

Holy Spirit Parish

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018

The two disciples who were with John in today's Gospel did not yet know Jesus. John knew they sought the Messiah, and he understood his mission to point the way to the Lord. In the first reading, Eli realized that the Lord was calling Samuel and told him how to respond when called. Saint Paul witnessed to the Good News of Jesus to the people in Corinth, and continued to show them how to live as Christian people. John, Eli, and Paul grasped that, as people of faith, we are called to show others the way to the Lord. Who helps you be attentive to God's presence and to respond in faith? To whom are you called to witness, to show the way to the Lord?

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD

John's introduction was a simple declaration: "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples immediately responded. Jesus sensed their willing hearts and invited them to follow him. Do you sometimes wish that recognizing the Lord would be so straightforward in your own life? Would it not be wonderful if a friend could point to Christ with certainty? While we do not always have such a clear sense of God's presence with and within us, we do have a regular opportunity to encounter Christ, in the celebration of the Mass. Like the disciples, we too hear, "Behold the Lamb of God." After the consecration, just before we receive Holy Communion, the priest raises the host and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." It is like having a friend point the way to the Lord for us. Here is Christ, ready for us to receive his Body and his Blood, to enter into deep communion with him, and to live our lives as his disciples. Nourished in word and sacrament, we are called to point the way to the Lord as witnesses to Christ's love.

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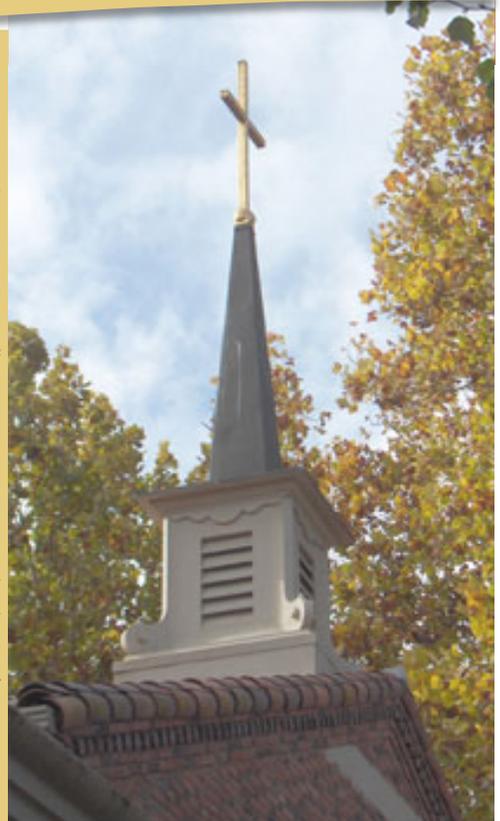
Saturday Vigil 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
Weekday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Baptisms: By appointment. Please call the Rectory 443-5442

Marriage: Couples planning marriage are asked to make an appointment at Rectory at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

- Holy Spirit Parish School: (Grades TK-8) 448-5663
Ann Marie Faires, Interim Principal
- Catholic Faith Formation (CFF): Patricia Scott, Director
Grades K-8; Mondays, 5:45 to 7p.m. at Holy Spirit School.
- Respect Life Ministry: Mack & Lucy White 447-7327.
- Care of Sick & Elderly: Call the Rectory for Holy Communion home calls. 443-5442
- St Vincent dePaul Society ~SVdP Meet 4th Tues each month 397-7264

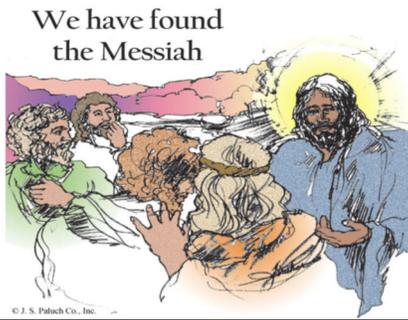


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*We, the people of
Holy Spirit Parish
seek to live as disciples of Christ.
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
fed and strengthened
at the Eucharistic table,
we are called to witness the Good
News of the Gospel by our
lives of faith, service,
community, and hospitality.*



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Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit
within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	5:15 pm	Donna Neuerburg +
Sunday	9:00 am	Dorothy Jarzen +
	11:00 am	Emma Aguirre +
	5:15 pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners
Monday	8:00 am	Virginia Johnson, Sp Int
Tuesday	8:00 am	Poor Souls
Wednesday	8:00 am	Margaret Maestretti +
Thursday	8:00 am	Alice Witry +
Friday	8:00 am	Joseph Walsh, Sp Int
Saturday	5:15 pm	Doug Holbrook +
Sunday	9:00 am	Bonnie Heuer +
	11:00 am	Brandon Vlamis +
	5:15 pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners

For All of You New Parishioners...



