



# Holy Family Parish

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November 20, 2016 ❖ Christ the King

## Welcome to Holy Family

Newcomers Gathering second Sunday of the month at 10:45am in the Parish Office. Our next one will be **December 11.**

## Eucharist (Mass)

Sat: 8:30 am & 5:30 pm (*Vigil*)  
Sun: 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 6 pm  
Mon: 8:05 am  
Tue – Fri: 7:30 am  
Holy days: As announced  
Holidays: 10 am  
Vietnamese Mass: Sat: 7:30 pm

## Parish Office Hours

M-F Mornings: 10:00 am—12:00 pm;  
Mon-Thu: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Fri: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm  
Sunday: 9 am - 1 pm

## Contact Us

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School Office.....408-978-1355  
Faith Formation.....408-265-5374  
Life Teen /Edge.....408-265-8650  
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## Giving Thanks

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10 am  
Blessing of Thanksgiving Food



What are the traditions of your family each Thanksgiving? Do you gather at Grandma and Grandpa's house for Thanksgiving dinner? Do you invite all your neighbors to your home on the Friday after Thanksgiving for a special day of

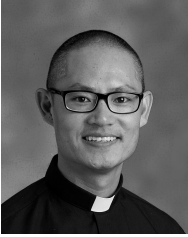
sharing and being thankful for their presence in your life? Do you all gather before the Thanksgiving Day meal and share the highlights of your year with a particular gratitude for what God has done in your life? Does your family select items at the grocery store and together donate them to the needy? Does your family give up their time to serve the homeless and hungry?

After a while, anything that we do regularly can be considered a tradition. In our Catholic faith, we have many traditions. We gather together and pray. We feed the poor and we share our resources. We recognize the importance of gathering together and sharing a meal, and as we do this we are remembering the command of Jesus at the last supper. Even though, in our homes, we are not sharing a Eucharistic meal, we are sharing a meal of thanksgiving. We gather together, we pray, we speak the words of our day, and often we recall our past. At the end of our time together, we clean up, we speak blessings on the rest of our day and we go out, strengthened. Though we do this each day as a family, when we gather with our extended family, our spiritual family and our friends on Thanksgiving, we remember something bigger than ourselves. We remember the community we are called to embrace, to love, to grow with.

Holy Family Parish has a tradition of holding Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 10am. We encourage all of our parish families to gather together to pray and be strengthened through the Eucharist before heading to your own separate celebrations. When we gather together as a parish family on Thanksgiving day for Mass, we also bring a food item that we will later have on our family dinner table and the priest will offer a special blessing on each of us, our food and our day. This is one way we can then take our Church to our family.

I encourage you to join Fr. Andrew and Deacon Ray as they celebrate this special Mass. Deacon Ray will be preaching, and at the end of Mass, Fr. Andrew will bless all those in attendance, and will bless the food items your family brought. I encourage you to talk with your family and select an item from your table together that not only reflects your enjoyment of the food, but the unity and thankfulness of your family.

—Kathy Bohac



### *A Message From Our Pastor*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Thanksgiving that we have come to celebrate as a national holiday dates back to 1621. The Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. President Abraham Lincoln formally made it a national holiday with the intent to call upon all Americans to ask God to “commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife” and to “heal wounds of the nation.”

One of my favorite holidays is Thanksgiving. It is the peak time—although we should do year round—for us to be reminded of the care and love of so many people who pour out their hearts for us and for the sake of others. It is such a life giving moment for one to truly embrace the true essence of one’s existence—to love and to be loved in gratefulness. On this occasion, I am sincerely grateful to God and to the Holy Family community. It is through the hands and sacrifices of so many dedicated parishioners throughout the years that we have come to this stage. This year in particular and in the midst of the work of our “5-projects”, I am indebted to our Buildings and Grounds committee; their hard work and sacrifices are beyond words. Thus far, we have finished two (speed humps & the main sign) out of five anticipated projects. The renovation of our Church main walkway and the installation of an 18-foot cross are underway. The Diocese has approved these projects, and we are now waiting to obtain permits from the City. If all goes well, we should be able to get these done in January 2017. As for our kitchen renovation, it should be done in mid 2017. All this gracious work cannot be done without our Buildings and Grounds committee: John Hesler, Phil Bejar, O’Neil Wright, John Chargin, Marv Lewis, Steven Sayle, Jennifer Robinson, James Galvin, Larry Entzminger and Rick Bressani who also chairs the committee; to all whom I am very grateful.

