



# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17th, 2019



Join us for the annual

## Advent Wreath Making

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

9AM - 1PM

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH HALL

*Supplies are available for purchase:*

\$10.00 for forms

\$5.00 for candles

\$5.00 for greenery and decorations

Please order supplies and

R.S.V.P. on the parish website at

[www.holyspirit.org/advent-wreath-making](http://www.holyspirit.org/advent-wreath-making)

so that we can plan appropriately for this event.

If you have items you want to use from previous years,  
bring them with you!



### Christmas Pageant



We will be having tryouts for our annual Christmas Pageant on Tuesday, **November 19th at 5:00pm** in the Church.

If your child is interested in participating this year, please plan on attending the tryouts. Children will be trying out for speaking parts. All parts, both speaking and non-speaking will be assigned that day.

All children between the age of 5 and 12 are welcome to participate.

Our planned practices for this year are from **6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.** on the following **Tuesdays**,

- ◆ December 3rd,
- ◆ December 10th
- ◆ December 17th.
- ◆ The dress rehearsal will be on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym.

Please make sure your child is able to attend all of the practices and dress rehearsals. The Pageant performance is at the Christmas Eve children's Mass at 4:00pm in the school gym. contact Merry Reardon at [merry.reardon@dsj.org](mailto:merry.reardon@dsj.org) with questions

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## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



As we head into the Thanksgiving weekend, next week, I want to pause for a moment and say a **HUGE** thank you to all parishioners for your cooperation on Financial Stewardship

Month. It has been very successful and many of you changed over to using online payments which is less expensive for us to process. Thanks to so many who reached out to understand corporate matching gifts programs and the Qualified Charitable Distributions. In a special way I also want to thank Claire Martell and Jeff Perrone who worked with us to build our plan for financial stewardship this year. I want to thank the whole pastoral and finance committee for their help and in a special way Penny Warne who was the backbone behind the process internally.

Some people have asked me why checks are so expensive to process. Some of this has to do with the bank processing fees but a lot of it has to do with the basic human handling of a check versus an online payment (even a credit card.) So much of the online payment process can be automated and thus us save us on bank fees and our own office processing costs internally.

Others have asked me if they give online then they have nothing to put into the basket on Sundays and that feels weird. They struggle to give witness to their children who normally go up and give a few dollars. These are excellent points and many of us struggle with this.

This weekend we are launching ***electronic giving tokens***.



These tokens will be at the table outside the sacristy and will be laminated cards that say you give electronically. We ask you to pick it up when you come into Church each Sunday and then put that into the basket in lieu of your stewardship online gift. These will be recycled each week. This is all about the witness value and I will do it myself as I have given online for years.

We also understand that giving witness to the children is important and having them put a small amount into the basket from their own resources teaches them that giving back is part of who we are. So, we will also supply children's stewardship envelopes and put them at the table outside the sacristy.

Please give us feedback on these stewardship efforts and let us know if they are working well for you. Also, please call the office and we can turn off envelopes for all of you giving electronically. **Thank you again.**

## Question of the Week

What can you do this week to be like Christ the King, in love for forgiveness, in generosity, in works of peace and justice?

### Thanksgiving Meals

Most households in the United States will prepare and eat a traditional Thanksgiving meal that includes turkey. It may include cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and the list continues. Often Families add their own cultural tradition along with these main staples. There are many stories about our uniquely American Thanksgiving Holiday and the tradition of serving turkey. Did the Plymouth settlers eat turkey during their festivities? Many think we serve turkey because it was indigenous to and plentiful in Northern America. Some even claimed that Benjamin Franklin suggested the wild turkey be declared as our national bird, but the turkey lost by just one vote to the bald eagle. Perhaps the most logical answer is because of its size, practically speaking, it is large enough to feed the whole family.



The word "Thanksgiving" comes from the Greek word *Eucharistia*. For Roman Catholics, the Body and Blood of Christ is the true "Thanksgiving Meal". The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the Holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been baptized participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

*"At the Last Supper, on the night Jesus was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of His Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross through-out the ages until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of His death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us".*

The Eucharist is an action of thanksgiving to God for His works of creation, redemption, and sanctification (CCC 1322-1323, 1328). Indeed, let us not forget to give glory and praise to God on Thanksgiving Day for all of our blessings.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 11/18 Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

T 11/19 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10



W 11/20 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

TH 11/21 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

F 11/22 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

S 11/23 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

S 11/24 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

### 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 11/18	8:30	Socorro Magallon † Michael Poitevin †
T 11/19	8:30	Dolores Fortich † Michael Poitevin † Karin Reak †
W 11/20	8:30	Michael Poitevin †
TH 11/21	8:30	Annette Mathai Jackson Michael Poitevin †
F 11/22	8:30	Michael Poitevin †
S 11/23	5:00	John Moore † Edward Palodichuk †
SU 11/24	8:00	Thomas & Dorothy Francis † Michael Poitevin †
	9:30	Sylvia Lynn Sanchez †
	6:00	Fran Randazzo †

