



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9th, 2018



Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve Schedule

4:00 pm in the Gym
4:00 pm in the Church
6:30 pm in the Church
9:00 pm in the Church
12:00 am in the Church

Christmas Day Schedule

8:00 am in the Church
9:30 am in the Church
11:30 am in the Church



Advent Reconciliation Tuesday, December 11th

7:00 pm—9:00 pm
In the Church

Volunteer Openings for Holy Spirit Dec. 14, 23 and Jan.1; Sign-Up now!

There are volunteer openings at Village House rotating shelter for women on **December 14, 23 and January 1**. The rotating shelter is at St. Paul's United Methodist Church for the month of December.

St. Paul's has one of Village House's smallest congregations and needs the help from other Village House church volunteers.

Volunteers can sign up for any of the vacant jobs on the St. Paul volunteer signup. You can access on the Village House Homeless Shelter page on the Holy Spirit website or the Village House website at www.villagehousesccca.com or www.sesccca.com.

Available volunteer jobs include;

- ◆ Overnight Supervision 2nd shift, 2am-6:30am
- ◆ Breakfast Assistants
- ◆ Intake Lead
- ◆ Laundry Service – Towels
- ◆ Dinner Preparation and Service assistants
- ◆ Overnight Supervision 1st shift, 10pm-2am

The shelter will rotate from St. Paul's United Methodist on January 4, finally returning to Holy Spirit Parish.



Volunteer openings for the shelter at Holy Spirit are now open on the Holy Spirit website! Click on the Village House Homeless Shelter webpage.

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Question of the Week

How can I help others in my
community prepare this Advent?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



After last week's homily, many of you have asked me about journal writing because you find it difficult and clumsy to do. Let me share my own personal experience in the hopes of answering your questions and encouraging you to journal for yourself. I have been journaling over 25 years. Over the years I have found it helpful and when I do it but often found it hard to keep up with a daily entry. That was until I adopted the Examen formally as part of my daily prayer schedule. As Fr. Ron Rolheiser says, "My intent in keeping a journal is to record the deeper things that I'm aware throughout each day; but mostly what I end up actually writing down is a simple chronology of my day, a daybook, a bare, no-frills, recounting of what I did from hour to hour."

I have found over the years that my journals provide a great viewpoint into my spiritual life and often I can only see the growth as a view back over the years past. Sometimes it can be very hard to notice if we grow spiritually at all and we often wonder where God is in our lives. We can often be led to believe we are getting nowhere but that is not a movement of the Good Spirits.

When I go back and read an account of what I did each day, I'm always amazed as how rich and full of grace many of my days have been.

That is clearly the case over the last few months. Yet I wasn't much aware of it at the time. As Rolheiser says, "While actually living through those days, mostly I was struggling to get my work done, to stay healthy, to meet expectations, to carve out some moments of friendship and recreation amidst the pressures of the day, and to get to bed at a reasonable hour. There wasn't a lot of soul there, just a lot of routine, work, and hurry."

My hope for you this Advent is that you will take the time reflect each day on your family, life, health, energy, and work and acknowledge the graces and highpoints of each day. When we are more grateful for the gifts we have then we tend to be more open to God's will in our lives.

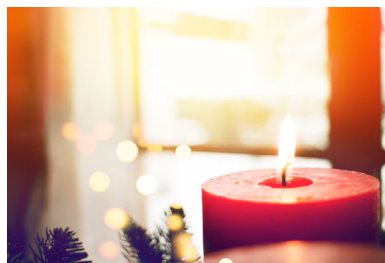
When we do this, we might also find areas where we need to seek forgiveness. As we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth the question comes at all of us - are we ready to meet the Lord?" Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent Season is part of this preparation. Reconciliation is what God does. Receiving it and celebrating it is what we do.

This Tuesday, **December 11, at 7:00pm**, Holy Spirit Parish will celebrate our annual Advent Reconciliation Service. It is a perfect opportunity to celebrate as a faith community the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers to everyone one of us.

May Christ grant us all the gift of reconciliation, and may we all receive it and celebrate it well in the holy days ahead. There is no greater gift that you can offer Jesus on His birthday than a cleansed heart and soul. Come join us! Please come and share the grace of this sacrament.



LIVING THE LITURGY



Advent: A Season Of Preparation

In the Gospel this weekend, John the Baptist "...went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the

words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (Lk 3:3-4).

