



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019



Lenten Reconciliation– April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Lent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and healing graces our Lord offers us. Reconciliation is what God does. We prepare for it by opening ourselves up, by reflecting upon the

areas of darkness in our lives into which God so deeply desires to shine a light. It may begin with the question: Where might God be offering me forgiveness and healing?

In our reflection, we need to be sorry for any way that we may have not been faithful, honest, self-less or loving-in our relationship with God or others. Real Love isn't our love for God, but God's love for us.

We can prepare for real reconciliation by preparing to better trust God's love for us, based upon two convictions:

First, God's love is un-conditional. It's not based on our being better, or even on being good at all. God just loves us. We are always precious in the eyes of the One who made us.

Secondly, God knows everything, including what we are struggling with or suffering under. The God of all compassion, understands and loves us. It may be the place where we the need the greatest help and healing is where our lack of trust is in God's complete and unconditional love for us.

Reconciliation is what God does. Receiving it and celebrating it is what we are called to do. For us Catholic's, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a natural way to celebrate God's reconciliation. It is God who forgives sins. And God forgives us the very moment that we come to the discovery that we need forgiveness. In that moment, we are reconciled with God.

When we experience God's forgiveness and love, it is transforming. If we fail to appreciate what we have just received– freely and undeserved– then we take it for granted and risk moving on without a real healing of ourselves. We need to celebrate the reconciliation we have received. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is where our personal journey is joined with the mystery of God's saving love and in His desire to save us all. When we admit that we have sinned and express sorrow, God's lights shines and dispels the darkness. His forgiveness is complete.

Join us Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church for our Lenten Reconciliation Service. Let God shine his light and "May God grant you pardon and fill you with God's peace."



Holy Week Mass Schedule 2019

Holy Thursday, April 18th

7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

8:00pm-12:00 am

Good Friday, April 19th

12:00 pm

7:00 pm

Easter 2019

Easter Vigil, April 20th

8:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 21st

7:30 am Church

9:30 am Church & Gym

11:30 am Church & Gym

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How will I celebrate this Easter Season?



Each year at this time, the new clergy assignments from the bishop are announced. The good news is Fr. Edgar, nor I are moving from Holy Spirit Parish. We will be both here for another year.

I know after 15 years here, the likelihood of me being assigned to another parish gets higher each year. But thankfully I have another year here. I have shared before that one of the reasons I get to stay here at Holy Spirit Parish is because of my extra job as Vicar General which keeps me extremely busy. So I am grateful to be able to stay here another year.

When a new bishop gets assigned to a diocese, the vicar generals automatically resign as they are personal appointments of the previous bishop. As of July 1, I will no longer be Vicar General but the new bishop, Bishop Oscar Cantu has asked me to stay on at the Chancery in a new role. My new role will be "Special Advisor to the Bishop." People have asked me what I will do in my new role. I will largely do much the same as the previous role insofar as I will work on special projects. Bishop Cantu and I have talked a lot about different projects that I am working on and he wants me to continue with these projects as well as some more that he wants me to start. It is exciting to have a new bishop and I love his vision for the diocese.



It has been an honor and privilege to work with Bishop PJ McGrath for 11 years as Vicar General and this summer starts a new era for me to work with the new bishop on his vision for our Church to reach out to all of Silicon Valley residents. The transition from one bishop to the next is scheduled to be May 1 if the Pope allows Bishop PJ to retire then as he has requested. Please keep me in your prayers as this transition happens for me and the bishops.

Also, here is a quick reminder to please join us for **communal reconciliation here at Holy Spirit Parish on Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm.** Every year we journey through Lent as a time of *metanoia*, a time of "turning back towards God." The sacrament of reconciliation is the ultimate way to turn back towards God and renew our commitment to follow Christ in all our ways. The Church suggests we celebrate the sacrament twice a year, once in Lent and once in Advent. So please come and join us. We have invited 10 priests to join us so we can move through the service and keep it short. It is a great way to enter into the Holy Week.

And finally, we would love to see you at the **Holy Thursday Service at 7pm and either Good Friday Services at 12noon or 7pm.** If you have never attended the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, I encourage you to give it a try. It is the most beautiful service of the year. Come to Easter and invite a friend or family member to join you.