While we are thanking one another, it is essential to give thanks to God, for God is all in all, “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” (Psalm 107:1,8-9) Therefore, an act of gratefulness to our Lord is to praise the Lord with our mind, heart, and soul at Mass, for Mass is the highest form of prayer.

Our Thanksgiving Mass is scheduled for Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM. I invite everyone to come and join our community in giving thanks to our Lord as a family of faith.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving with your loved ones.

God bless,

Fr. Andrew Vu Nguyen

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

*Weekdays:* 12 pm - 3 pm  
*1st Fridays:* 8 am – 5 pm *Benediction*

#### **Infant Baptism**

Preparation can begin before or after the birth of your child.

Call 408-265-4040 for more info.

#### **Christian Initiation**

*(Baptism, Confirmation, Communion)*

If interested in the Catholic faith or completing the sacraments of initiation as an adult, youth or child, contact 408-265-5374.

#### **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturdays, 4 pm - 5 pm,  
or by appointments at 408-265-4040.

#### **Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**

Communion or Anointing of the Sick can be arranged for the sick or homebound at 408-265-4040.

#### **Wedding**

Couples should contact a priest at 408-265-4040 at least six months prior to the proposed date of wedding.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Nov 24 10am Thanksgiving Day Mass
- Nov 24-26 Parish Office Closed
- Dec 4 2pm DSJ Layette Shower
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception  
(Holy Day of Obligation)
- Dec 11 2pm Christmas Story
- Dec 12 5am Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 15 7pm Advent Penance Liturgy
- Dec 16-24 5:30am Simbang Gabi
- Dec 24-26 Office Closed
- Dec 30 Parish Feast Day
- Jan 1 Feast of Mary, Mother of God

### **Holy Family School News**



Our parish school is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information contact the school office at 408-978-1355 or visit the website at [www.holyfamilyschoolsj.org](http://www.holyfamilyschoolsj.org).

*Next week: 1st Sunday of Advent \* November 26 & 27*

Liturgy Focus	Date	Time	Music	Presider
Reconciliation	Sat 11/26	4:00pm		Fr. Andrew
Mass w/Baptism	Sat 11/26	5:30pm	Kat Sylvan	Fr. Edsil
Mass w/Baptism	Sun 11/27	8:00am	Caritas	Fr. Andrew (Dcn Ray Assists)
Mass w/Baptism	Sun 11/27	9:30am	Caritas	Fr. Edsil (Dcn Ray Assists)
Mass w/Baptism	Sun 11/27	11:15am	TBA	Fr. Edsil
Mass w/Baptism	Sun 11/27	6:00pm	Life Teen	Fr. Andrew

## Mass Intentions

Nov 19 5:30 pm Ronald Piccoli  
 Nov 20 8:00 am Ramon Viernes +  
           9:30 am *HF Parish & School*  
           11:15 am *HF Parish & School*  
           6:00 pm William Valadez +  
 Nov 21 8:05 am Anthony Cabeca +  
 Nov 22 7:30 am Tony Pham Tran +  
 Nov 23 7:30 am Hung Thi Tran +  
 Nov 24 10:00 am Lucila Labrador +  
 Nov 25 10:00 am *HF Parish & School*  
 Nov 26 8:30 am Hoa Huu Pham +  
           5:30 pm Mark Kennedy +  
 Nov 27 8:00 am Joe Haslemann +  
           9:30 am Federico Agaran, Sr. +  
           11:15 am *HF Parish & School*  
           6:00 pm *HF Parish & School*

## Please Pray

♦ For those who have died:

*Frank Gwynn, Frank O'Donnell*

♦ For those who are ill:

*Mike Chambers, George Ruel*

## Stewardship Intention Cards

Thank you to all who have turned in your stewardship cards. This greatly helps us to budget for next year's programs. If you didn't receive one in the mail, or if you forgot to bring it, please fill-out one that may be found in the pews or the vestibule. You may put it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office.

## Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

Thursday, November 24  
 Parish Office closed, Mass at 10am  
 Friday, November 25  
 Parish Office closed, Mass at 10am  
 Saturday, November 26  
 Parish Office closed, Mass at 8:30

## Students 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade can be Ministers at Mass

If you would like to find out more about being a candle bearer, lector, altar server, usher, singer, musician or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist stop by the parish office to fill out an interest form. Training provided! We work with your schedule for flexible scheduling.

## COLLECTION OF

### NEWBORN BABY ITEMS

for Annual DSJ Layette Shower

See the flyer in Vestibule or Parish Office for list of suggested items.

Please bring only NEW items, SIZES NEWBORN TO 6 MONTHS to the Large Basket marked "LAYETTE" in the Vestibule in the Church or you may bring items to the Parish Office.

You are welcome to attend the **Layette Tea on Sunday, December 4th in the Community Center** from 3:00 to 4:30pm. Doors will open at 2:00pm.

Raffle tickets on sale only at this event are sold to win donated themed baskets. These basket raffles provide further funding for the Layette Ministry. Monetary donations are accepted year round as well. Checks can be made out to "Diocese of San Jose-Layette Funds" and mailed directly to: Layette, Office of Parish Services, The Chancery Office at 1150 North First St., San Jose, CA 95112

Please support this vital pro-life ministry of struggling and often poor mothers and their newborns, through the work of public health nurses, who give them these new items during their hospital or home visits.

## Community Center & Youth Hall 2nd Collection Next week

We encourage you to make a contribution toward the upkeep of our Community Center and Youth Hall. Please use lavender envelopes and place them in the 2nd collection basket next week.

## Stewardship Report

November 12 & 13, 2016

### Offertory by Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm..... \$1,174.00  
 Sunday, 8am..... \$1,737.00  
 Sunday, 9:30am..... \$2,542.00  
 Sunday 11:15am..... \$1,746.00  
 Sunday 6pm..... \$974.81  
 Received in Office..... \$4,026.67  
 Credit Card Receipts..... \$00  
 Parish Pay Receipts..... \$12,288.67  
**Total..... \$24,491.15**

### Average Weekly Goal: \$18,000

2nd Collection: \$2,544.89  
 Buildings & Grounds

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Gaudium in Itinere (Joy for the Journey) our ongoing Adult Faith Formation Series continues on December 7th. All are welcome to come to hear Fr. Anthony Sortino, LC speak about "Confession: A Sacrament of Mercy." Hospitality begins at 6:30pm, talk begins at 7pm until 8pm. *Bring a friend.*

## ESSAY COMPETITIONS

(4th - 8th grades)

**Get your children, grandchildren or the kids from the family that sits next to you at Mass to sign up!** Our Knight's Council is sponsoring **two essay competitions this year.** One leads to the national level and the **second** at the three local levels. Essays will recognize students' awareness of responsibility and accountability in their Catholic education. Entry forms will be available at the parish.

Eligible to participate: Students at Holy Family School and all of our public/private/home school students whose families are registered at Holy Family parish.

### Competitions are in two groups.

I. Grades 4 thru 7 (Local and State competitions, NOT national)

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Topic:** "Ways I share My Time, Talents and Treasures at Home, School, and in My Church Community"

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Topic:** "In my life, who have been my Spiritual Role Models and Why?"

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Topic:** "How do I live Jesus' Teaching, to Love Thy Neighbor?"

