



Holy Family Parish

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May 8, 2016 ❖ The Ascension of the Lord

Welcome to Holy Family

Newcomers Gathering second Sunday of the month at 10:45 in the Parish Office.

Our next one will be **May 15 (because May 8 is Mother's Day)**

Eucharist (Mass)

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

Parish Office Hours

M-F Mornings: 9:30 am—12 pm;
Mon, Tue, Thu: 1 pm—7:30 pm
Wed, Fri: 1 pm—5:00 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm
Sunday: 9 am - 1 pm

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PRAYER—PERSONAL REFLECTION

When I look at the moments in my life where I have been the most patient, loving, kind, gentle, joyful, I recognize that it is only because I was sustaining myself in a close prayerful relationship with Jesus. When I start to get angry, frustrated, and just not joyful, I look back and see that my prayer was not sincere, not sustained, maybe not even there. Just like everyone else, I find myself forgetting to pray, refusing to pray, failing to pray sincerely. I find myself ignoring the scriptures, intentionally turning from moments where prayer should be offered.

My prayer life looks just like everyone else's, I'm sure you recognized yourself as you read that first paragraph. It's filled with ups and downs, joys and despairs, closeness and distance. The promise that I hold on to is that Jesus desires us to be close to Him. The Father wants us to know him, and the Spirit was given to us so that we might be able to engage more deeply in the mystery of the Trinity. Just like everyone else, I can go a day without uttering my soul's desire to God and if I let it go long enough, I can think that I am enough for myself.

I thank God constantly for those He puts in our lives to call us back to Him. Fr. Andrew and Fr. Edsil are holy examples of prayer in our lives, they call us to be present with the Risen Lord and they remind us that God wants to spend time with us, even when we're not able to be fully present. If you desire to have peace through the rapid pace of the life we live, I urge you to set aside time to pray. It may seem pointless and empty at first, but I promise you that as you lean into the love of the Father, Son and Spirit, you will find consolation, peace and promise.

Join me in remembering that prayer is about intentionally sharing your whole life with Jesus, the only one that can fully heal you from the hurts of this world.

—Kathy Bohac

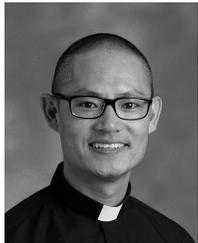
WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Is your heart heavy with a burden for a friend, a relative, or for yourself? We know we can always turn directly to the Lord but we also have another resource, the other members of the Body of Christ. Another source of relief from our own heart burdens is to look outside of our situation at others and help them to “carry their load” for a while.



These are two reasons why we have established our **PRAYER INTENTION BASKET** in the church vestibule and in the school office. This is a place where you can get help carrying some of your heart burdens as well as to help a brother or sister in Christ to carry theirs.

Give it a try!



A Message From Our Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Education is pivotal for success. Success is virtually part of everyone's goal. At the same time, Christians are called to be faithful—faithful to Christ's teachings; faithful to the integrity and good conscience that God has created us in God's image. Therefore, success and integrity have to go hand in hand. An individual who is talented yet lacks of good conscience and moral values would do more harm than good. Similarly, a person who has good conscience, but has no knowledge cannot do much for humanity either. All in all, our world is all the more in need of people who are talented and have good moral values with the willingness to help others.

At Holy Family Catholic School, we are committed not only to leading our students to grow in knowledge, but also in moral values, especially the Gospel values. Gospel values are the basis of Christianity and that no public or charter schools are allowed to teach, and we are proud to emphasize it here. All of the Gospel values begin with and derive from Jesus' law of love: with respect for the life and dignity of each individual, with trust in God, with honesty, with compassion, with forgiveness, with mercy, with community, with servant leadership, with equality, with simplicity, with justice and peace.

Sending our children to Catholic private school is a huge sacrifice for many families financially. No doubt, it is a great investment that parents can make in their children. Attending Catholic private school does not guarantee that one be 100% successful nor that they would become a pious and virtuous individual. Nevertheless, it would offer the individual a much higher success rate as well as being formed as a good disciple of Christ with well-grounded foundation. A good foundation also serves as a tool for one to rediscover oneself. I have witnessed a few cases just in the past year of people who left the Church for decades and came back to the faith with love. It is easy to understand that people sometimes get lost in their journey of life but when it reaches a turning point, they return to their roots. These people that I witnessed, all stated that they were blessed with Catholic education when they were in grade school. Obviously, it is their root and they wanted to embrace their foundation. Only doing so did they truly experience peace again. Thus, pre-school to junior high is the foundational age for everyone. If one has no good foundation to return to, it would be extremely difficult to move forward should crisis arise or whatever the reason that would cause one to stay away from God.

