



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26th, 2020

Widows & widowers are invited to the annual



School Days WOW Tea Party

Holy Spirit Parish Hall
Saturday, February 8, 2020
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Must RSVP by
February 2nd to attend!
Please call parish office at
408-997-5101

*Please share this invitation with any
widow & widower that would benefit
from joining us!*



Re-Ignite Retreat



Fires start small with kindling. As they continue to be tended they grow into something substantial and strong. Our prayer life is similar; we start small, and over time this too can be nurtured and cared for until it is as sizeable as any blaze. Retreats offer us a special way to nurture our prayer life by allowing us focused time in relationship with God. Any retreatant will tell you how valuable the experience was for them even if at first they were concerned with how they would carve out the time to attend.

Life gets busy, we get that. In an effort to help more of our parishioners have this valuable experience, Holy Spirit Parish is bringing the retreat to you! All sessions will be on the Holy Spirit Campus. We will provide all meals, so no need to worry about packing a lunch! Childcare will also be offered and you will return to your own home each night of the retreat. Please consider joining us for this very special time, we would love to have you be a part of it! The Re-Ignite retreat will begin on **Friday evening, March 20th at 5:30 pm and concludes Saturday evening, March 21st at 10:00 pm**. We need a minimum of 200 participants to move forward with the retreat so mark your calendars and register now, at the early price of \$50.00. Register online at holyspiritchurch.org/re-ignite.

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NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Weaving the Divine Thread

I truly believe that God is present to us every minute of every day, yet we struggle to see or feel his presence. It seems that our modern lifestyle, with its busyness and

instant access to so much information from the internet, makes it even more difficult to see and experience God in our lives. We are in constant "over stimulation" mode bombarded by so many sounds and noises, each distracting us from seeing God in our lives. Coming to Church each Sunday affords us the opportunity to tune out the noise of the world and allow God to speak to the human heart.

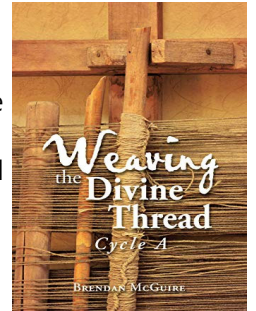
It is the role of the priest to connect God's word to the daily life of the hearer of the Word at Mass. Most Sundays, my homily starts with a story that breaks open the scripture readings. Often the story is an experience of lived faith that I have witnessed during the week. Then I connect it to God's story and hear some challenge from God for all us to live throughout the week ahead.

I believe that God's ways are mysterious yet knowable, hidden yet understandable, and divine yet human. But we need to take the time to listen to him speak through the daily events of our lives. We need to stand back a little from our daily life to see the "pattern" that God is weaving through our lives.

Many of you have asked over the years if I plan to publish another series of books of homilies. I had published my last series, *Seeds for the Soul* (Cycle A, B, C) over 10 years ago. Finally, with the help of some parishioners, I have published the first in a series of three books of homilies. It is called *Weaving a Divine Thread, Cycle A*.

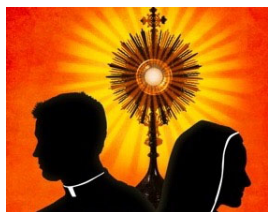
The title of the book was inspired by the tapestries from the Cathedral of Angels in Los Angeles by artist John Nava. The tapestries are the largest collection hanging in a Catholic place of worship in the United States. Nava combined digital imaging and "Old Master" methods in creating the saints for the tapestries. He weaved the tapestry *Communion of Saints* consisting of females and males of all ages, races, occupations and vocations the world over. Saints from the Renaissance are intermingled with people from the 1st century and the 20th century. This was my inspiration for the name of the book as I believe when I preach I am threading the Word of God and intermingling it with the stories of people's lives from centuries past and to the 21st century.

My hope is that these woven stories will help people to find a place in their soul to weave the Word of God and to trust that the Lord is weaving a divine story deep within them. I have **signed copies** available after all Masses this weekend or in the parish office any time. The **cost is \$15**. It is also available online at Amazon at the same cost **or as an eBook at \$5** but obviously not signed. I hope you can give a gift to someone and I pray that they see the divine thread that God is weaving throughout their lives.



Question of the Week

What are you doing in order to continue to grow strong in faith and wisdom?



Answering the Call - Vocation to Priesthood By the Diocese of San Jose

Becoming a priest or religious is not primarily our own decision. Rather, it is the response to a call and to a call of love.

—Pope Francis

The word "vocation" comes from the Latin "vocare," meaning "to call". We are all called by God to make a gift of ourselves for God's glory and the salvation of souls. Our vocation is that path to holiness. Some are called to the vocation of marriage, some to consecrated life and others to the priesthood or religious life.

