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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Village House Shelter Opens January 3; Volunteer Online Sign-Ups Now



The Village House rotating shelter for homeless women will begin its second year on January 3rd here at Holy Spirit. The Shelter offers a wonderful

opportunity for parishioners to live out Christ's message of serving our homeless neighbors through love and compassion!

Online sign-ups are open now on the Holy Spirit website at holyspiritchurch.org/village-house/. We will need help with serving meals, intake and registration, laundry, overnight supervision, transportation, and on-call medical support. There are a wide variety of opportunities for individuals as well as groups.

The Shelter Network began earlier this year at Holy Spirit with over 300 volunteers hosting 15 women who were homeless and medically fragile. The shelter network has since grown to a dozen overnight shelters and day centers. The members are diverse in faith traditions - Catholic, Episcopalian, Methodist, Evangelical, and Jewish.

The Episcopal Church of Almaden has again agreed to coordinate with Holy Spirit and operate a warming center during the daytime hours. The Holy Spirit evening shelter will operate from 7:00 pm – 7:00 am seven days per week from January 3rd – February 7th.

The Diocese of San Jose requires screening for volunteers, over the age of 18, who will serve at the Village House in close contact with our guests: all overnight, intake and drivers are required to be both fingerprinted and complete an online safety course for vulnerable adults. Volunteers will be prompted to visit the website at www.verifygroup.com for fingerprint clearance and www.virtusonline.org to take PGC and Vulnerable Adults when signing up for one of the Tier 1 positions. Fingerprints must only be done once and the training is good for 3 years. Please contact Katie Metzger at kmetzger@dsj.org or 408-997-5115 with any questions.

At all of our masses for Christmas there will be a second collection to support Village House. Donations will go toward helping operate the rotating shelter at over a dozen churches in 2018.

Christmas Schedule

There will be no 11:30 am or 6:00 pm masses on December 24th, The 4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24th
4:00 pm Vigil Mass - Church (Adult Choir)

4:00 pm Vigil Mass - Gym (Children's Choir - Pageant Mass)

6:30 pm Vigil Mass (Traditional/Contemporary Cantor Mass)

9:00 pm Vigil Mass (Contemporary Choir)

Midnight Vigil Mass (Contemporary Cantor Mass)

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th
8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am

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Question of the Week

When has there been a time in my life that I said "Fiat-let it be done according to your Word"?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



This year Advent is only 3 weeks long and as a result the preparation time for Christmas was shorter than previous years. That reality seems to mirror our experience that Christmas seems to come faster each year. The list of things to do before Christmas: the gifts to buy, the cards to write, the parties to attend all seem to collide with greater and greater frequency. Often by the time we get to the last week before Christmas, we just want it to come and come quickly! Where do we go for relief?

It should be no surprise to hear me say, "Go to the Lord and rest in Jesus." I know that sounds pious and unrealistic but it will really work, trust me. It is the consistent message of Scriptures. Come to Christ Jesus and he will give you rest. It sounds counter intuitive to do another thing, pray! But I am not asking you to do another thing. I am asking you to convert something you are doing into prayer.

When you are writing that card to a friend you rarely see and wonder why even bother writing this card, say a prayer for that person; that whatever is going on in their lives, they may come to know Jesus better. When you are shopping for gifts for the different family members, say a prayer for them that they may experience the love you have for them beyond the gift you give them. When you go to that party with so many people you don't know, say a prayer as you drive over to the party asking the Lord to bless your conversation with new people and that you may give witness to the joy in your life.



Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday and we are called to **rejoice** in the Lord. We are called to rejoice at the coming of Jesus Christ as a human child. Rejoice at his promise of love in humanity. Rejoice at the Lord in our lives.

Let's pause for a minute, even only for the minute you read this bulletin, and think of the many graces that God has put in our lives. Let's pause and thank God for the gift of life itself. Maybe we are struggling with bad health but we have loved ones around us to care for us. Maybe we are overwhelmed with all the to-do lists but we are grateful that we have the energy to do so much already.

For today, rejoice at the very gift of life. Rejoice at the friends and family members who are able to join us this year. Rejoice that we live in a country where we have so much freedom. Rejoice that we have a wonderful community of faith who cares so much for the poor and needy. **REJOICE!**

LIVING THE LITURGY

Seasonal Processional Hymn

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent this week, a number of things might come to mind as familiar to the season. You might notice that the familiar purple banners, altar cloths and vestments that accent the sanctuary, as they have throughout the month of December. You might also notice the consistent lighting of the candles of the Advent wreath, as we count down the number of weeks until we celebrate the nativity of Jesus Christ. And as we begin our celebration today, you may have asked yourself, "Wait a second.... Haven't I heard this song before?"

