



Holy Family Parish

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November 13, 2016 ❖ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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God Is Always With Us

My dad had cancer and was slowly wasting away. After work, I would see him and give him a massage which he enjoyed. My dad was not one to complain and all he would say about his cancer was, “I am sick.” One day after giving him a massage, I decided to spend the night. I had never stayed over during the course of his radiation and chemo sessions so this thought was out of the ordinary. Dad had a restless night. In bed I prayed to God that if he is not to be cured, then take him and bring him to his heavenly home. I said this and struck my pillow repeatedly in anger and frustration and then fell asleep. During the night, Mom woke me and said, “Dad is not doing well.” I got up and went to him and he died in my arms. I have often thought back on that night and at the part God played. Surely, He was the one who prompted me to stay so I could be with Dad and be a support to my mom. God answers prayers in His own way and in His own time. A mystery? Yes.

I talk to God throughout my day. I am, in a sense, a modern, American Tevye from “Fiddler on the Roof” who talks to God continually throughout his day. Am I indulging in idle chatter or in constant, meaningful prayer? I like to think it is prayer and I hope God thinks so, too. The words I most use in my prayers are, “Help” and “Thank You”. God has walked with me in friendship, supported me in my weakness, comforted me in my grief, given me His peace to calm my fears and rejoiced with me in my happiness. God has unconditional love for me. I am blessed and thank God for His continued presence in my life. He was even there with me when I turned my back to Him for so many years. God’s Son, Jesus, died for me. His pain and suffering and ignominy on the cross has given me a life I never would have known. I have been blessed in my Catholic faith, the parents I had, the people I have met, the friends that have enriched my life, the warmth of my loving family, and eventually the eternal life His agony has bought for me.

I can only explain my life by acknowledging God. I have seen God’s love for me in so many areas of my life. God has always been there with his love and grace to strengthen and encourage me in my journey to Him. God’s loving providence has guided me, enlightened me, called me, and responded to me.

There is a person I know who attends daily Mass so he can tell God how much he loves Him. I want to daily live a life that reflects the love I have for Him. With God’s help and sustaining grace, I want to daily have a conversion to become a better version of myself. Prayer is an important, indispensable part of that conversion and expression of that love.

—Richard Bini

Inspired?

Have you enjoyed reading our prayer articles? Do you have a “story” from your prayer life? There are so many beautiful and varied ways ordinary people pray. We would like to hear from you. Send it to Anne (ahashimoto@dsj.org) and we’ll try to include it in the bulletin sometime soon.

Catholic Q & A

Q: Do prayers affect God?

A: It isn't so much a matter of changing God's mind as of recognizing that his providence and care for us include his awareness of our prayers, our desires and our longings. We are dealing here with at least two great mysteries. One is the mystery of God's knowledge of all things, along with his unconditional love and care, his faithful, unfailing tenderness in our regard.

The other is the mystery of man's free will, which means there is some way men and women work together with God in shaping their individual lives and destinies. Ours is a genuine personal freedom, not just a game of "let's pretend," a freedom which involves above all a personal relationship with God. It includes sharing with him our joys and sorrows, our hopes and disappointments, our wonders and our regrets—all of which is nothing else but prayer.

This is, of course, why Jesus urges us so often to pray fervently and why he prayed so frequently himself. What the heavenly Father plans and what he does depends very much on what we show is important to us in our prayers.

Q: How are prayers answered?

A: Obviously, God loves all people. Scripture tells us that he views all of his creation as good, and this goes most of all for human beings who are made most like him in their ability to know and to love, to relate to one another as person. Because of that love, he always wants what is best for us.

Many elements essential to our relationship to God enter our lives with prayer, not least of which is the desire for the things God wishes to give us, desires which must be in our hearts if we are to be able to receive his gifts.

Did it ever occur to you that what is best may be different if we are praying desperately for something that if we are not? We are individuals, all different, even in our deepest relationship with God and the world. Our humility before God, our trust in him, our conviction in faith and love that something will be good for us, for our children whom we love, or for the people for whom we care very much—all this goes in to determine what is really best for us in God's eyes here and now.

This surely does not mean that we ought always to receive exactly what we want, as we want it, if we pray hard enough. But prayer, and that means above all a habitual prayerful attitude before God, affects us deeply so that we are not the same persons we would be if we did not pray. Therefore, what is best for us will be different, too, in God's eyes as well as our own.

“Fr. Dietzen, John (2005). *Catholic Q&A*. (P. 319).”

