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30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 29, 2017

Turkey and Tarps Drive

“...we can do small things with great love.” — Mother Teresa

The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are opportunities for us to celebrate the good gifts God has given us. For many, the holiday season is a special time to serve the poor and to share our blessings with those who need it. We have an opportunity to do a small thing by sharing a turkey dinner or providing tarps for those in need.



Each year Sacred Heart Community Service feeds a turkey dinner to over 10,000 people with the help of \$20 donations received from Holy Spirit parishioners. Last year, we raised over \$5000. In the past 10 years the parish has generously raised about \$100,000 to support those in need at Sacred Heart. Also, last year we purchased over 375 tarps to support our neighbors, who do not have adequate or available shelter from the cold and rain the winter months bring. Let’s continue to support this ministry.



Parishioners Diane Pham and Joyce Nguyen are organizing this collection, which allows us to share our love with minimal time and effort. We are looking for several people to help accept donations for turkeys and tarps after Mass on the weekends of **November 4-5 and 11-12**. Specifically, we are looking for two people for each Mass time during these two weekends.

If you are available to share your time in this meaningful way, please contact Diane Pham at dianepham818@yahoo.com or Joyce Nguyen at jjnguyen1107@sbcglobal.net.

All Saints/All Souls

- Eleanor Comandatore
- Joseph Earnshaw
- Lesley Emmanuel
- John Gardner, Jr.
- Filipina "Pett" Grey
- Robyn Gutierrez
- Wayne "Butch" Johnson
- Charlotte Koller
- Paula Jean Evan
- Peter Linn
- Kathleen Moritz
- Gabriele Nickut
- Vinette Paslaqua
- Henry Peralta
- Rahul Pinto
- Helen Popovich
- Narendrenath Prabhu
- Rayna Prabhu
- Herbert Saska
- Roberta Schaeffer
- William Sinnott
- Todd Smith
- Jeanne Sommer
- Kevin Troyan
- Steven Wiedlin
- Ted Wolffe

Please pray for all those listed above from our community who passed away this last year. **Join us as we remember them at All Saints Mass at 7pm on Wednesday, November 1st, followed by a remembrance reception in the parish hall.**

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Question of the Week

How do I live out these two great commandments?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



When I was 17 years old, I had just finished my freshman year of college and we had 5 months off for a long college summer. So, I decided to immigrate to Germany from Ireland to work for the summer. My brother had worked in the BMW factory the summer before and I had written them to get the same summer job. A major German contractor with BMW promised me and a friend, jobs in their office outside Munich. We traveled to this small town in early May with a piece of paper for proof of a job, written in German.

Neither of us spoke German but we ventured across the continent haplessly arriving one evening at 7pm in this tiny town. Only when we got off the train, did we realized how remote this place really was. We were in the middle of nowhere!

Everything was closed except for a few restaurants. As we departed the train, this little old lady saw us, greeted us in German and smiled. After many minutes trying to figure out where this office was, she slowly walked to us, looked at the address on our letter and motioned us to follow her. We did. Here we were two young, Irish 17-year-olds walking side by side an 80-year-old German woman who had no English and we no German. She walked us all the way to the door of the office building where we were meant to be but the office was closed. Again, she motioned us to stay there and she walked off. We presumed she went to get some help for us but after 45 minutes we started to get worried as it was now getting dark. Just then she shuffled her way back and motioned to us to stay where we were and told us she had called the owner. We believed her and we were hoping that the boss was on his way. She smiled and left us. Sure enough, he arrived an hour later. He was not happy to see us but we were happy to see him. I got the job but my friend did not. The owner allowed us both to stay that night.

I always remember that little old German woman helping two young Irish people on a dark summer's night. She had no reason to do so other than out of the generosity of her heart and I was very grateful. I felt like an orphan that night and she was my new mother. I was a scared young man in a foreign land and she was a mother to me!

