



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29th, 2019



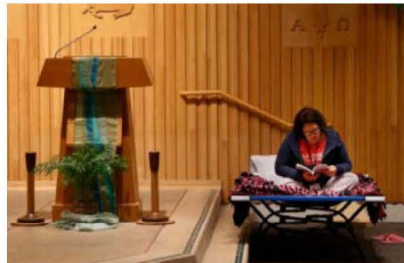
Village House Shelter Opens January 3; Volunteers Needed Now!

Holy Spirit is still in need of volunteers when we host, Village House, the rotating shelter for homeless women. The Shelter offers a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to live out Christ's message of serving our homeless neighbors through love and compassion! Our evening shelter will operate from 7pm – 7am seven days per week, January 3 – February 3. Once again, the Episcopal Church of Almaden will operate a day center during the daytime hours.

Holy Spirit is in its 5th year of heading the Village House Network. Since 2016 the year-round Network has grown to 20 churches of shelters and day centers. The shelter has been home to over 100 women since 2016 helping to stabilize their lives. Now it's our opportunity to open our doors to the homeless. **We still have many openings – especially during our overnight shifts!**

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.



Dear Lord,

As a new year begins, we come to You and ask for Your blessing.

We pray that you will give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives.

Thank You for the plans You have for us in this new year. We wait in anticipation to see all that You will do!

Thanking God for You and praying Your new year is blessed in every way.

"For I know the plans I have for you." declares the Lord. "plans to prosper you and not harm you. plans to give you hope and a future." **Jeremiah 29:11**

The Parish Office will be closed December 30th through January 5th.

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NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



When I was a really young child growing up inside a large family, I thought every household was just like mine. Not that I thought every family had 12 children, but I thought every family had loving parents who cared and provided food and shelter and abundant love. I had no reason to doubt this was a reality for every child. Then I discovered some exceptions in those around me, some of my friends, whose home lives were very ugly and broken. I did not judge but I was saddened for them and would often encourage them to hang out with my family more. Sometimes that helped, sometimes it made it worse! But I tried in any way I could to share my incredible blessings with others.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, Joseph, Mary and Jesus, the ultimate example of a loving family. It is apt to pause for a moment and be grateful to God for his gift of love inside our own family. No family is perfect but many of us have loving families that mirror, however imperfectly, the Holy Family and allow us to understand the love of God. This weekend, we ought to take some time to acknowledge and express the love we share inside our families, whether in our own immediate family or our larger extended family by saying thank you to those who are around us.



Some people find it hard to conceive of a loving family. Their experience has been painful and even thinking about it hurts. Most of them have managed to overcome that experience and live functional and successful lives. However, sometimes the dysfunction is too much and it has broken some people. Often, they go on to make even worse decisions compounding the situation. Sometimes it happens to them and sometimes it is caused by them and their bad choices.

No matter whether we have inherited loving families or managed to navigate the dysfunctions, there is an opportunity and maybe even an obligation to share our love with others. We do not come to judge others in this situation, but rather we do what we can to help them with love. That is the reason we started Village House, a shelter for 15 medically fragile women who are experiencing homelessness. Their lives have unraveled a little and they need someone to love them where they are at right now and help them piece their lives back together again.

Next week on January 3, we will open our doors to the Village House. We will shine the light of Christ into their darkened world. For the next 30 days, we will love them and show them the way of love. We need parishioners to help by signing up for different volunteer opportunities. Please go to the parish website and sign up for a spot. We need your help to help them.

Question of the Week

what treasures do you offer
Jesus?

Mary, the Mother of God

The title of Mary as the "Mother of God" was already being recognized from the Second century by early Church Fathers in their writings. They gave the honor of this title to Mary and it was widely accepted by the Christian believers. Then, it was challenged by Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople, who refused to use the title, and said instead, that Mary should be called rather the "Mother of Christ". It became controversial when Nestorius barred the use of it. This controversy spread out not only in the Capitol city of Constantinople but also to other imperial cities. Cyril of Alexandria heard about the statement of Nestorius and appealed to him to recant his argument. Cyril claimed that if Mary did not bear God then neither was the Incarnate Word bore of her be called God; moreover, if the Scriptures named the Incarnate Word, God, how then should she who bore Him not be the Mother of God. The dispute about the title began not only between them but also with other early Church Fathers. As a result, the Council of Ephesus was convened in 431 A.D. by Emperor Theodosius II and later the council declared the title of Mary as the "Mother of God" a dogma.