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### For those who are ill:

Sam Imrisek, Jerry Metzger



#### For those who have recently died

George Lepow, Michael Poitevin,  
Carmel Del La Pena

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Make A Child's Christmas Bright  
This Year  
at the Holy Spirit Annual Sacred  
Heart Toy Drive**



**Please consider donating a new game/toy for a child between the ages of 0-17.  
We are always in great need of teen gifts.**

*Please visit the Gold Angel located at the entrance of Holy Spirit Church or the Christmas Tree located in the School Office and*

- *Pick up a Gift tag with the child's age and gender*
- *Return new, unwrapped donations on the following dates:*

**November 16th & 17th AND November 23rd & 24th to the back of the church**

**December 2nd – December 12th to the bin outside the School Office or to the parish office**

*Thank you for your generosity. For more information please contact*

*Margaret Keeney at [makeeney@hotmail.com](mailto:makeeney@hotmail.com) or Sandra DeMarco at [ssdemarco2003@gmail.com](mailto:ssdemarco2003@gmail.com).*



## STEWARSHIP

**Village House Shelter  
January 3 – February 3**



### Volunteer Sign Ups Now Open

The Village House shelter for homeless women begins its 5th year on January 3 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!

Our evening shelter will operate from 7pm – 7am seven days per week, January 3 – February 3 while the Episcopal Church of Almaden will operate a day center during the daytime hours.

Sign ups are now open through the Holy Spirit website Village House webpage at <https://holyspiritchurch.org/village-house>.

There are opportunities to help with serving meals, intake and registration, laundry, overnight supervision, and transportation. 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](mailto:frankricchio@sbcglobal.net).

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Holiday Help at Sacred Heart Community Service**



The holidays are fast approaching! As you go to make your holiday list of "things to do", please consider putting "volunteer at Sacred Heart" on your list.

Sign up now on the church website at <https://holyspiritchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/> for service opportunities during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Family slots disappear quickly so don't hesitate!

Sacred Heart's goal is to give out 7400 food boxes over the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Many people are needed to help ensure food is packed and handed out..

Their annual Toy Program also needs the help of many hands so that 6200 children receive the joy of a gift at Christmas.

For more details on the shifts, please check out the website.

For questions, contact Mary Jane Vitkovich at [mjvitkovich@hotmail.com](mailto:mjvitkovich@hotmail.com).

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School News

Field trips add great depth to the curriculum at Holy Spirit School. Whether it's a trip to the pumpkin patch or to pick apples at Gisdich farm, our teachers incorporate math, science, social studies, and grammar into these enriching off-campus activities.

Recent field trips include theater productions, pumpkin patches, NASA Ames, and Chitactac Adams Heritage Park. Countless others are scheduled for the remainder of the school year! Stay tuned!

Thank you to our wonderful teachers for extending their classrooms for our students and to the countless parent chaperones and drivers who make all these trips possible.



Learning about apple harvest and juice production.



Visiting Chitactac Adams Heritage Park.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Discovery Retreat Recap

Last weekend, the 3sixty group had a wonderful time in retreat. The Discovery retreat explored our faith and reflected in ways we can increase our faith and trust in Jesus. The Lord blessed us with picture perfect weather and the community that was built was such a respectful, accepting, and loving one. A big thank you to all the youth who came and especially the leaders who shared their time in ministry.

### 3sixty High School Ministry



After the 6pm Mass, 3sixty continues the **Belong** series with a night focusing on acceptance. In this evening, we will unpack the term 'diversity' and showcase the diversity of the Church so that the youth can see that they are truly the Body of Christ.

Next **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**, 3sixty will be having a meditative art night. We will explore praying through art. No artistic experience nor materials needed. All high school youth are welcome.

### Autumn Edge Dance

On **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the Edge ministry will have its Autumn Edge Dance! The dance will be in the school gym from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Cost is \$10. Forms are required for entry. Contact Row David for the permission forms – [row.david@dsj.org](mailto:row.david@dsj.org)

## FAITH FORMATION

### A Refresher why we do what we do! Part 2



What's that squiggly motion everybody does in front of their faces before the Gospel is read?

This is one of my favorites—particularly because when I tell those who are seeking to convert what this one is all about, I tell them to go home and quiz their Catholics and they almost never know the answer.