The story of John the Baptist's testimony teaches us a very important lesson about Advent. This liturgical season is one of reflective patience, joyful anticipation, and devout preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. And, while the season is denoted by physical preparations that are already taking place in shopping centers, on television commercials, and through neighborhood decorations, John the Baptist calls for a very different type of preparation: a preparation of the Heart.

Luke's Gospel continues with some beautiful imagery from the prophet Isaiah when he says, "Prepare the way of the Lord.... Every valley shall be filled and every mountain shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth." When John the Baptist calls for all of the communities along the Jordan to prepare the way of the Lord, he is saying primarily to prepare the way of your heart for Jesus to enter in.

In much the same way that those who encountered John the Baptist in his ministry were called to prepare themselves for the coming of the Messiah, we as members of the Body of Christ are called during this season to refocus our sights on the coming of our Lord; both through the holiday of Christmas and through the prompting of our hearts that come from the Holy Spirit every day.

There are many ways to refocus our sights on Jesus this Advent, such as prayer, giving alms, and remembering to spend time with family members. Another way we can continue to prepare is through our Annual Advent Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, December 11th at 7pm in the Church. However we approach this Advent season, let us be intentional, and "Prepare the way of the Lord."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 12/10	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
T 12/11	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
W 12/12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
TH 12/13	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
F 12/14	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
S 12/15	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
SU 12/16	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



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

WED 12/12	8:30	Kathy Moritz Anna Marie De La Rosa
THU 12/13	8:30	Stephen Popovich
SAT 12/8	5:00	Rahul Pinto David Zenk Teofila Sarmiento
SUN 12/9	9:30	Florlinda Gonzales
	11:30	Jack Shaughnessy
	6:00	Holy Spirit Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Gene Conry,
Beau Anthony Fazo,
Donna Junghaene,

For those who have recently died:

David Grant Campbell



STEWARDSHIP



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 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.

Due to the holiday schedule for food and toy distribution, we are providing Survival Sacks on **Thursday, December 13th**. 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. and finish up about 10:45 a.m. Sign ups for December will open on the parish website as of November 26th. Please contact either Patty or Tom at tnburgei@yahoo.com or call (408) 356-6773, with questions.

SECOND OFFERINGS

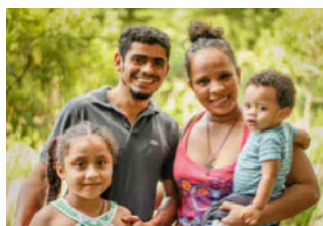
December 9th	Retirement Fund For The Religious
December 16th	No Second Offering
December 25th	Village House

Gifts of Opportunity

Holy Spirit Church is once again excited to offer our community the opportunity to **give the gift of lasting change!** Empower a child, family, or an entire community by giving a **Gift of Opportunity** this Christmas in your name, or in the name of a family member, friend, co-worker or company. **YOUR** generosity and support will literally **SAVE** lives, and help provide a better future for the poor and neglected families of Nicaragua; some who do not even have the basic human necessities of access to clean water, safe shelter, or proper nutrition.



Hundreds of Holy Spirit community volunteers and missionaries were forced to cancel their trip to Nicaragua (the second poorest country in the western hemisphere) this year due to civil unrest, but are hopeful the political environment will improve so that they can continue to work alongside **Amigos For Christ** staff (who need us more now than ever), to represent your gifts personally by delivering pigs, chickens, building clean-air kitchens to eliminate a major source of respiratory issues, as well as building toilets and showers with running water through the Modern Bathroom Project. This year, three new gifts; **Microloans, A Mile of Pipe for a Water System, and Farmers Well and Irrigation System**, are being offered for your consideration to donate towards breaking the cycle of poverty. **ALL** of these incredible projects made possible by **YOUR COMPASSION, GENEROSITY and GOODNESS OF YOUR HEARTS!**



PLEASE stop by the **Gifts of Opportunity** table outside of church after any mass, purchase your life changing gifts, receive a beautiful Christmas card describing the impact of your gift, and meet some of our incredible volunteers who will share their stories, and tell you firsthand how your gift will **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** this Christmas! Or visit <http://squareup.com/store/HSGO> to place your order immediately or for more information. Corporate Matching Programs accepted - please contact Laura Smith at sargi8@sbcglobal.net for more details. **Thank you for being the hands of Christ to those in need.**

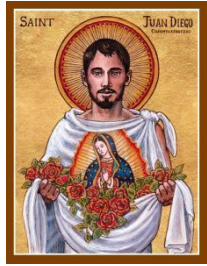
Holidays at Sacred Heart Community Service

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others" -Gandhi

There are still many volunteer opportunities available at Sacred Heart Community Service for their holiday program. The weekday shifts on **December 17, 18 and 19**, are in particular need of your help. Please take a moment to go to the Holy Spirit website to see where you can give the precious gift of your time.