LIVING THE LITURGY



Donkey or a Colt

All four Gospels illustrated the triumphant entry of Jesus to Jerusalem. Interestingly, only in the Gospels of Matthew and John, a donkey was mentioned where Jesus sat and rode as He entered Jerusalem. In other Gospels, he sat and rode on a colt. Both Matthew and John quoted the prophecy of Zechariah (Zec 9:9): "Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, Humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." According to this prophecy, the Savior, the King, or the Messiah would be coming riding a donkey or a colt. So, did Jesus ride a donkey or a colt? This is a legit question, but what is important to know is that the riding on a donkey or a colt symbolizes humility. When Jesus was born, He was laid on a manger instead of a nice baby crib. Likewise, instead of a horse, Jesus rode a donkey or a colt. In those days, the people knew that a king, who could save them, would be strong and a great leader, proud, rich and famous. But here, Jesus, again, humbles Himself.

In every entrance procession in each Mass, we commemorate the triumphant entry of Christ Jesus to Jerusalem. He enters the church, as well in our hearts despite of our readiness and worthiness. It marks the beginning of Mass to proclaim His word and to celebrate the Eucharist. He is entering in our midst in humility to gather His people to share His love and mercy even until now and forever will be.

As we stand and sing glorious hymn of praise, we glorify the person of Christ Jesus as the people in those days did. We ought to remember not to forget that Christ Jesus would rather prefer to welcome Him with a humble and sincere hearts. And so, we join the people of Jerusalem in the time of Christ Jesus singing "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 4/15	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
T 4/16	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
W 4/17	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
TH 4/18	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
F 4/19	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
S 4/20	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
SU 4/21	Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]



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 4/15	8:30	Eduardo Testa † Rita Testa † Vincenza Lutineti †
W 4/17	8:30	Mickey Lepow † Kathy Moritz † Larry Choice †
F 4/19	5:00	Dolores Fortich †
SU 4/21	8:00 9:30 11:30 6:00	Colton Stone † Holy Spirit Parish Nicholas Martinez † Vallorino Testa † Evelyn Machado † David Campbell †

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:

Steve Herreria, Phyllis Keeney, Nora Koehmstedt, Josephine Lagattuta, Bill Sterner

For those who have recently died:

Fr. Jay Matthews



Good Friday Collection



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Thank you for your generosity!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

Survival Sack Distribution



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.

Survival Sacks will be distributed on April 4th and 18th. The signup link can be found on the parish website beginning on **Monday, March 25th**. Volunteers must be 16 or older. We meet at Sacred Heart at **8:45 a.m.** and finish up about **10:45 a.m.**

We have the privilege of looking for the face of Christ in each of our clients. If you are unable to volunteer, we would request that you say the following prayer for the homeless each day during your meditation time:

God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus whose earthly life began in a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross. We hold before you those who are homeless. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who provide them with shelter, food, and friendship. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen

If you have any questions, please contact either Patty or Tom at tnburgei@yahoo.com or call (408) 356-6773. **Thank you.**

Saturday at Sacred Heart



School aged children and older are invited to join us for our next Saturday at Sacred Heart.

We will help in the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet, and anywhere else we are needed to help Sacred Heart prepare to serve their customers in the week ahead.

School aged children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Service hours can be earned.

You can sign up at holyspirtchurch.org/sacred-heart-community-service/ Hope to see you at The Heart!

Join us at our next Saturday at Sacred Heart on **Saturday, April 20th, 2019!**

SECOND OFFERINGS

April 21st	No Second Collection
April 28th	Home Missions

3sixty High School Ministry

Please note that there will be no 3sixty after the 6pm Mass on April 14th. This time will be used to for our final rehearsal for the Passion Proclamation that will be enacted at the Good Friday services. 3sixty resumes back on **Sunday, April 28th**.



Edge Middle School Ministry

Our next and final Edge night for the year will be on **Wednesday, May 8th**. We'll recap our year in ministry and enjoy in fellowship. All middle school youth are welcome to attend.



Confirmation Year 2

Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates as they make their final preparation to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their celebration will be on **Sunday, April 28th**.



FAITH FORMATION



“Eyes Wide Open”

Women’s Overnight Retreat

May 17-18, 2019

Friday 5pm to Saturday 3pm

*Dominican Center, Mission San Jose
43326 Mission Circle (off Mission Tierra), Fremont*

Taking time to look at spiritual blindness through scripture and prayer. Join us to experience Imaginative prayer and Visio Divina and walking prayer.

To see, be open.

Women of all ages are welcome.