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Topic:** "How My Catholic/Christian School Education has influenced My Personal Values"

II. Grade 8: (Local, State, AND National competitions)

**8<sup>th</sup> grade topic:** "The Importance of Religious Freedom"

Essays must:

- Reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work.
- Be typed and meet length standards. (Handwritten acceptable if legible)
- Have student's name appear only on the Contest entry form (not on the essay), and the form must be stapled to the essay.
- Become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned
- **Be received no later than Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.**

Cash awards of \$50 will be presented to top local entrants (grades 4-7) and \$100 to the top entrant (grade 8). *Please contact Jovie Palteng at 408-607-1080 or palteng23@hotmail.com for additional information.*

## GIVING TUESDAY

On Tuesday, November 29th St Vincent de Paul will be participating in #GIVINGTUESDAY, a 24-hour online charity event. No donation is too small, all donations are tax deductible, and all donations are used to help St Vincent de Paul help needy families in Santa Clara County. Also, **The SOBRATO Family Foundation will match your donation 2:1** so your generosity goes twice as far! You can donate by going to the website [svdp.org/santaclara](http://svdp.org/santaclara) and clicking the on the #GIVINGTUESDAY banner at the top. Early donations are also welcome. Thank you for your support and generosity during this event.

### Small Things Count

My faux fur may actually be real, from real animals. I'm not sure what the trim on my coat is, despite the label. I just learned that much of the supposedly faux fur we wear in good conscience is actually taken from raccoon dogs, rabbits, and other animals. Yes, mislabeling fur is against federal law. Yet, the Humane Society of the U.S. discovered this common practice with their undercover probe. They found that most of the fur is coming from China, the world's largest source for fur. Producers there obtain the fur by beating, strangling, or electrocuting many of the animals to kill them. Still others, they simply skin alive. If you, like me, abhor cruelty to animals, especially to feed the vanity of humans, avoid buying all fur, whether it's marked "faux" or not. As for me, I've removed the strip of questionable fur from my coat and will encourage my friends to do the same.

*Call Jackie O'Donnell at 622-5372 or write c/o Holy Family.*

### Catholic Roadmap

This thanksgiving we thank God for giving us the gift of wise leaders almost 230 years ago. They drafted the U S constitution. Today no matter how we feel about this year's election we can express it our opinions PEACEFULLY and continue to advocate for the things in which we believe

### Knights of Columbus

Men's Fellowship & Service  
Len Piazzon: 408-268-5196  
[lepazz@hotmail.com](mailto:lepazz@hotmail.com)  
1st Thursday of month at 7pm

### Bookstore

Community Center  
Sundays, 9am—1pm

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

For emergency financial assistance, call the parish office for an appointment

### Prayer Line

Leave a prayer request message with Jeanette, 408-723-0445.

### Morning Prayer

Mondays at 7:30am in the Church  
(Except holidays)

### Rosary

Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Chapel

### Encore Amour -- Re-Married

[Encoreamour.webs.com](http://Encoreamour.webs.com)  
Joe & Laura Trovato,  
408-295-4793

### 50+ Singles Group

3rd Sunday, 12:30 Hope Room  
Dee Stolpe 408-225-7386  
[deestolpe@yahoo.com](mailto:deestolpe@yahoo.com)

### Columbiettes

Women's Fellowship and Service  
Barbara Jorgensen - 408-778-7328  
[Barbara\\_Jorgensen@msn.com](mailto:Barbara_Jorgensen@msn.com)  
last Thursday of month at 6:30pm

### Mornings of Recollection

The Discalced Carmelite Friars at Mount St. Joseph (12455 Clayton Rd, San Jose) will hold a Day of Recollection on December 3, the final one in the series for the Year of Mercy. Schedule: 9am – Mass, 10am – conference, 11am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Priests will also be available for confession at this time. Noon – Benediction.