Contact Mary Jane Vitkovich at mjvilkovich@hotmail.com should you have any questions. Sign up on our website at <http://holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service>.





Our Lady of Guadalupe

This week, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **December 12th**,

Patron Saint of The Americas and Mexico.

This feast day in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe began in the 16th century. Mary appeared to Juan Diego by the Tepeyac hill. Mary told Juan Diego she was the Mother of all those who lived in his land and asked him to make a request to the local Bishop: to build a chapel in her honor on Tepeyac Hill, which was the site of a former pagan temple.

Juan Diego’s story of apparition and request was turned away, but Mary encouraged Juan to be persistent. The Bishop asked for a miracle or sign to prove the apparition was real, A miracle was promised. Juan Diego went to the Bishop again to present his cloak filled with flowers, upon Mary’s request, but instead there was an imprinted image of the Virgin Mary. Juan Diego later found out his uncle was healed from his own illness. He explained that he too encountered the Virgin Mary with a similar message of building a shrine. The story of the apparitions have converted thousands of people since. Juan Diego’s time.

The shrine was built and the cloak was placed on display in the church and many miracles have taken place in front of Mary’s image. Those who have tried to destroy the image in the past have failed to do so. The shrine is still one of the most-visited Catholic sites today.

“I Wanna be Like You!”

The gym was hopping last weekend while the cast of Disney’s Jungle Book Kids sang and danced for a full house of adoring fans.

Classmates and families joined the cast of 41 Kindergarten through 3rd grade students for the culmination of countless rehearsal hours.

Thank you to the amazing crew and technical direction, the parents and teachers who supported the endeavor and to the amazing actors for a fantastic performance.

We can’t wait to see the 4th-8th graders perform in their show this spring! Stay tuned.



To learn more about how our students shine onstage and off, or to visit Holy Spirit School, please call 408.268.0794.



3sixty High School Ministry

Last Sunday, we capped off our **Out in the Open** series. It

was great to look at our Catholic faith and ask some of the important questions regarding our faith. Stay tuned for info for our focus for next semester.

After the 6pm Mass, 3sixty will be having an Advent and Christmas social. In this Advent season, we’ll be taking time out of our busy schedules to enjoy and prepare ourselves for Christ’s presence. All high school youth are welcome to come.



Edge Middle School Ministry

We had a fun time last week at our Edge night. Our next Edge night will be on Wednesday, December 12th. All middle school youth are welcome to come.



Confirmation Year 2

The next session will be on Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30pm starting in the church. Both candidates and sponsors are to attend this meeting. Parents or other relatives / friends may proxy if the sponsor cannot attend.



**Grief Consolation
During the Holidays**

Evening of Support
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
7:00pm—8:30pm

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Grieving Through the Holiday

"Living with grief during Christmas can be the most overwhelming experience that one's heart can bear."

Join in prayer and fellowship as we share life-affirming ways to cope.

You are invited

Seasonal Support for our Grief

Wednesday, December 12

7-8:30pm

Holy Spirit Church

In the church

RSVP required to

Leah 408-997-5110/ lharris@dsj.org

Refreshments provided.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 12/10	1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	HSS Auction Meeting Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Class Faith Formation Class Parish Council Meeting Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Classroom 2 Church Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Office Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 12/11	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group SMOC Meeting Advent Reconciliation Women's Faith Group 3sixty Core Meeting	Parish Hall Parish Office Church Parish Hall Be Still Room
WED 12/12	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Scripture Study-Revelation Edge Youth Night Grieving During the Holidays	Parish Office Classroom 4 Parish Hall Church
THU 12/13	8:45 a.m. 2:15 p.m.	Survival Sacks Altar Service Incense Training	Sacred Heart Church
FRI 12/14	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting	Parish Hall
SAT 12/15	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Christmas Food Packing Small Community of Faith Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Baptisms	Sacred Heart Be Still Room Parish Hall Church
SUN 12/16	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:45 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Class Rite of Acceptance RCIA Faith Formation Class Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Nursery Altar Service Incense Meeting Toy Box Set Up 3sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Church Be Still Room Parish Hall Parish Hall Pre-K Church Sacred Heart Parish Hall



RECONCILED
with God

Advent Reconciliation

The Holy Father stresses that forgiveness of our sins is not something that we can give ourselves. In confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus.