Most of us who have ever wondered if a vocation to priesthood or religious life was for us must have asked the question, "How will I know?" It comes in many forms. "What is God's will in my life?" "How do I find happiness and fulfillment in my life?" "What is the ultimate purpose of my existence?" "How will I know that God is calling me to live the religious life as a priest, brother, or sister?" You must pray every day, asking God to reveal His plan for you. Do not ask yourself "What do I want to do with my life?" This is the wrong question! Rather, you should be thinking and asking, "Jesus what do you want me to be? How do you want me to love You?" And listen for the answer! Listen with your heart, not just your head.

Discernment, i.e. listening with the heart, is prayerfully seeking God's will in your life. It takes time, patience and a willing heart, humility and trust that God does indeed wants what is best for you. There are three keys for discernment: prayer, spiritual direction and support about your questions and concerns. Explore the possibilities by speaking to vocation directors, or attending discernment retreats. Give God a chance, He might be calling you. Don't wait, make the first step now.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 1/27 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

T 1/28 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

W 1/29 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20



TH 1/30 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

F 1/31 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

S 2/1 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

S 2/2 Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

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

S 1/1 5:00 Rahul Pinto †
Renee Lowrance †
Mona Lacey †

SU 1/2 9:30 Ella Sulzer †
Carmel Bastholm

11:30 Holy Spirit Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Phyllis Politoski

For those who have recently died:

Muriel Chiaravalle

Andrew Lorenz

Zach Richard



STEWARDSHIP

Registration is Open for 2020 Nicaragua Mission Trips



Online registration for the **June 13-20 and June 20-27** Mission trips to Nicaragua is now open on the Holy Spirit website, <http://holyspiritchurch.org/nicaragua-mission-trip>.

Registration will remain open until February 13 or until all 60 spots for each week have been filled.

The cost of the trip is \$1450 per person (includes travel insurance). A non-refundable deposit of \$200 must be paid at the time of registration.

Please direct questions to hs.amigos@yahoo.com.

Lector Training

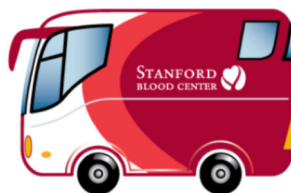


At Holy Spirit, lectors are liturgical ministers who serve our community by proclaiming the readings from Scripture during our liturgies. Any fully initiated, practicing Catholic may participate in this ministry.

If you would like to become a part of our liturgies as a lector, we will be having a training day on **Saturday, February 1st** at 9:00 am in church. If interested, please go to the parish website at www.holyspiritchurch.org

PARISH ACTIVITIES

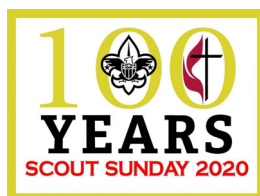
Stanford Blood Drive



On Sunday, **February 9th**, Stanford Blood Center will be on site from 8:30am-1:30pm to collect blood. If you are able and free to donate, please consider doing so. Blood, especially, O+, is in short supply in these cold winter months.

Appointments are now being booked. You can make an appointment online at this website: <https://stanfordbloodcenter.org/>. You may also contact Row at row.david@dsj.org for assistance in making an appointment.

Scout Sunday



Calling All Scouts:

Sunday, **February 9th** is Scout Sunday. We will be celebrating Scout Sunday at 9:30 AM and we are looking for Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts from both the parish and the school to help us celebrate. Please email cliffordashaw@gmail.com by February 3rd to let us know how you would like to participate.

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 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.

Survival Sacks will be distributed on Thursday, **January 16th**.

The signup link can be found on the parish website at <https://holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/>.

Volunteers must be 16 or older.

We meet at Sacred Heart at 8:45 a.m. and finish at about 10:45 a.m.

Please consider joining us for this important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Patty or Tom at tnburgei@yahoo.com or call (408) 356-6773.

National Catholic Schools Week



National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week.

At Holy Spirit School, we kick off the week with an Open House on Sunday, January 26. We take time to celebrate the faith, knowledge and community developed uniquely in a Catholic school environment. Through several activities this week, we focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

The students, parents, teachers, and staff are grateful to our parish for ongoing and invaluable support. We invite you to visit during Open House and if you know of anyone who is looking for a school, please invite them to join you.

Be sure to check out the awesome projects in middle school, visit with our fantastic Robotics team in the gym, ask about the Octopus that visited PreK and admire the artwork on display in all the classrooms.

Open House:

January 26 – 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

For more information, please call 408.268.0794

Egg Roll Fundraiser – Last Opportunity!!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year for youth ministry is our famous egg rolls! Do not plan your super bowl party without them! We will be taking orders after all Masses for one final time this weekend. You can also place your order online at <https://bit.ly/HSEggRolls>. For more info, contact Row.