Yes, you have likely heard some of these songs before. Throughout this four-week-long season of Advent, it is rather common to hear the same hymns sung consistently at several liturgies in a row. While liturgical acclamations (such as the *Gloria, Alleluia, Mystery of Faith, and the Lamb of God*) are often sung the same at every liturgy, most of the other songs during the mass are changed from week to week. During ordinary time, the community will likely not sing the same Gathering song two weeks in a row. Instead, the gathering song, the purpose of which is "to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical season or festivity and accompany the procession of the priest and ministers" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no.47), will change from week to week, reflecting the needs of the parish and connecting the gathering of the people to the Gospel message of the day.

Because Advent has a consistent message of hopeful anticipation of the coming of Jesus into the world in human likeness, it is not uncommon for a community to gather with that message of waiting for the Lord in mind. It's for that reason our community sings "*Angels and Prophets*" or another version of "*O Come O Come Emmanuel*" at the beginning of Advent Liturgies. It is a plea to Our Lord to come and save his people that we sing: "*O Come! O Come! Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel!*"

The gathering hymn is the avenue through which we begin the Mass, thus preparing us to receive the Word of God, the Eucharist, and the meaning of the Mass in our lives for each week. During this Advent season, let us gather in full awareness of what we are celebrating, waiting in our humanity for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M	Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
T	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
W	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
T	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
F	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
S	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
S	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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	Anna Roa †
T	8:30	Dolores Fortich †
W	8:30	Rita Pacheco †
Th	8:30	Sacorro Magallon †
Sa	5:00	Lorraine Flaminio † Adolfe Reyes † Dave Zenk †
Su	9:30	Jess Evans †
	4:00	Jeanne Sommer † Gusti Betschart † Rahul Pinto-Zakher †
	6:30	Renee Lowrance † Antoinette Buffolini †
	9:00	Anne Francioch
	12:00	Holy Spirit Community

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:
Owen Gigliotti, Bob Jardine,
Jerri Kazmierczak, Joanne Kezer,
Anna Lilly & Stephen Popovich

For those who have recently died:
Robert Wirth, Jr.

“Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.”
Romans 15:7

“But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” Isaiah 43:1



We welcome to our parish family:

- Cesar, Ashika, Riley, and Cesar Eliot Atienza**
- Hugo, Stephanie Sauder, Sofia Andrade**
- Benjamin, Jesille, Sophya, Isabella, Roman Soriano**
- Reyes, Margarita, and Lia Mendoza**

Please take time to welcome these new parishioners to our Holy Spirit Parish Family. Each family has been welcomed by either Father Angelo or Father Brendan as well as one of our welcome ambassadors, Karen Prowd or Mary Jane Vitkovich. An impromptu welcome by a fellow parishioner goes a long way towards helping our new parishioners feel a part of our community. Starting a conversation by name feels very welcoming. Please stop by the Ambassador table to order a new name badge if you have misplaced yours. Paper name badges are available at the Ambassador table on Hospitality weekends.

Layette Program

On Sunday, December 3rd five members of our Layette Program attended the Diocese Layette Celebration held at St. Lucy's Parish. Also joining us was a member of Sacred Heart Community Service's staff who is now involved in their layette program.



Sacred Heart's layette program is in need of outside help to be able to supply layettes to their clients expecting babies so Holy Spirit's program is stepping up to assist and will be sharing our layette items with them. We will continue to deliver three complete layettes to the Public Health Nurses each month and also be involved with the Diocese Layette Program.

We extend our thanks to all the Holy Spirit parishioners for their support to our Layette Program allowing us to continue helping clothe so many newborn babies where in many cases their mothers have no other clothing for them.



GIFTS of OPPORTUNITY

DECEMBER 16 - 17- Last weekend for table outside all masses



We need your help this weekend to reach our 2017 Goal!!! Order your Gifts of Opportunity today by visiting the online store at <http://squareup.com/store/HSGO>

Purchasing your gifts is EASY! Visit the Gifts of Opportunity **table outside of church after any mass this weekend, visit the parish office through December 21st or go online at the website above.**



Give the gift of lasting change this Christmas in your name or in the name of a family member, friend, co-worker, or company, and empower a child, a family, or even an entire community! YOUR generosity and support will literally SAVE lives, and help provide a better future for the poor and neglected families of Nicaragua. Choose from the following gift items:

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Corporate Matching Programs accepted. For more information please contact Laura Smith at sargi8@sbcglobal.net.