Today's scripture readings remind me of that story. In the first reading, we are told that God wants us to welcome the orphan and the widow. He reminds the Jews that Israel was once orphaned and they need to reach out to others in their need. We may not have many opportunities to welcome a stranger among us but we can always adopt a welcoming mindset to all who come into our country. They are often lost and lonely seeking a new chance at life. They often flee their home country because of war, violence or poverty. May we adopt a welcoming mindset and open our hearts to the stranger like that old German woman did for me, many years ago. It will change lives.



All Saints and All Souls

The feasts of All Saints and All Souls that we celebrate this week remind us of how we are called to live our lives here on earth so that we may be made worthy of the promise of Christ for eternal life with him in heaven.

The Gospel reading for All Saints Day is from Matthew. It is the Sermon on the Mount with the description of the Eight Beatitudes. Matthew's Gospel was written for a community of converts to Christianity. They were well versed in the Hebrew Scriptures and oral tradition. The message of Jesus in the Beatitudes is one of humility, charity, and brotherly love. Jesus presents the Beatitudes in a positive sense, virtues in life which will ultimately lead to reward. Love becomes the motivation for the Christian. All of the Beatitudes promise us salvation - not in this world, but in the next. The Beatitudes bring focus to one of the main themes of Matthew's Gospel. It is that the long awaited Kingdom of God of the Old Testament is not of this world, but of the next, the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Gospel reading for All Souls day we are gathered together as a community where salvation is offered to all who believe. In the Gospel we hear: "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life."

In the Apostles Creed we confess: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints...The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the communion of saints is the Church. It has three states or divisions, the communion of saints of the living, those who are still on their pilgrim journey on earth; the communion of saints of the dead or the faithful departed, some of whom are being purified, those in purgatory and the ones who are enjoying eternal glory in the presence of God, those in heaven.

These days remind us that we are a pilgrim people on a journey to everlasting life. We are reminded of how to live life here on earth and to pray for those that have died. Together we form the Communion of Saints. When we were baptized, we entered into discipleship with Jesus. We became one in body with him. This unity continues even after death.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- M Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
- T Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
- W Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- T Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
- F Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
- S Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
- S Mal 1:14b -- 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

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

- T 8:30 Renee Lowrance †
- F 8:30 Eddie Lee †
Craig & Hubert Lacey †
Suraya Mathai Jackson
- Sa 5:00 Holy Spirit Community
- Su 9:30 Rosetta & John Wood †
Jeanne Sommer †
Mary Sunseri †
11:30 Rahul Pinto †
6:00 Peter Groeneveld †
Mary Sunseri †

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:
Anna Lilly, James
Patrick McCarthy,
Ernesto Rodriquez &
Bill Sterner

For those who have
recently died:
Roland Buss &
Mary Sunseri





**THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS
Volunteer Opportunities
AT SACRED HEART COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Open your hearts during the holidays and help at Sacred Heart Community Service. Many hands, large and small, are needed to volunteer for their Thanksgiving and Christmas programs.

For Thanksgiving, come join your fellow parishioners to help fill food boxes to the brim with ingredients for Thanksgiving dinners. After helping stack hundreds of filled boxes, you can also volunteer to help distribute food to customers for their families to enjoy holiday meals. It is truly an experience that will make your own Thanksgiving time meaningful.

During the Christmas holiday time, food boxes are once again put together and distributed for those in need. A special tradition is Sacred Heart's TOYBOX. The Learning Center will be transformed with hundreds and hundreds of brand new unwrapped toys where customers will choose toys to surprise their children for Christmas celebrations. Be part of putting a smile on a child's face!

These are wonderful ways in which you and your family can give the most precious gift of all...the gift of time. Please look over the various shifts, paying close attention to the age requirements. **Signups will open at holyspurchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/ on October 30th**, so don't wait!!! The spots go very quickly. Remember one slot per person. You must sign up every person who is participating. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Vitkovich at mjvitkovich@hotmail.com.