3sixty High School Ministry

After the 6pm Mass, 3sixty will begin the new semester focus entitled **Vital**. In this four-part series, we will take a look at the Holy Spirit. Our night this Sunday will look and reflect upon its eternal origin.

Please note that there will be no 3sixty next Sunday, **February 2nd**. 3sixty resumes back on Sunday, **February 9th**.

Edge Middle School Ministry

The next Edge night will be on Wednesday, **January 29th**. All middle school youth are welcome to attend.

Confirmation Year 1

The February session will be on Wednesday, **February 5th** at 6:30pm.

Dulce Lopes Pontes

She was born Maria Rita, in Salvador de Bahia in 1914. When she was 13, she went to visit one of the poorest areas of the city. Maria Rita was so struck by what she saw that she began dedicating herself to the poor and needy.

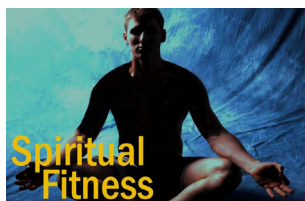
Maria Rita was devoted to St. Therese of the Child Jesus and felt a strong calling to religious life. She said she was ready to perform the "small acts of love" that Jesus transforms into great works.

After entering the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God, she became Sister Dulce, and spent time attending to the local poor and destitute.

As Sister Dulce's reputation grew, so did the number of people seeking her help. She started out housing them in abandoned buildings in a rundown area of Bahia. After a series of evictions, Sister Dulce's Superior said she could use the henhouse attached to the convent, on condition she took care of the chickens. She did: by feeding them to her sick patients. That chicken coop was later to become the Santo Antonio Hospital, a 1500-bed health care centre specializing in cancer treatment.

Sister Dulce developed respiratory problems and had to spend 16 months in that hospital. It was there that Pope John Paul II came to visit her while he was on a trip to Brazil. The President of Brazil nominated her for the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of her work with the Charitable Works Foundation of Sister Dulce, which she founded in 1959.

5 Steps to Spiritual Fitness



January is a common month for setting resolutions for all kinds of self-improvement. Saint Paul writes, "Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come" (1 Timothy 4:7-8). These five steps may help you grow spiritually stronger:

1. Find encouragement.

Christian community is important because we are "mutually encouraged by each other's faith" (Romans 1:12). Talk more with your faith friends in order to grow.

2. Pray for a larger comfort zone.

If our entire world consists of people just like us, chances are that we're more focused on feeling safe than on sharing the Gospel. Our light can only shine if we interact, on a significant level, with people who are different.

3. Warm up your faith muscles.

To be on fire for God requires stoking our spirit with the fuel of daily prayer. Ask God to give you love that "burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame" (Song of Solomon 8:6).

4. Get moving!

Vibrant faith doesn't come to those who wait idly, expecting God to turn up the flame. Somewhere in our lives there is a person who is hungry and needs to eat, thirsty and in need of a drink; a stranger

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 1/27	12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Widow's Faith Group Faith Formation Village House Shelter Transition Meeting Liturgy Meeting Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Classroom 2 Parish Hall Church/Office Classroom 2 Merry's Office Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 1/28	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Sharing Village House Women's Faith Sharing 3Sixty Core Team Meeting	Parish Hall Church/Office Classroom 4 Be Still Room
WED 1/29	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Bridge Scripture Study Village House Edge Youth Night	Parish Office Parish Hall Classroom 4 Church/Office Parish Hall
THU 1/30	6:00 p.m.	Village House	Church/Office
FRI 1/31	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting Brent Malloy's Funeral Village House	Parish Office Church Church/Office
SAT 2/1	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lector Training Linda Kurtz's Funeral CLOW Village House	Church Church Parish Hall Church/Office
SUN 2/2	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.. 10:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Nursery CLOW Faith Formation Classes Village House No 3Sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall Church/Office Parish Hall

Christ wants us to clothe; a sick person to care for, or a prisoner to visit (Matthew 25).

5. Turn setbacks into renewed determination.

Peter denied the Lord three times and Saul persecuted Christians before Christ chose him as witness to the Gentiles. The cross is proof that Christ can transform even the worst things into good. Ask for renewed vigor to follow Christ.

(From 5 Steps to Spiritual Fitness by Elizabeth Peale Allen).



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National Charity League
Almaden Blossom Valley is hosting a
Pajama and Book Drive to
benefit Pajama Program!

Date:

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Time:

2-5pm

Location:

WestGate Church – parking lot
6601 Camden Avenue
San Jose, CA 95120

Please help by bringing either new pajamas and/or new books for pre-teens and teenagers (ages 12-17 years old).

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