do with that desire. What we do with our longings, both in terms of handling the pain and the hope they bring us, that is our spirituality . . . Augustine says: 'You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.' Spirituality is about what we do with our unrest.
— Ronald Rolheiser

Let us as a community, learn different ways of growing our relationship with our God through prayer, contemplation and community.

YOUTH MINISTRY

3sixty High School Ministry

Last Sunday, 3sixty continued the great showing of youth! We spent time building community with each other and also spent time assessing where we are spiritually.

This semester, **3sixty will be focusing on Discernment**. Throughout the semester we will be looking at how prayer can affect our everyday decision making. After the 6pm Mass, we will begin our youth night on this series. All high school youth are welcome to attend.

Edge Middle School Ministry

Edge kicked off in great fashion! We had over 70 middle school youth show up for our initial youth night. It was great to see such energy in the parish hall. Our **next Edge night will be on Wednesday, September 27th**. We will continue to build the community through more icebreaker activities and get a gauge on what our faith means to us. All middle school youth are invited to attend.



SCHOOL NEWS

Charleston Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Holy Spirit School kicked off our annual gift wrap fundraiser this week. If you know a student and would like to help them earn prizes while supporting our school programs, please ask them for their special student code.

Even if you don't have a particular student code, you can still support the program and purchase wonderful quality gift wrap. Orders should arrive to your home before Thanksgiving.

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Reducing the stigma of mental illness

Many people living with mental health conditions don't feel comfortable talking to their friends and family about what they're dealing with. Those living with a mental health condition don't want it any more than a person would want a broken leg. But focused thought and effort can't make depression go away, just as focusing on healing won't fix a shattered bone.

Even worse, individuals living with mental illness often internalize the stigma that exists in our culture, damaging hopes for recovery. Some don't seek treatment from a mental health professional. Their conditions worsen because they aren't receiving the support and care they need to recover. And too often people take their own lives because they aren't told by anyone that they're not alone, they can recover and there is hope.

To change this harmful status quo, visit the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) online at www.nami.org to take the StigmaFree Pledge.

The StigmaFree campaign is a nationwide effort to end stigma and create hope for those affected by mental illness. Through powerful words and actions, we can shift the social and systemic barriers for those living with mental health conditions. Together, we can encourage acceptance and understanding. Together, we can advocate for a better world. Together, we can turn StigmaFree Me into StigmaFree We.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Week at a Glance

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

Monday	9:15 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Widow's Book Club Faith Formation Classes Domestic Church Meeting ESL at OLR Men's Faith Group Liturgy Committee Meeting AA Meeting	Parish Hall Library Parish Hall Rm 3 Parish Hall Church OLR Parish Hall Rm 4 Parish Office PK1 & Parish Hall
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.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 Watercolor Workshop Suicide Support Group 3sixty Core Team Meeting Women's Faith Group Holy Spirit Shelter Meeting ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Parish Hall & Rm 4 Parish Hall Library Parish Hall Rm 2 Parish Hall Rm 4 Parish Office OLR
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Bridge Scripture Study Edge Youth Night Grief Faith Sharing Group ESL at OLR	Parish Office Parish Hall Parish Hall Room 4 Parish Hall Parish Office OLR
Thursday	8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Scripture Study School Mass Music Practice ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Church Sacred Heart OLR
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting	Parish Hall
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation Classes	Parish Hall Parish Hall

Saturday Lunch Ministry



Please consider joining us on **Saturday, October 7th** 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, which will include sandwiches, fruit, cookie, and a drink. 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.

Signups on the church website will open Monday, September 25th. 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.



Holy Spirit Parish

Annual Golf Tournament - 2017

Friday, October 6, 2017 (12:00 Shotgun)

Cinnabar Hills Golf Club

Cost: Entry fee: \$210/player (\$195/Senior 65+) **by Friday, Sep 29th**

(Entry Fee includes greens & cart fees, range balls, prizes, lunch, dinner and auction)

NOTE: For planning purposes, please indicate if you intend to stay for dinner & auction – 6:00pm.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please list the other players in your foursome:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Reg. Player Entry Fee: _____ # of Players x \$210 _____ Yes, staying for dinner.

Sr. Player (65+) Entry Fee: _____ # of Players x \$195 _____ Yes, staying for dinner.

Dinner & Auction Guest Only: _____ # of Dinners x \$40

Total: \$ _____

- Payments: Please make checks payable to Holy Spirit (Note “Golf Tournament” in the memo area.)
- Note: Holy Spirit School parents may ask to have entry fees billed through their FACTS account.
- To pay by credit card in person, please visit the Holy Spirit School front office.
- To pay on line, please visit: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/HSPgolftournament2017>

Tournament Information: 4 person Best Ball Scramble. Make your own or choose to be paired up.

10:00 am Registration and Putting Contest on Putting Green (Contest commences at 10:30 am)

12:00 noon Shotgun Start – Lunch Provided

5:00 pm No-host Cocktails

6:00 pm Dinner buffet and Live Auction

Please contact me about Sponsorship Opportunities.

Sponsorships are available from Platinum Sponsor (\$5,000) to Flag Sponsor (\$500)
Please see Sponsor levels and benefits form.

For more information: Please contact either Joe Power (joe.power@zoomcopiers.com) or Mike Butler (butlersan1@gmail.com).
Deadline for sponsorships is Monday, September 23, 2017. Payments can be made by cash, check, or online



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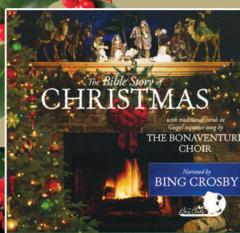
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