There will be a Welcome Brunch in your honor in McHugh Hall next **Sunday, January 21st at noon**. All who missed the last brunch are welcome, too. Please come and get acquainted with others and learn more

about opportunities to get involved. Please RSVP to the parish office at 443-5442. All parishioners are invited to come and say hello and introduce yourselves!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

THE LAMB OF GOD

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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Catholic Schools Week Open House

The theme to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week this year is “Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed.” This theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Holy Spirit Parish School begins the celebration on Sunday, **January 28** with **9:00am Mass** at church followed by **Open House** at the school from **10:30am to 12:00noon**.

New Parishioner Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ Ph. # _____

Email: _____

Please place form in the collection or drop off at the rectory.

Here at Home

Time Talent Treasure (TTT)

*Faithful Stewardship. A way of life.
Everything we think, say and do
after we say "I believe."*

New Year and New Activities a message from Fr. Michael

- Beginning February 2, Holy Spirit Parish will begin nine hours of Eucharistic Adoration. Every First Friday our church will be open from 8:00 A.M. morning Mass until 5:00 P.M. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be more details in the coming weeks.
- Dinner with Father Michael every third Friday of the month beginning February 16. Four families will be invited to have dinner with Father Michael. New families and established families will be invited. The objective of the dinner is simple. Families will get know more about each other and Father Michael will get to hear about the successes and challenges facing Holy Spirit Parish.
- Our Stewardship Program: Time, Talent and Treasure will begin our annual Lenten kick off. I am hoping that the Time for prayer component will provide much needed prayer time. On Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30 P.M., Fr. John Healy will be presiding at Mass. I have invited him to preach on some of the experiences he has had working as a Hospital Chaplain and his travels involving ministry.
- Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation every Wednesday evening 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. and Saturday 4:00 P.M. till 4:45 P.M.

Hat, Gloves, and Scarf Drive

Holy Spirit St. Vincent de Paul is hosting a warm hat, gloves, & scarf drive. It's winter and there are hundreds of homeless in Sacramento living without necessary warm clothing items. Your kind donations will be accepted at Collection bins located at front/side Church entrances during all Mass schedules **this weekend Jan. 13 & 14.**

Witness to Love

We are an intimate group who meets monthly at alternate homes, sharing our faith, fellowship, guided prayer, snacks and a good discussion based on our chosen reading. We meet the third Sunday of every month from 2:00—4:00. Our next meeting is Sunday January 21. For more information please contact Cathy de Lorimier: cdelorimier45@gmail.com and write WITNESS TO LOVE in the subject line.

This Week At A Glance

- Jan 16 1st grade Parent/Student retreat
- Jan 16 SVdP Live Scan fingerprinting
- Jan 16 Choir practice
- Jan 17 TTT Ministry Chair dinner
- Jan 17 RCIA
- Jan 18 Bible Study
- Jan 20 Crab Feed
- Jan 20/21 Brown bag lunch collection
- Jan 21 Witness to Love Fellowship & Prayer
- Jan 21 New Parishioner Brunch
- Jan 21 7th grade Confirmation retreat

Annual HSPS Crab Feed

Come support Holy Spirit Parish and School at our annual Crab Feed!

- ♦ Where: Holy Spirit Parish School gymnasium
 - ♦ When: **Saturday, January 20, 2018.** Cocktails at 5:30, dinner at 7:00pm
 - ♦ Tickets: \$50 per person. Table for 20 people: \$1000
- Reservations/questions: Contact Heather Balfour at 916-296-5132 or heatherdbalfour@gmail.com or purchase online at www.hs-ps.com.

Now Accepting TK and Kindergarten Applications

Holy Spirit Parish School is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year for both Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2018 you can apply by contacting the school at 916-448-5663. Holy Spirit Parish School focuses on following the teachings of Jesus and developing the love of learning. 1:1 i-Pad Technology - Academic Excellence - Fine Arts Program - Spanish - After School Care.



*~ Financial Stewardship ~
~ Our Return to God ~*

Month of December 2017 was \$49,529
Your generosity also gave an additional \$27,317.
as Christmas gifts.

Luke 6:38 “Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete, therewith it shall be measured to you again”

Jesus asked “What are you looking for?” How would you answer?