This brings us to the question: What was the cause worth of defending this title of Mary? Our Church Fathers never claimed that Mary was a divine person. This was not their intention. The importance of the title was to protect the two natures of Jesus Christ, who is true God and who is true Man, together in one divine person (*prosopon*) and one hypostasis, without confusion, change, division, or separation. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, this title indeed highlights the fact that Jesus Christ is God and truly was born of Mary as a Man: in this way His unity as true God and true man is protected and preserved.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is celebrated every January 1. It was Pope Paul VI who promulgated it, which was formerly celebrated on 11 October.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 12/30 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

T 1/31 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

W 1/1 Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

TH 1/2 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28



F 1/3 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

S 1/4 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

S 1/5 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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

W 1/1	9:00	Rahul Pinto †
S 1/4	5:00	Trong Ho † Renee Lowrance †
SU 1/5	8:00	Holy Spirit Parish
	9:30	Carmel Bastholm
	11:30	Holy Spirit Parish
	6:00	Holy Spirit Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Pat Calhoun,
Ann Fischer,
Hanna Hajost,
Phyllis Keeney,
Janice Patterson

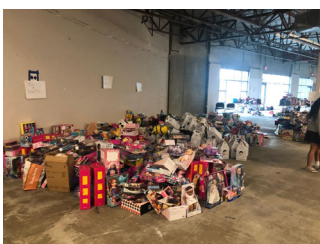


For those who have recently died:

Jerry Metzger, Joe Zenk

Thank You!

The Holy Spirit Annual Sacred Heart Toy Drive was a great success and we would like to say thank you to all the parishioners and school families who donated toys to the drive. We collected 1000 toys exactly and donated them to Sacred Heart Community Service on Thursday December 12th. We had 15 middle school students and 8 adults deliver the 1000 toys all packed into the cars on the way to the Sacred Heart warehouse that they use to sort toys each year. After delivery of the 1000 toys the students and parents helped unload another delivery there and sorted through 12 oversized bins and many many bags of donated toys. It was a very productive afternoon and we are very grateful to everyone who donated toys and to the students and parents who gave up their time to volunteer for a very worthy cause. Thank you all for your generosity!

**Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to Oberammergau.**

A Passion Play Journey to Poland, the Czech Republic & Germany

When: Sept. 6th to Sept. 12th, 2020

Under the spiritual direction of Fr. Brendan

The tour includes stops in Warsaw, Czestochowa, Krakow, Auschwitz, Prague Oberammergau (to see the Passion Play) and Munich.

The Passion Play is performed once every ten years.

There are still opportunities to join the pilgrimage.

If you are interested, or for additional Information Contact the tour coordinator Mary Longaker at marylongaker@gmail.com or (408) 533-5119

**SECOND OFFERINGS**

December 29th	No Second Collection
January 5th	No Second Collection

Nicaragua Mission Trip 2020

Holy Spirit is planning two mission trips back to Nicaragua next summer; June 13-20 and June 20-27.

While political turmoil in the country forced most missionary groups – like Holy Spirit – to cancel their trips in 2018, we had a successful trip in 2019 and are looking forward to 2020.

In June we plan to send two group of adults, and high school age minors with their parents.

Information meetings for this trip will be held on:

Saturday, January 25 at 1 pm

at Holy Spirit Church. This meeting is especially important for those traveling to Nicaragua for the first time.

More information can be found on <http://holyspiritchurch.org/nicaragua-mission>.

If you have questions or would like to receive updates about this trip, please email hs.amigos@yahoo.com.



SCHOOL NEWS

While our students and teachers are off celebrating the Christmas season, here is a peek at what happens inside our classrooms.

Starting in PreK at sharing time, our students learn to speak to a group of their peers.



Fourth graders dissect owl pellets and "reassemble" a mouse skeleton in the science lab.



Dr. Steinhoff and his staff visit and share dental hygiene tips with our second graders.



Eighth graders delivered and sorted the 1,000 toys the school and parish collected for Sacred Heart!



YOUTH MINISTRY

3sixty High School Ministry



3sixty resumes back next Sunday, **January 5th** for our first night in the 2020 year! All high school youth are welcome to attend.

Edge Middle School Ministry



The next Edge night will be on Wednesday, **January 15th**. We will take a look at the 2019 year and reflect on what we can look forward to for the 2020 year.



Confirmation Year 1

The next session will be on Wednesday, **January 8th**. This will be a parent meeting to give a report on how the youth are doing thus far and to give details on the upcoming retreat.