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 16 Adult Faith Formation Series
- Nov 19 9:30am Advent Reflection
w/Vallimar Jensen
- Nov 19 & 20 Holiday Boutique
- 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



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.

*Next week: Christ the King * November 19 & 20*

Liturgy Focus	Date	Time	Music	Presider
Reconciliation	Sat 11/19	4:00pm		Fr. Edsil
General	Sat 11/19	5:30pm	TBA	Fr. Edsil
General	Sun 11/20	8:00am	Caritas	Fr. Andrew
Young Families	Sun 11/20	9:30am	Caritas	Fr. Andrew
General	Sun 11/20	11:15am	St. Josephine	Fr. Edsil
Youth	Sun 11/20	6:00pm	Life Teen	Fr. Edsil (Dcn Ray Assists)

Mass Intentions

Nov 12 5:30 pm Larina Zialcita +
 Nov 13 8:00 am HF Parish & School
 9:30 am HF Parish & School
 11:15 am Alejandro Alvarez +
 6:00 pm HF Parish & School
 Nov 14 8:05 am Mary Kuriakose +
 Nov 15 7:30 am Joe Faraj +
 Nov 16 7:30 am Chako & Aley +
 Nov 17 7:30 am HF Parish & School
 Nov 18 7:30 am Souls in Purgatory
 Nov 19 8:30 am Roger da Rosat +
 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 +

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.

PARISH COAT DRIVE

This is the last weekend of the Knights' Coat Drive. If you brought coats, please put them in the boxes near the exits of the church.

Thank you!

Stewardship Report

November 5 & 6, 2016

Offertory by Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm..... \$1,729.35
 Sunday, 8am..... \$3,345.41
 Sunday, 9:30am..... \$4,496.34
 Sunday 11:15am..... \$3,080.25
 Sunday 6pm..... \$1,468.00
 Received in Office..... \$3,208.25
 Credit Card Receipts \$00
 Parish Pay Receipts \$2,792.00

Total..... \$20,119.60

Average Weekly Goal: \$18,000

2nd Collection: \$2,682.27
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Thank you for your generosity.

Next Week's 2nd Collection is for the Campaign for Human Development

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 prayerfully and generously. Thank you.



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Please Pray

- ♦ For those who have died:
Mike Filipek, Feling & Albert Deparini, Alvonsa & Agapito Coquilla
- ♦ For those who are ill:
Charles Flickinger

Advent Retreat with ValLimar Jansen

Saturday, November 19th
 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
 Come! Prepare for Advent

ValLimar is an inspirational speaker, singer, composer, storyteller & college professor—her voice has brought young & old to their feet to praise God's name!
Renew your spirit and be ready to embrace the new liturgical year.

Registration is FREE but required.

Lunch may be ordered at a nominal cost. Attendees should park in front parking lot. Registration extended to Monday. Forms in the parish office or e-mail Anne: ahashimoto@dsj.org if you're not ordering lunch.

Students 1st-12th 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.



Holiday Boutique

Holy Family's 14th Annual Holiday Boutique will be held in the Community Center on Saturday, November 19th from 10am-5:30pm and Sunday, November 20th from 9am-4pm. We have a wide variety of gifts for children and adults alike. Enter our raffles to win valuable prizes such as an American Girl Doll, LEGO Brand block set, Kindle, Jewelry, decorated Christmas trees, and much more. Enjoy lunch at our snack bar and celebrate the holiday season!

Catholic Roadmap

It is beginning to feel like "winter" and many of us have turned on the heat in our comfortable homes. But thousands of people, many of them children, fleeing war will face the cold, harsh weather of the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon with very little to keep them warm. We can learn more and help thru agencies like Catholic Relief (crs.org) and the United Nations (unhcr.org)

Road to Recovery

What is your role in the fight against cancer? The answer could be as simple as driving your car. For many cancer patients, getting to and from treatment is one of their toughest challenges. The American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers to help provide transportation for people in your community. Through the gift of a lift in your car, you can help patients take one more step on the road to recovery. Get in the driver's seat in the fight against cancer. To find out more, call your American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345.

Catholic Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine & Mexico City

December 8 – 13, \$2,379.00 per person including air from San Jose, breakfast, lunch & dinner, Holy Mass everyday. Hosted by St. Frances Cabrini Parish. For a flyer or more information please call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

JOB the NOW Testament

An original Musical by John Angotti
When we experience suffering in our world and in our own lives, many say, "It's part of God's plan." But is it? Join us as we explore the ancient story of Job from a present day view.