Our Holy Family School is accepting application from pre-school to 8th grade for the school year 2016-2017. I highly encourage parents who have sons or daughters in this age bracket to prayerfully consider sending your children to Catholic School. Here at Holy Family, we are committed to raising our students in love, faith, knowledge, safety and service to our Lord and our country.

May our loving God continue to bless our school and parish so that we can truly be the light of Christ to others.

God bless,

Fr. Andrew Vu Nguyen



Holy Family School News

This upcoming week is a very busy one for our eighth graders. On Tuesday, May 10th, the students will be performing in their annual play, "Diary of a Wallflower" at 6 pm. Isabella Espinoza stars as the "wallflower". Cost is a donation only! Then on Friday, May 13th, the eighth graders will begin to celebrate their eighth grade graduation with a Dinner/Dance for the students and their parents. It will be held this year at the Silver Creek Country Club. The students and parents will enjoy a wonderful meal, take lots of pictures and dance the night away. Congratulations and have fun!

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

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

May 14 Ray Gans' Deaconate
Ordination & Celebration
May 20-22 Women's Retreat
Jun 5 @11am Multicultural Mass

Holy Family School

Our parish school is accepting applications in all grades for the 2016/2017 school year. If you are interested in having your child attend Holy Family School, please call the school office at 408-978-1355. If you know of someone looking for a school for their child, please tell them about our school and have them call the school office or visit us on the website at www.holyfamilyschoolsj.com.

Next week: Ascension – May 14 & 15

| Liturgy Focus | Date | Time | Music | Presider |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Confession | Sat 5/14 | 4:00pm | | Fr. Edsil |
| 1st Communion & Confirmation | Sat 5/14 | 5:30pm | Simbang Gabi Choir | Fr. Andrew, Fr. Edsil |
| Deacon Ray's Thanksgiving Mass | Sun 5/15 | 8:00am | Alleluia Folk Group | Fr. Andrew, Dcn. Ray (Preaches) |
| 1st Communion & Confirmation | Sun 5/15 | 9:30am | Alleluia Folk Group | Fr. Andrew, Fr. Edsil |
| 1st Communion & Confirmation | Sun 5/15 | 11:15am | St. Josephine Bakhita Grp | Fr. Andrew, Fr. Edsil |
| Youth | Sun 5/15 | 6:00pm | LfeTeen | Fr. Edsil |

Diaconate Ordination

On May 14th Ray will enter the Sacred Order of the Diaconate as a Permanent Deacon for the Diocese of San Jose. Truly we feel blessed beyond belief for all the love, prayers and support we've received from our friends at Holy Family Parish. Please join us for a luncheon celebration. – If you also want to attend the ordination, come early because seating is very limited.

– Ray and Jayne Gans

Diaconate Ordination:

Saturday May 14 at 9:30 am
Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph

Party and Luncheon Celebration:

Saturday May 14 at 1:00 pm
Holy Family Community Center
– Please RSVP by May 8th if you plan to attend this party and luncheon to 408-268-9199 or gans4@pacbell.net

First Mass as Deacon:

Sunday May 15 at 8:00 am
Holy Family Church

Women of Holy Family

The Columbiettes is a Catholic women's organization dedicated to working within our Holy Family Community to further the spiritual and community needs of our parish. For information on joining, contact Patty Trillo, trillopatricia@yahoo.com or Dolores Davis, dolores.davis@comcast.net



Stewardship Report April 30 & May 1

Offertory by Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm \$1,644.00
 Sunday, 8am..... \$3,502.00
 Sunday, 9:30am..... \$3,606.00
 Sunday 11:15am..... \$2,521.71
 Sunday 6pm..... \$1,966.00
 Received in Office..... \$3,843.00
 Credit Cards Receipts..... \$00
 Parish Pay Receipts..... \$1,620.00

Total..... \$18,702.71

2nd Collection

Buildings & Grounds: \$2,991.08

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SUPPORT YOUR CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2016 ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Second collection next weekend will be for our local Catholic Charities. 54,000 victims of poverty were helped last year with food, housing, health care, education, jobs and more. Thank you for your generosity.

Save the Date

May 21, 2016 at 5:00pm
Fr. Matt's Silver Anniversary Mass
St. Albert the Great Church
1093 Channing Ave. (Palo Alto)
Reception to follow.

