



Holy Family Parish

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November 27, 2016 ❖ 1st Sunday of Advent

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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NO TIME FOR INSOMNIA



We can get very busy and preoccupied with preparations for Christmas, both secular and sacred. Often, at the bombardment of advertising and "holiday specials" of every kind, from store and Internet sales to Christmas specials on TV and "holiday" parties, we push the peaceful and reflective preparations of Advent to a back burner. Then we get exhausted and sometimes resentful of all that has somehow piled on top of our usual busy lives.

We need to slow down, and perhaps we can eliminate some of the more extraneous parts of this celebration. Do we really need to put lights on our houses, which is time-consuming, and will require taking down again, sometimes too long after the Christmas season has passed? Do we really need all the decorations we put around the house, or would a lovely Christmas tree, a crèche, and some poinsettias do? Do we need hundreds of cookies, or would a few dozen do? Does everyone really need multiple presents, or would one per person do?

Think about how much better this time would be if we could slow down, read, and ponder a scripture reading each day, and not be in such a tizzy that we cannot get a good night's rest. Today's urging to "stay awake" does not mean to toss and turn all night pondering the "to do" list and wondering if and how we will get it all done.

New Year's Resolution?

As we begin the new Liturgical Year, now is as good a time as any to evaluate how our spiritual life is going. Do I make time to "be with the Lord" in prayer? Have I been successful in praying 10 (or more) minutes a day? If not, can I start today? Do I make an effort to spend quality time with my family and other loved ones? If you don't make these things a priority, other things will easily fill your day.

If you're too busy to pray, then you're too busy.

The offer is still open. Do you have a prayer experience or any other "brush with God" you would like to share with us to show others that a relationship with Jesus is not only possible but necessary? We'd love to hear from you. Send an e-mail to Anne: ahashimoto@dsj.org.



Catholic Q & A

Q: In the early years of Christianity, along with the books of our New Testament, there were many Scriptures which are called non-canonical and are not in our Bible. Who decided, and when, which books were to be in the New Testament Bible?

A: Theoretically, the answer is clear and relatively simple. We believe that, under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, the living church gradually discovered which of the many sacred writings of very early Christianity were to be in the “canon.” The Greek word *cannon*, in this context, means a norm or standard. The biblical canon, then, constitutes those books which were inspired by God, and which were believed to constitute the norm or rule for Christian faith and moral life.

Many letters, Gospels and other writings circulated among the early churches. Various lists or canons surfaced, and Christians eventually recognized certain Scriptures as normative, that is, reflecting Christian faith and presenting a model or guiding standard for any authentic Christian church. By about the year 400, popes and councils had endorsed a basic list. Certain confusions remained, however, all the way up to the Council of Trent, which in 1546 finally defined those books to be recognized as the church’s sacred, canonical Scriptures.

It sounds easy. In reality the process was not at all so simple and neat. For one thing, a number of supposedly important books were just “lost.” The letter of his own that Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 5:3, and a document containing quotations from Jesus in Aramaic, supposedly written by the apostle Matthew, simply disappeared somewhere along the line. Others encountered much opposition, partly because some origin or presumed connection with the apostles was considered essential for acceptance. Even way back then, leading Christian scholars questioned whether Hebrews and Revelation were really written by Paul and John respectively, thus casting doubt on their apostolic origin.

Complicating things further was the fact that numerous changes and additions were made after the original forms of the Gospels were written. Sometimes these came from sayings of Jesus that were passed down orally well into the second century.

The story of the woman taken in adultery (John 8), for example, was most probably inserted into the fourth Gospel about 100 years after the Gospel was first composed; in other words, not too much before the year 200. No wonder some of the great early fathers of the church differed among themselves about which books should be on the canonical list.

“Fr. Dietzen, John (2005). *Catholic Q&A*. (P. 5).”

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

- Dec 4 2pm DSJ Layette Shower
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Masses @7:30am & 7:30pm
- 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 Our Parish Feast Day
Masses @7:30am & 7:30pm
- 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.

*Next week: 2nd Sunday of Advent * December 3 & 4*

Liturgy Focus	Date	Time	Music	Presider
Reconciliation	Sat 12/3	4:00pm		Fr. Andrew
General	Sat 12/3	5:30pm	Kat Sylvan	Fr. Andrew
General	Sun 12/4	8:00am	Caritas	Fr. Edsil
Children Mass	Sun 12/4	9:30am	Seraphim	Fr. Andrew
General	Sun 12/4	11:15am	St. Josephine Bakhita	Fr. Edsil (Dcn Ray Assists)
Youth	Sun 12/4	6:00pm	Life Teen	Fr. Edsil

Annual DSJ Layette Shower

All 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.

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 for more information.