Celebrating Advent With The Family



Week Three of Advent Celebration

The Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" (Phil 4:4). On this Sunday we celebrate and rejoice in the eternal power of God.

Advent Wreath Prayer

Light the third, rose-colored candle and say...

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1).

God of blessings, we celebrate your good gifts and rejoice at the gift of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Family Advent Activity

Bless the Tree – As you put up the family Christmas tree, give thanks to God for the gift of evergreens in the winter, the gift of lights to remind us of Jesus coming into the world, and special ornaments that remind us of family, friends and holidays past.

Reflect

What does the evergreen teach us about God's love for us? (Hint: It is everlasting!)



3sixty High School Ministry



After the 6pm Mass, 3sixty will be having its final youth night for the 2017 year. We will be

having a Christmas social to celebrate the wonderful semester we had and to look forward to both the Christmas holiday and for the 2018 year. After the youth night, 3sixty will go on a Christmas holiday break.

Last Sunday, we had a wonderful Advent Praise Night that helped us 'prepare the way' for our Lord's coming. We sung songs of praise and worship, sat still through a guided meditation on the Nativity, and took time individually to reflect upon who Jesus is and the importance of His physical presence in our lives.



Edge Middle School Ministry

The Edge middle school ministry had a fantastic semester with great showing of youth and great energy. After the Christmas break, we are looking forward to the 2018 year with the winter/spring semester. The next Edge night will be on **Wednesday, January 10th.**

Last Wednesday's Edge capped off our 2017 year in ministry! We had a night both in reflection in this Advent season and also crazy fun energy through fellowship and activities.

O Holy Night

Our school tradition is to gather at the beginning of Advent to bless the school Christmas tree, share a meal, sing some carols and decorate a few crafts. It is always a wonderful evening of joy-filled fellowship.



Thank you to Kim Mota, this year's O' Holy Night Chairperson, and the countless volunteers who glued, glittered and painted all the treasures our children created.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

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. Are you or someone you know. . . . helping a family member struggling with the Ups & Downs of life?

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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.	Christmas Food Distribution Prayer Shawl Ministry Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Classes Music Practice ESL at OLR Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Sacred Heart Parish Hall Library Church Parish Hall Church OLR Parish Hall Room 4 PK1 & Parish Hall
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Food Distribution Women's Faith Group Watercolor Workshop Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Women's Faith Group ESL at OLR	Sacred Heart Parish Hall Parish Hall & Rm 4 Gym Parish Hall OLR
Wednesday	9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Scripture Study Confirmation Year 2 Meeting ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Library Parish Hall OLR
Thursday	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Toy Distribution Scripture Study Music Practice ESL at OLR	Sacred Heart Parish Hall Library Church OLR
Friday	9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting Christmas Toy Distribution Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Parish Hall Sacred Heart Gym
Saturday			
Sunday		4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve	

. . . feeling lonely, frustrated,
discouraged, unappreciated, maybe a little angry?
. . . feeling guilty or unable to speak up for what you really want, need or
deserve, because you are not the one who is sick?
. . . wondering if you are "enough"? Need support, or know of someone
who is?

Ongoing Support Group for Caregivers at Santa Teresa Catholic Church, 794 Calero Ave, San Jose. Meets the first Thursday of every month, 7:00-8:30pm. NEXT MEETING will be January 4th, 2018. RSVP to Gina Masero, facilitator, at 408-892-4933.

For other questions related to Pastoral Care or prayer requests, call Leah Harris, Director, Holy Spirit Church, 408-997-5110.

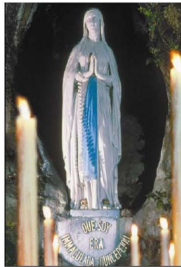
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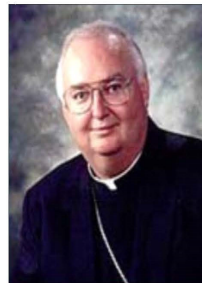
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Tuesday, December 26th
through
Monday, January 1st

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Welcome

Would you like to register or learn more about our community? We would love to connect with you.

Your Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____ Preferred method of contact:
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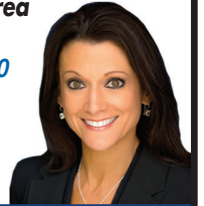
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