FOOD PACKING - Thanksgiving

Thousands of boxes are packed and stacked this day. **Sacred Heart has limited the age of volunteers to ages 9 and up. Children 9-13 years old must be accompanied by an adult.**

Saturday, November 18th, 8:30am - 11:30am

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Thanksgiving

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Monday, November 20th, 8:00am - 11:00am

Tuesday, November 21st, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday, November 22nd, 8:00am - 11:00am

FOOD PACKING - Christmas

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Saturday, December 16th, 8:30am - 11:30am

**Growing Our Friendship
with Jesus**



Growing our Friendship with Jesus is a process where people can expand and deepen their prayer life.

We are offering the following sessions through December:

(All sessions will be held in the Parish Hall)

Sunday, October 29th 3-4:30pm

Examen and Journaling

Tuesday, Nov 14th 7-8:30pm

Art and Prayer Journaling

ADVENT SERIES

(7-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall)

Thursday, November 30th

Mary in Scripture

Saturday, December 2nd

Characters of the Nativity

Thursday, December 7th

Art of the Incarnation

Thursday, December 14th

Angels - God's Messengers

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What do these prayer terms mean?



Imaginative Prayer: In Imaginative prayer we begin to imagine the scene as if we are standing right there. What is around me? Who else is there? What do I hear in the scene? If I am in a house, what noises are in the house or in the street outside? What are the smells I can pick up?

Lectio Divina: Traditionally, Lectio Divina has four separate steps: read; meditate; pray; contemplate. First a passage of Scripture is read, then its meaning is reflected upon. This is followed by prayer and contemplation on the Word of God.

Visio Divina: "divine seeing," is a form of prayer using images. You can use any form of art – icons, religious paintings, or even stained glass windows.

Ignatian Spirituality: Ignatian spirituality is grounded in the conviction that God is active in our world. It aims to bring people closer to God and more deeply into the world - with gratitude, passion, and humility.

Examen: The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us.

Journaling: Encountering God through Attentive Writing and Art.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Save the date! **Sunday, November 19th from 8:30-11:30am**, we will be having our annual Autumn pancake breakfast fundraiser. Prices are \$5 per person and \$20 for a family of four or more. All proceeds go directly to support youth ministry.

3sixty High School Ministry

Last Sunday, 3sixty's issue night focused on relationships. We reflected on our own relationships and our relationship with Christ. The way we view our relationships with those close to us should be the relationship we have with Christ and in the same way, the relationship we have with Christ should reflect our relationships we have to those around us.

After the 6pm Mass, 3sixty will be having a Halloween social! Youth are welcome to bring/come in costume! Youth going to the 6pm Mass may drop off their costumes in the Hall prior to Mass (please do not come in costume at Mass).

Edge Middle School Ministry

Last Friday, the Edge group had a fantastic night at the Edge Dance! We had a great showing of youth and they seemed to have a fun night out.

Our next Edge meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 8th**. On this night we will be taking some time to reflect on what we are thankful for. All middle school youth are welcome to attend.

Alum Visit

When our local high schools have the occasional day off, Holy Spirit students benefit!

Last week, some of our alum, current students at Bellarmine College Preparatory and Saint Francis High School were on campus helping out in several classrooms. It was nice to have them back on campus and hear about their adventures away from HSS.



You can visit too!

If you missed Open House, but want to know more about the wonderful community at Holy Spirit School, please join us on Friday, November 10 between 9 and 11 am. Our student ambassadors will offer tours of the campus and a unique opportunity to peek into the classrooms to see our amazing teachers at work.

For more information please call Holy Spirit School at 408-268-0794.

**All Saints/All Souls Reception,
November 1, 2017**



As a parish, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints on **Wednesday, November 1st with masses at 8:30am and 7:00pm.** After the 7:00pm

mass, a special remembrance reception will be offered in the Parish Hall for all families who have celebrated the funeral of a loved one this past year at Holy Spirit. The entire community is invited to attend both the mass and reception to support our grieving members, listen and share stories of our loved ones.