## Young Adults

**Dec. 4** – St. Joseph the Worker Retreat (Sponsored by Young Catholic Professionals) 2-6pm @ Our Lady of Santa Clara Retreat Center

**Dec. 17** – Food Distribution @ Sacred Heart Community Center | 8:30 – 11:30am

Please RSVP to Christina Fenn (cfenn@dsj.org)

**December 29 – January 1** – New Years in Tahoe!

RSVP required. Contact Christina Fenn (cfenn@dsj.org)

## **Holy Family Parish Presents An Advent Concert**

The Christmas Story II: The Animal's First Christmas  
(a ballet set to Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite)

& Songs to Prepare Us for Christmas

Presented by Holy Family's Ministry of Movement:

Dance for Joy & Soaring Spirit Dance Ensemble and

Young Sounds of Praise from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 pm

In the Community Center

Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children 12 and under

All proceeds go to the

Renovation Fund for Holy Family.

Join us for a wonderful evening of music and dance as we share music to get us in the mood for Christmas and tell the story of Jesus' birth with the familiar and delightful music of the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky. All ages will enjoy this event. Tickets available in the Parish Office and at the door. Contact Susan Olsen at [suolsen@dsj.org](mailto:suolsen@dsj.org) for more information.

## **Sacred Scripture Study**

Jesus said, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood." Some say they're merely symbols of remembrance. Others say they're really the Body and Blood of Christ, but can't explain how that's possible. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass – but why?

Acclaimed author and scholar Dr. Brant Pitre will tackle those questions and more in **Lectio: Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible**. In ten sessions, YOU will open Sacred Scripture and deepen your understanding of the mystery and wonder that is the Eucharist – and how it will transform your life.

All are welcome, especially first timers to a Bible study!

**Morning group: Mondays 10am – 12pm.** Please contact Donna Holt, phone 408-371-3682 [goodsamnurse@gmail.com](mailto:goodsamnurse@gmail.com)

**Evening group: Tuesdays 7-8:45pm.** Please contact Terry G, [tgetti@aol.com](mailto:tgetti@aol.com) text: 408.497-9276

## **The Word is Alive**

Thursdays 7:15-9 pm in the Hope Room.

*We are currently studying the prophet Isaiah.*

All are welcome!

 LIFE TEEN



No **EDGE** or **Life Teen** today due to our High School retreat this weekend. We thank you all for your continued prayers during our Retreat

**Holy Homework** is looking for more volunteers to help supervise during the week. Please visit [holyfamily.ivolunteer.com/holyhomework](http://holyfamily.ivolunteer.com/holyhomework) to sign up.

All registration forms are available at [holyfamilysanjose.org](http://holyfamilysanjose.org) (under Faith Formation/Youth & Young Adults)

Contact Jeff Gans for more info  
at 408-265-8650 or [jgans@dsj.org](mailto:jgans@dsj.org)

## **A Classic Rock Christmas Benefit Concert to end homelessness**

Downtown Streets Team is holding a benefit concert on December 1st at 8pm At the San Jose Civic Auditorium. December People, a band featuring members of Boston, Sammy Hagar Band, The Tubes, and the Greg Kim Band. All proceeds benefit those trying hard to find housing and employment through Downtown Streets Team programs. For tickets go to <http://Streetsteam.org/concert>.

## **St. Ignatius of Loyola Spiritual Exercises "Night" Workshop**

**November 29 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Topic is: "Go Deeper to Meet God!" – An Introduction to the Spiritual Exercises.

Facilitator: Fr. Andrew Garcia S.J., A Jesuit priest, who holds a STL (a degree in Sacred Theology) from Comillas in Spain and currently serves at Most Holy Trinity Parish. This workshop will help you learn Ignatian tools for your prayer life and build a closer relationship with Jesus. Fr. Andrew will continue open course to teach Examination of Conscience and Discernment of Spirits. For people who plan to come to the workshop, please bring your own Bible, a book of The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius by George Ganss, S.J., and your notebook. (The SpEx book by Ganss, can be ordered through Amazon or Margarita will be taking orders)

Location: Most Holy Trinity Parish / Parish Hall  
Address: 2040 Nassau Drive, San Jose, CA 95122

RSVP : email to: [dailyliferetreat@gmail.com](mailto:dailyliferetreat@gmail.com) or call Margarita Hua 408-623-0838

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