Before the Gospel is read, when the community stands together to listen, we make the sign of the cross (usually with a thumb) on our foreheads, our lips and our hearts signifying that we are asking God to always keep the Gospel on our minds, on our lips and in our hearts. If we keep the Gospel in these three places, all our thoughts, words and desires will be in line with Jesus.

It's a physical reminder to us that we need to not just hear the Gospel, but to live the Gospel every day of our lives. Many, Catholics don't know this, and they just make a crazy squiggle in their general head and torso area. They have a good laugh and are happy to learn why they've been doing that their whole lives when it's explained to them by the Catechumens that they love (and now know more about Catholic practice than they do).

## PASTORAL CARE

### Remembering our beloved departed: a month of prayers



Every November the Church dedicates the month to remembering our faithful departed. Seasonally, the liturgical year is drawing to a close, corresponding to the autumn season with the falling leaves and "dying" or hibernation for winter. The liturgy brings us readings that urge us to prepare our hearts, thoughts and actions to be "ready" to meet our Lord's presence face to face. Our loved ones who have died are experiencing that greatest of all joys and the month brings us the opportunity to renew our awareness of our own participation in the Communion of Saints.

The month of November gives us impetus to do more things related to our beloved dead so that we might honor their memory. As we pray for them, we are comforted by the fact that there is no time with God; everything is present with Him, and no prayers are ever "too late."

We began the month by celebrating All Saints Day and All Souls Day. A deep and heartfelt "Thank you!" to all the generous school and parish volunteers who helped us remember all of our loved ones, friends and family at the candlelight reception.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

Dates subject to change. View our complete calendar at:  
[www.holyspiritchurch.org](http://www.holyspiritchurch.org)

MON 11/18	9:30 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Children's Choir Rehearsal Faith Formation Classes Music Rehearsal Men's Faith Group SEEL AA Meeting	Class Room 3 Church Parish Hall Church Classroom 2 Be Still Room Classroom 3
TUE 11/19	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Sharing SEEL James Doyle's Funeral Water Color Workshop Christmas Pageant Tryouts 3Sixty Core Team Meeting Women's Faith Sharing	Parish Hall Be Still Room Church Classroom 4 Church Be Still Room Parish Hall
WED 11/20	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group SEEL Pastoral Care Ministry Meeting SEEL SEEL SEEL GOFJ-Enrichment Prayer Series Pastoral Care Ministry Meeting <b>No Confirmation Year 2 Meeting</b>	Parish Office Be Still Room Classroom 4 Be Still Room Catechetics Room Be Still Room Church Parish Office
THU 11/21	8:45 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Survival Sacks SEEL SEEL SEEL GOFJ-Planting Advent Music Rehearsal	Sacred Heart Be Still Room Catechetics Room Be Still Room School Library
FRI 11/22	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	SEEL Al-Anon Meeting HSS Pre-K Thanksgiving Feast	Be Still Room Parish Office Parish Hall
SAT 11/23	9:0 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Choir Mass Rehearsal CLOW <b>Sacred Heart Toy Drive Weekend</b>	Be Still Room Church Parish Hall
SUN 11/24	7:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Music Rehearsal Music Rehearsal Nursery CLOW Music Rehearsal Faith Formation Classes Music Rehearsal 3Sixty Youth Night	Church Church Parish Hall Parish Hall Church Parish Hall Church Parish Hall

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ARCHBISHOP MITTY HIGH SCHOOL

# Open House

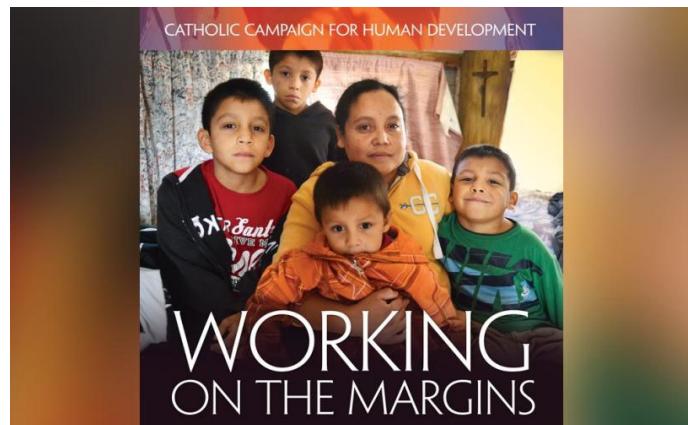
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2019

9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Archbishop Mitty High School welcomes you to a special Open House  
for prospective students and their families.



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For over 43 million Americans, there is a thin line: between eviction and home, between hunger and health, between unemployment and work, between anxiety and stability. This line is the Poverty Line. For a family of four, that line is \$24,257 a year\*.

\* Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States, 2015*.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

Together, we can make a difference in families and communities across the United States. Please donate.