In addition, this year we will create a "Saints and Souls Memorial Wall" in the Parish Hall. We invite all parishioners to bring a photocopy of a favorite photo of your departed loved one(s) to display for the month of November. There will be room for all. You may bring your photo beginning October 30th to the Parish Office. Write your name and the name of your loved one on the back. (photocopies will be returned only upon request).

If you would like to help with this event or memorial display, please contact Leah Harris, Pastoral Care, ASAP at lharris@dsj.org or 997-5110.



Week at a Glance

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

Monday	12:30p.m. 3:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Widow's Book Club Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Classes Music Practice ESL at OLR Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Parish Hall Room 3 Church Parish Hall Church OLR Parish Hall Room 4 PK1 & Parish Hall
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Workshop ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Parish Hall & Rm 4 OLR
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Mass for All Saints Day Scripture Study Sandwich Ministry Holy Spirit School All Saints Day Mass Come and Pray Mass for All Saints Day ESL at OLR All Saints/All Souls Reception	Parish Office Church Parish Hall Room 4 Parish Hall Church Church Church OLR Parish Hall
Thursday	8:15 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Scripture Study Sacred Heart Survival Sacks Music Practice Growing Our Friendship with Jesus: Lectio-Visio Divina ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall OLR
Friday	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Al-Anon Eucharistic Adoration	Parish Hall Library Parish Hall Church
Saturday	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Saturday Lunch Ministry Children's Liturgy of the Word	Parish Hall Library Parish Office Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:45p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation Classes Lector Training 3sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Parish Hall Church Parish Hall

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

Volunteer Opportunities

AT SACRED HEART COMMUNITY SERVICE cont'd.....

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Monday, December 18th, 8:00am - 11:30am

Tuesday, December 19th, 8:00am - 11:00am

TOYBOX SETUP

The Learning Center will become a "Toy Box" filled with new unwrapped toys. Toys will need to be sorted and organized for the room. **Due to the time constraints, Sacred Heart has limited the age of the volunteers to 9 and up. Children 9-13 years old must be accompanied by an adult.**

Sunday, December 17th, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

TOY DISTRIBUTION

A very heartwarming day for all!! Volunteers are needed to assist parents (think of yourself as an "elf") as they pick out toys to bring home for their children. You may also be asked to provide other customer service duties. **Sacred Heart has limited the age to 16 and up.**



Thursday, December 21st, 8:00am - 12:00pm

Friday, December 22nd, 9:45am - 1:00pm



Saturday Lunch Ministry

Please consider joining us on **Saturday, November 4th** in an exciting way to meet others. We will meet at the Parish Office at 10:30 am to make sandwiches and then pack the lunches. After the lunches have been made, we will drive to the St. James Park area of downtown

San Jose. The sandwiches will be distributed to everyone in the park.

Sign up at holyspiritchurch.org/sandwich-ministry/

Only ten families will be able to sign up. We are asking for a one to one ratio of adults to students as parents need to be with their child especially during the distribution in St. James Park. Student participation will be limited to sixth grade and older. A donation of \$10 will be asked from each family to cover the cost of food and supplies.



Advent Wreath Making

Save the date!

**Advent Wreath Making Sunday,
December 3rd**

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Parish Hall

Come to the parish hall on Sunday, December 3rd, any time between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm to make an advent wreath for your home.

There will be a small fee for supplies. Bring your family and join the fun!



**Daylight
Saving Time
ends at
2 am
Sunday,
November 5.**

"Falling back" to Standard Time - that is, setting the clock back an hour - means you'll be able to pack in an extra hour of fun with friends and family on Saturday or languish in bed for an extra hour on Sunday morning. But don't forget to set your clocks in time for Mass on Sunday morning.

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