Daily Mass Intentions

May 7 5:30pm Sybil MacCulloch +
 May 8 8:00am Howard Davis +
 9:30am HF Parish & School
 11:15am Sandi Favarito +
 6:00pm HF Parish & School
 May 9 8:05am Tom Dowd +
 May 10 7:30am Communion Service
 May 11 7:30am Communion Service
 May 12 7:30am Communion Service
 May 13 7:30am Communion Service
 May 14 8:30am Vincent Nguyen +
 5:30pm Bob & Novalisa
 Fulkerson
 May 15 8:00am HF Parish & School
 9:30am Alejandro Alvarez +
 11:15am HF Parish & School
 6:00pm Peter & Francisco Savio+

Please Pray

♦ For those who have died:

♦ For those who are ill:

Joy Baker, Mary Mouton,
Dixie Oates

Come celebrate with us!

Holy Family 11th Annual Multicultural Celebration

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Starting at 11:00am in the church.

Reception in the Community Center following mass with food, entertainment and fellowship.

Many volunteers are needed.

All are welcome!

Please contact: joanpfeifer@yahoo.com.

Mornings of Recollection

In honor of the Year of Mercy, the Discalced Carmelite Friars at Mount St. Joseph (12455 Clayton Rd, San Jose) hold a Day of Recollection on the first Saturday of each month during the Holy Year. Schedule: 9am – Mass, 10am – conference, 11am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Priests will also be available for confession at this time. Noon – Benediction.

Save the Date:
August 6, 2016, Holy Family Parish
Jubilee Doors Pilgrimage
Details are still in the works

Christian Spirituality Through the Ages Retreat

Fr. Kevin Joyce will lead a retreat on June 23-26, 2016 (3 nights) at Presentation Center, 19480 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos. The theme of the retreat is "Christian Spirituality Through the Ages: Wisdom for Daily Living from Christian Spiritual Masters." Instruction in the "Jesus Prayer" will be offered. Shared room \$310, Private room \$370. Please make your reservations with Eric Kenyon, 408.354.2346 x207 or ekenyon@presentationcenter.org

Holy Family Community Center Kitchen Renovation



Pick up your Holy Family International Cookbook in the Parish Office. Regular price \$20 each. Get yours just in time for Mother's Day gifts.

We are also collecting recipes for a Cookbook supplement and you are invited to submit new recipes, or resend ones that did not make into the first edition. Forms are available in the Church office and online. We are adding new categories: Gluten Free, Vegetarian/Vegan, Kidz in the Kitchen, and Backyard BBQ. Deadline is June 30th. Email your recipes to Gary Miskimon: macvguy69@gmail.com. We thank you for your support and invite anyone who wants to join the Kitchen Renovation-Committee in this much-needed venture to contact Kathryn Gray at kgray@dsj.org.

Living the Year of Mercy—Speaker Series

The Corporal Works of Mercy—May 16 | *Deacon Rubén Solorio*

Please join us at:

7:00 - 8:30pm

Our Lady of Refuge 2165 Lucretia Avenue
San Jose, CA, 95122, 408.715.2278

For more information on
the Jubilee Year of Mercy:
WWW.DSJ.ORG/MERCY

It's Easy Being Green

Spruce up your yard by planting a tree. Trees absorb 13% (net) of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions (says the EPA). In urban spaces they give free shade, suppress noise, decrease wind speeds, and add beauty.

Marriage is a journey!! A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is: May 20-22, 2016 in Mountain View. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at 408-782-1413 or applications@sanjosewwme.org.



Catholic Roadmap

SB 10 would let undocumented immigrants using their own money get insurance through Covered Calif., thus getting more family members insured who otherwise couldn't afford coverage. Ask your lawmakers to support this bill.

Holy Family's Cub Scout Pack 286

Recruiting: New Scouts for the Fall Boys entering 1st-5th grades are invited to join us for our annual

Raingutter Regatta

Saturday, June 4th at 10am
at the Holy Family School Lunch Pavilion. Lunch, Dessert, and Boats are provided. Membership Recruitment booth on site



Ministry of Consolation

Support, Care & Service before, during and after grief.
Contact George 408-226-6606.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

If you know a parishioner who would like to be visited, please call the Parish Office.

Stephen Ministry

One-to-one Christian care-giving ministry for those experiencing life's 'hurts' and struggles.
Contact George 408-226-6606.

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.

Rosary

Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Chapel

Charismatic,

Contemplative Group

Praise and worship & quiet meditation, 4-5pm, Hope Room.
Annie Esget at 408-386-4062.
1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays.

Encore Amour -- Re-Married

Encoreamour.webs.com
Joe & Laura Trovato,
408-295-4793

Knights of Columbus

Men's Fellowship & Service
Eugene Okafor: 408-500-8852
gene_okafor@sbcglobal.net
Members meeting, 7pm,
1st Thursday of each month.

Columbiettes

Women's Fellowship and Service
Barbara Jorgensen - 408-778-7328
Barbara_Jorgensen@msn.com
4th Thursday of each month.