Confirmation Year 2

The next session for the second year group will be on Wednesday, **January 22nd** at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

FAITH FORMATION

Bible Quiz Questions for Kids



And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd ... (Ezekiel 37:24)

1. **Q. How many books are in the Bible? (Old Testament?) (New Testament?)**

A. 66 (39) (27)

2. **Q. What was the name of the shepherd boy who became the second king in Israel?**

A. David

3. **Q. How many brothers did Joseph have?**

A. 11. He also had 1 sister.

4. **Q. Who were the parents of Cain and Abel?**

A. Adam and Eve

5. **Q. Noah sent out 2 different kinds of birds from the Ark. What were they?**

A. Raven and Dove

6. **Q. After the flood, what sign did God give that He would not destroy the earth with a flood again?**

A. Rainbow

7. **Q. Who did Boaz marry?**

A. Ruth

PASTORAL CARE

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting are stitched together into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace with warm and comforting prayer shawls.

Our Parish shawl-makers work all year long to create lovely, comforting shawls rich with prayers and blessings for the recipient.

Upon completion, a final blessing from one of our priests is offered before the shawl is sent on its way.

Shawls can be used for any challenge: hospitalization, undergoing medical procedures, grief and bereavement, times of great stress, birth or adoption, bridal shower gift, during illness and recovery; tireless ministering to others.

Next meeting is **January 20** at 9:30am. Learn more about this ministry from Sandy at 408.268.7821.

Have questions about Pastoral Care and serving the vulnerable? Call Leah Harris, Director of Pastoral Care, 408.997.5110.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 12/30	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Office Closed Dec. 24-Jan. 5 No Faith Formation Classes Music Rehearsal AA Meeting	Parish Hall Church Classroom 3
TUE 12/31		Office Closed Dec. 24-Jan. 5	
WED 1/1	9:00 a.m.	<i>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</i> Mass for the Solemnity of Mary	Church
THU 1/2	8:45 a.m.	Survival Sacks	Sacred Heart
FRI 1/3	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting Village House	Parish Office Church/Office
SAT 1/4	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith CLOW Village House	Be Still Room Parish Hall Church/Office
SUN 1/5	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal NO Nursery CLOW Music Rehearsal Faith Formation Classes Music Rehearsal Village House 3Sixty Youth Night	Church Parish Hall Parish Hall Church Parish Hall Church Church/Office Parish Hall

Lector Training



At Holy Spirit, lectors are special liturgical ministers who serve our community by proclaiming the readings from Scripture during our liturgies. A thoughtful and prayerful presentation of by our lectors helps open the hearts of our community to God's Word.

Any fully initiated, practicing Catholic (ie. Have received Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation) may participate in this ministry.

If you would like to become a part of our liturgies as a lector, we will be having scheduled training days in the next year. The first two in 2020 are **January 12** at 12:45PM and the other option is on **April 26**.

The training should last about 75 minutes and you only need to attend one. If you are interested, please go to the parish website at www.holyspiritchurch.org



PLEASE JOIN US FOR WINTER PLANTINGS

GROWING OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS: *"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"*

"Plantings helped me make my 2-mintues of prayer more meaningful and consistent. I got out of the rut I was in and learned new ways to communicate and listen to Jesus. It ultimately opened me up to have a new closeness and peacefulness with God"

Our Goal is for all members of the Holy Spirit Parish Community to grow in a loving relationship with God through the person of Jesus. The "Growing our Friendship with Jesus" adult formation was developed to take everyone where they currently are in their faith journey and help them grow their relationship with Jesus.

The planting sessions will teach you various tools and practices to use in your daily prayer time. This process is for anyone looking to be more consistent and deliberate in their prayer life. The participants will be presented methods of creating sacred space for prayer, developing a routine, using scripture and other forms of prayer to enrich their prayer experience.

The Winter Plantings will launch with a half-day Retreat on **Sat., Jan. 11th from 9am to -12noon** at Holy Spirit Parish. This is the ideal way for you to get centered and focused before experiencing the 4 sessions.

The dates and topics for the Thursday 7pm-9pm weekly sessions are:

Jan. 16 – Lectio-Creating a Prayer Space

Jan. 23 – Imaginative Prayer

Jan. 30 – Visio/Time Management

Feb. 6 – Examen Prayer

The Winter Plantings will culminate with a closing half-day Retreat on **Sat., Feb. 15th from 9am to 12noon** at Holy Spirit Parish. This is the best way to put into practice all that you have learned and advance your closeness and communication with Jesus.

For more information or to register, go to <https://holyspiritchurch.org/growing-friendship-jesus/>

The Plantings will repeat throughout the year and will rotate days to allow everyone to get involved. It is not required to attend both retreats and all sessions. **It is more important that you get started on your journey!**