"Forgiveness is not the fruit of our own efforts but rather a gift, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the wellspring of mercy and of grace that flows unceasingly from the open heart of the Crucified and Risen Christ." *Pope Francis*

Please join us on **December 11th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, as we celebrate Advent Reconciliation as a parish.

STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED



Tax Preparation Opportunity at Sacred Heart Community Service

Every year Sacred Heart Community Service prepares hundreds of tax returns for low income customers as a part of the IRS VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program. For the 2017 tax year, they were able to secure \$300,157 dollars in federal refunds for those customers!

Sacred Heart Community Service is looking for more volunteers and, we at Holy Spirit Church, can help!

Volunteers will be trained In January. This year, training dates are January 6, 13, and 20. Actual tax preparation begins the first week of February and ends the week of April 15. Taxes are prepared in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2pm to 8pm, as well as on Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. beginning on 1/22 through 4/15.

You do not need to be a trained accountant to participate, but some knowledge of simple income tax guidelines is helpful.

If you are interested in volunteering for this much needed service, please contact Efrain Segundo Orozco at Sacred Heart to schedule your training. You can reach him at 408-278-2190 or at efrains@sacredheartcs.org.

You do not need to volunteer for all preparation evenings; you will designate which day(s) you can participate. It is important that you sign up with Efrain no later than Thursday, December 27, to participate.

Thanks for considering this "Time and Talent" opportunity!



Turkeys and Tarps

A HUGE "Thank You" to the volunteers and for the Parish's generosity and support with the Turkey and Tarps Drive.

Holy Spirit Parish generously contributed \$10,500. We presented a check for \$5,250 to Sacred Heart Community Services to support the turkey dinners they provide their customers.

In addition, \$5250 was used towards the purchase of tarps to help protect against the elements for those in need in Santa Clara County this winter.

We ask for your continued prayers with this Ministry for the years to come. Please also keep the families and individuals in your prayers, who will benefit from this drive that they have a safe and blessed holidays and winter knowing their brothers and sisters at Holy Spirit Parish are with them.

Again, thank you for living your faith by sharing your generous spirit!



Layette Ministry

Holy Spirit Layette members attended the Diocese Layette Celebration on Sunday December 2nd held at St. Lucy's Church. We brought a large donation of baby quilts, afghans, receiving blankets and fleece blankets, sweater sets and assortment of infant clothing that our members made plus clothing items we

must purchase. We enjoyed the Christmas entertainment consisting of a children's choir, refreshments and gift basket raffle. We make up a gift basket for the raffle and also give a check towards their Diaper fund.

Our layette program continues to help support Sacred Heart Community Service's layette program and we also deliver 30 complete layette packages to the Public Health Nurses each year.



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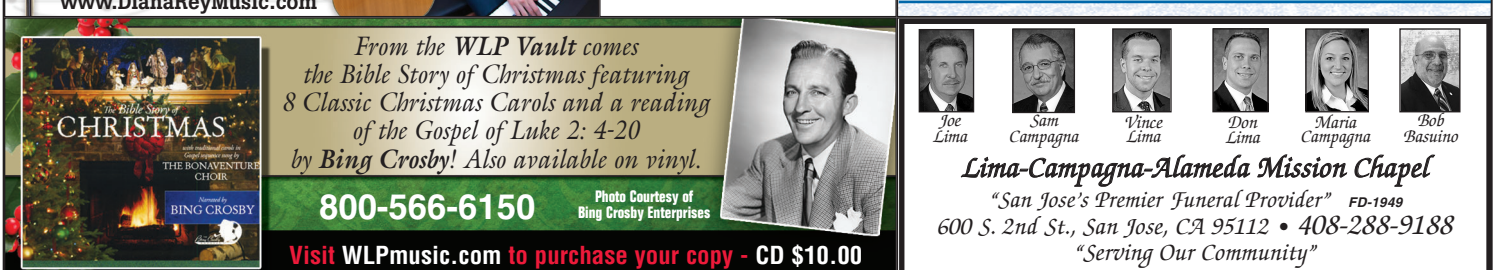
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