Stewardship Report

November 19 & 20, 2016

Numbers were not available at time of printing.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

Nov 26 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*
Nov 28 8:05 am Thuan Van Tran +
Nov 29 7:30 am Thuan Van Tran +
Nov 30 7:30 am Diane Mahan +
Dec 1 7:30 am *Souls in Purgatory*
Dec 2 7:30 am Remy Mercado
Dec 3 8:30 am Tony Pham Tran +
5:30 pm Claudette Kalilikane +
Dec 4 8:00 am *HF Parish & School*
9:30 am —
11:15 am Simeona Espiritu +
6:00 pm *HF Parish & School*

Please Pray

♦ For those who have died:

♦ For those who are ill:

Patrick Dempsey, Virginia Ferranti

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.

BRING JOY!

Once again our St. Vincent de Paul chapter is hosting a toy drive to help Sacred Heart Community Services reach their goal of helping 6,200 low income children in our area have a joyful Christmas.

Volunteers will be outside after most Masses the weekends of Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 3-4 to answer any questions & to assist you in your selection of an appropriate tag.

Please return all unwrapped gifts to the church or office by Sunday, Dec. 11th.

We will also have gift tags from Real Options, a crisis pregnancy center-your donation will help with prenatal care & could save a life.

Thank you for your generosity!

Young Adult Tahoe Trip

Young adults, are you interested in going to Tahoe for New Years? Consider joining Holy Family young adults! Please contact Christina Fenn by Nov. 29th for a spot. Cost will be about \$100. Space is limited.

ESSAY COMPETITIONS - Enter SOON!

Holy Family's Knights sponsor essay competitions to recognize students' awareness of responsibility and accountability in Catholic education. Entry forms are available at the parish for students at Education Center and all public/private/home school students whose families are registered at Holy Family.

I. Grades 4 thru 7 topics (Local and State competition)

4th Grade: "Ways I share My Time, Talents and Treasures at Home, School, and in My Church Community"

5th Grade: "In my life, who have been my Spiritual Role Models and Why?"

6th Grade: "How do I live Jesus' Teaching, to Love Thy Neighbor?"

7th Grade: "How My Catholic / Christian School Education has influenced My Personal Values"

II. Grade 8 (Local, State, AND National competition)

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; and be received no later than **January 3rd, 2017**.

Cash awards of \$50 for top entrants (grades 4-7) and \$100 to the top grade 8 entrant. Contact Jovie Palteng at 408-607-1080 or palteng23@hotmail.com for information.

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.*

GIVING TUESDAY

On Tuesday, November 29th St. Vincent de Paul will be participating in #GIVINGTUESDAY, a 24-hour online charity event. Also, **The Sobrato Family Foundation will match your donation 2:1** so your gift goes twice as far! Go to the website: svdp.org/santaclara and click on the #GIVINGTUESDAY banner at the top. Early donations are also welcome. Thank you for your support and generosity during this event.

Catholic Roadmap

It is the season of food barrels and bell ringers. They remind us we have neighbors needing help. As you drop off your contribution consider also mailing a check to the Food Bank, Saint Vincent de Paul or Sacred Heart Community Center. Many of the families who receive those beautiful boxes of food for Christmas also need help this winter. In our busy lives it is so easy to forget.

Calling all Young Catholic Professionals

Please join us for our Executive Speaker Series event where you can network with other Young Catholic Professionals and learn how seasoned executives have incorporated their faith into their professional and career life. RSVP on Facebook- YCP Silicon Valley

Tuesday, December 6
Our Lady Of The Rosary Church
3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto

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>.

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.

Morning Prayer

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

Rosary

Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Chapel

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Columbiettes

Women's Fellowship and Service
Barbara Jorgensen - 408-778-7328
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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)

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 (2040 Nassau Drive, San Jose,) RSVP : email to: dailyliferetreat@gmail.com or call Margarita Hua 408-623-0838

** \$15 dollars donation suggest to MHT, SpEx Ministry.

Thank You!

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



No **EDGE** or **Life Teen** today due to our Thanksgiving. Teens, please spend time with your families this weekend.

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

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

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!

Exploring Aging Options

Have you started thinking about how you or your loved ones want to spend your older years? If you have, you may be asking yourself questions such as: How do I pay for care and how much does it cost? Will I and/or my parents be physically strong enough to take care of myself/themselves? If I am not, where do I go? Who can help me? How do I maintain my independence? How can I ensure I am able to stay in my home? How can I help my loved ones cope?

Catholic Charities now has an Elder Care Line available to assist you in navigating through different scenarios, and choices that come with aging as well as the services and resources available to aide you on your journey. Catholic Charities Elder care line offers confidential support, encouragement, and referrals for elder care service needs. Our professional elder care specialists understand the needs of seniors as well as their loved ones and offer a host of services and support when you need it most. Our services range from in Home Care Services and Adult Activities Centers to dementia care and coordination of services to fit your needs. Our team will help you think through options and create solutions that fit your individual and family needs. **Contact us today to speak to a Care Advisor: 408-831-0441**

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