Cost is \$50

Please RSVP to Leah or Merry

leah.harris@daj.org or 408-997-5112

From Almaden to the Hubble Telescope

Local resident and astronaut Steve Smith visited Holy Spirit School



recently and shared his amazing journey with our students at two special assemblies. After telling the students a little about himself and their shared experience of growing up in San Jose, Mr. Smith spoke to them about the value of perseverance, resilience and grit explaining that his route between Almaden and the International Space Station and his work on the Hubble Space telescope was full of obstacles, challenges and rejection. He encouraged the children to recognize the importance of their internal strength and personal spirit – all things you cannot see when you look at an individual.

Then he shared beautiful and impactful photos of the Earth from outer space and reminded them about the importance of taking care of our home, “our beautiful “island” planet in the sea of space,” and encouraged them to remember that all people inhabit this one Earth whose borders are not visible from outer space.

Thank you very much to our friends, the Martineaus, who made this special visit a reality.





Hospitality Weekend

Please join us for Hospitality Weekend:

After Saturday 5pm Mass on **April 27th**

& After Sunday morning Masses on **April 28th**

Hospitality has been changed from its normal, third weekend of the month in April, because of Easter.

Hope to see you there!

Art and Environment Help



This is the time of year when our Art and Environment ministers have to work extra hard to transform our church into a beautiful and prayerful space for worship. Please let us know if you are available to help on any or all the dates below:

Holy Thursday set up: 4/18 at 10:00am

Good Friday set up: 4/18 at 8:00pm after Mass

Easter Set up: 4/20 at 9:00am

Please contact Sue Schill at sue@bobschill.com.

Any time you can share will be much appreciated and community service hours are available, if needed.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MON 4/15	9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Children's Choir Practice Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Classroom 3 Church Classroom 2 Classroom 3
TUE 4/16	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Women's Faith Group Lenten Reconciliation	Parish Hall Parish Hall Church
WED 4/17	6:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Bible Study: Bishop Robert Barron Finance Council Meeting	Parish Office Classroom 4 Parish Office
THU 4/18	8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	No Daily Mass Survival Sacks Holy Thursday Mass	Sacred Heart Church
FRI 4/19	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	No Daily Mass Al-Anon Meeting Good Friday Service Good Friday Service	Church Church
SAT 4/20	9:00 a.m. 8:30 p.m.	Saturday at Sacred Heart Easter Vigil Mass	Sacred Heart Church
SUN 4/21	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Mass Nursery Closed Easter Sunday Mass No CLOW Easter Sunday Mass	Church Pre-K Room Church & Gym Church & Gym





MAY 3-5TH THREE WOMEN NAMED TERESA

A Non-Silent Retreat for Women
With Dr. Pat Campbell, Ms. Cris Goodman and
Ms. Leelamma Sebastian

- We'll explore our own spirituality with these women as an example.

Teresa of Avila
Thérèse of Lisieux
Teresa of Calcutta

Learn about the real
lives of these women

How did they
overcome their very
human challenges to
impact the world
today?

\$310 includes room
and board and the
program.

THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER OF LOS ALTOS

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Check-in 4 – 6 on Friday

Angst Movie and Expert Panel Q&A on Anxiety and Depression affecting our youth



This is a must see movie for kids and parents.

Angst is an IndieFlix Original, documentary designed to raise awareness around anxiety and depression in preteen, teen and young adults. The film includes interviews with kids, teens, educators, experts and parents.

Following the movie you will have the opportunity to ask our expert panel questions that concern you regarding anxiety and depression in preteens, teens and young adults.

Please go to Angstmovie.com to see a preview of this very special and very important film.

Wed, May 15, 2019

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Presentation High School

Valenzuela Theater

2281 Plummer Avenue

San Jose, CA 95125

Admission is free. Register at Eventbrite.com. Type in "Angst" in events.

Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary

150 Years Of Ministry | Remember | Rejoice | Renew



Rejoice with the Sisters of the Holy Names in a celebration of their 150 years of ministry in California! You are invited to join the Sisters for Mass at 11 am on Saturday, **April 27, 2019.**

Renew friendships with former SNJM teachers, students, parishioners during a reception after the liturgy at Saint Mary's, 219 Bean Ave, Los Gatos, 95030

RSVP, visit www.snjmca150.org or email CAannivesary@snjmuson.org or Phone: 877-296-7100 x 7129.