Bookstore

Community Center
Sundays, 9am—1pm

Hi friends! My name is Radar, I am one of your Bible Buddies at VBC! I can't wait for VBC to start, so that we can learn about all the great things God does for us! One thing I know for sure, is that **JESUS GIVES US DIRECTION**. Join us for VBC July 11-15 from 9 am – 12noon.

[Campers and volunteers can register online](#)

Contact: cfenn@dsj.org



Holy Family Young Adults

Young Adults 18-40 years old. Reignite your Faith and find Community! All life stages (single, married, working, unemployed, divorced, discerning) are welcome and encouraged to join. We will learn, share and gather together for fellowship, service and encounter.

Contact Christina for more information: cfenn@dsj.org

PLANNING FOR YOUR SUMMER

Summer is coming fast...hot, lazy weekends under a shade tree in your yard or in front of a breeze coming through your living room window. It's the perfect time to catch up on some interesting and informative reading or an entertaining, thought-provoking video. Holy Family has a lending library you can use. Choose from books about saints, famous people, Catholic teachings, prayer, and issues our Catholic faith calls on us to address. Videos are documentaries and Hollywood films with actors you know, some are "oldies but goodies," others are newer. Maybe there's one you missed when we showed it during our annual summer movie nights. Find a list of library offerings in two places: 1) in the Faith in Action literature rack in the vestibule, or 2) under "Documents" on the Faith in Action webpage, <http://holyfamilysanjose.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=272>. (Click on *Books Available to Borrow* or *Movies Available to Borrow*.) Then contact our librarian, Janet Velez (408)335-7881--j-velez@att.net), to arrange for your pick-up of that book or film. No library card needed!



Catechetical Ministers

Catechetical ministers - Thank you all SO much for your dedicated service to God's people, especially here at Holy Family. Each year our Diocese holds a "Saint Pius X Award Banquet" for those involved in catechetical ministry.

This is a special opportunity to recognize catechetical ministers who have given of themselves for 10, 25, 30, 35, and more years. Those who have served for 5 years receive a certificate for their service. Since we are new to Holy Family, and want to recognize and appreciate those who have served in catechetical ministry. We would like to verify if anyone has been a catechetical minister for 5 years (or more) so they may be honored at this special banquet. Please contact Christina Fenn: cfenn@dsj.org



No **EDGE** or **Life Teen** this week due to Mother's Day. That means spend time with your mother! Have a great week, we'll see you again next week As we start to wind down the our semesters on the Creed and the Spiritual Battle.

Holy Homework is still looking for a few more volunteers to help supervise during the week. Volunteers can sign up online at <http://holyhomework.ivolunteer.com/hh2016>

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

Contact Jeff Gans for more info at 408-265-8650 or jgans@dsj.org



All are invited to the next meeting of the **Catholic Professionals** on Thursday, May 12th at Three Flames Restaurant Banquet Room (1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose.)

7:00 AM Mass – Msgr. John Sandersfeld presiding, 7:35 AM - Speaker Program with Brendan Cunning on "The Benefits of Fair Trade". Brendan Cunning is a Mediator at Child Protection / Juvenile / Family Division, Former Catholic priest and current Catholic Relief Services Ambassador. Reservations needed: \$15 Members, \$20 Non-Members. RSVP at : www.sj catholicprofessionals.com, 408-491-9229 or cpbcinfo@gmail.com

Scripture Studies

Monday mornings (10 am - noon) Youth Hall. We resumed the series on Mary this month. Contact Donna Holt 408-371-3682 or goodsamnurse@gmail.com for questions.

Tuesday evenings (7-9 pm) Faith Room. Our new study began Tuesday, April 12th ~ **Doors of Mercy**, a video series by St Benedict Press. YOU will explore how God makes His Mercy present to you, in ordinary – and extraordinary – ways. Pope Francis calls us to celebrate this special jubilee! Come and deepen your Faith! To register for your study guide, call: Terry Giorgetti 408-997-2039 tgetti@aol.com

Thursday evenings (7:15-9 pm) Hope Room "**The Word is Alive**" Bible Study. Ongoing—All are welcome. Questions, contact GinaT@mac.com.



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Little Lambs Play Group

1st & 3rd Friday's from 10am-12pm

Little Lambs provides parents and caretakers of newborns, toddlers and preschoolers a chance to meet others in our parish. Come and visit informally with other parents and caregivers while the children socialize with their fellow parishioners too! The group meets the first and third Friday of each month from 10am-noon in the Faith Room. No need to register. Just come when you can. Contact: kiragardin@yahoo.com.

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