Saturday, November 12 • 7:00pm

Sunday, November 13 • 2:00pm

Tickets are \$15 Adults;
\$10 for youth under 18

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FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

The next session of Gaudium In Itinere: *Joy for the Journey* will be Wednesday, November 16th. Hospitality at 6:30pm; Talk at 7pm — **Mary, the Cause of our Joy & the Advent Season.**

Robbie Ocampo will share about the importance of Mary in our lives, in the Advent season and how she leads us closer to Christ.

Have questions about Mary? Please bring them.

Please join us for Morning Prayer— Mondays in the church

The Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer (Lauds) is prayed on Mondays at 7:30am in the church before Mass (except on holidays). Morning Prayer consists of singing a hymn, reading the psalms for the day, listening to a scripture reading and praying prayers of intercession. It all takes less than 15 minutes.

If you have not had the opportunity to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) before or would like to join us, this can be an excellent opportunity to experience this beautiful prayer of the Church.

If you have any questions, please call the Church office or contact Deacon Ray Gans.

Knights of Columbus

Men's Fellowship & Service
Len Piazzon: 408-268-5196
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.

Rosary

Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Chapel

Encore Amour -- Re-Married

Encoreamour.webs.com
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408-295-4793

50+ Singles Group

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

Charismatic, Contemplative Group

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

Columbiettes

Women's Fellowship and Service
Barbara Jorgensen - 408-778-7328
Barbara_Jorgensen@msn.com
last Thursday of month at 6:30pm

It's Easy Being Green

Cook that Thanksgiving turkey in a reusable roasting pan. If everyone in the U.S. did that, 46 million disposable foil pans would NOT be thrown out this year.

Pre-K – 5th Grade Faith Formation

Faith Formation has begun! We are off to a great start this year, using *Finding God* a curriculum from Loyola Press. You are welcome to join! Sessions are from 11am—Noon. Please contact Christina Fenn for more details.

If you love Jesus and want to share that love with our young disciples, we are recruiting for Faith Formation **teachers, assistants and floaters**. Email or call Christina to volunteer. cfenn@dsj.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word Prayer Leaders Needed

Do you love children and helping them learn how to worship God in the Mass? Consider being a prayer leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word! Prayer leaders assist children to participate in the Mass at an age appropriate level, and prepare them to be a part of the community. If you or someone you know is interested in being a prayer leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word, please contact Christina Fenn (cfenn@dsj.org).

What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is for kids (3-7 years old) to participate in the Mass at an age appropriate level. During the 9:30am Mass, children are invited to the chapel to listen to the Word at their level, reflect on the readings, and pray the prayers of the faithful – just like the assembly! Children's Liturgy of the Word is not a class session or a teaching time – but a time for children to fully and actively participate in the liturgy. Please pray for Children's Liturgy of the Word prayer leaders, and all of the young disciples of our parish!

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

Evening group: Tuesdays 7-8:45pm. Please contact Terry G, 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



In **EDGE** today we will help the youth come to a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Join us at **Life Teen** as we challenge the teenagers' understanding of Jesus as Healer. They will be encouraged to evaluate the faith they have in their prayers and relationship with Jesus as more than empty platitudes, but as efficacious and powerful petitions

Holy Homework is looking for more volunteers to help supervise during the week. Please visit holyfamily.ivolunteer.com/holyhomework to sign up.

Our **Life Teen** high school retreat is next week on November 18-20. All students grades 9-12 are invited. Please keep all our teenagers in your prayers. Contact Jeff or check the website for more details.

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

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)

Young Adult Deanery Event Wine Tasting at Guglielmo Winery

Saturday, November 19 | 10:30 am

St. Catherine of Alexandra, 17400 Peak Ave, Morgan Hill
We will join other young adults from the various parishes in South San Jose, Morgan Hill and Gilroy for a great wine tasting event at Guglielmo Winery. Tour and Tasting is \$10. Meet at St. Catherine's to carpool. Tour of the winery begins at 11 am. <https://www.guglielmo.winery.com/>

The California Catholic Conference (CCC)

is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in California. They advocate with policy makers and the public to advance the Catholic vision of human life and dignity, the good society, and concern for those who are poor and vulnerable. They educate Catholics and the general public and empower Catholics to put their faith into action consistent with Catholic teaching. See more at: <http://www.cacatholic.org/#sthash.bpNVFhVh.dpuf>

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