

Holy Spirit Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018

GOD IS GOD

God does not lord divine authority over us, even though God is Lord of heaven and earth. God wants what is best for all of humanity and for all of creation. God desires that we live for God and for others. Jesus teaches as "one having authority and not as the scribes," because Jesus is the source of whatever authority the scribes had, whether they carried out their authority well or not. Those who heard Jesus speak were in the presence of the very truth of God's love. There is no greater authority than this. There is more, however. We are given free will, and may choose to live as God desires, or to walk away from the path of holiness. The Israelites to whom Moses spoke had failed to live God's law of love in the past, and recognized their need for someone to speak the words of the Lord to them. In the simplest of terms, they understood that God is God, and that they were not God.

WE ARE NOT GOD

We are not God. In our hearts, we know this. And yet, how often do we act as though we think we are? We might go to God in moments of weakness, difficulty, or trial and ask God for help, yet much of the our own way. We hold onto a false sense of control, rather than finding freedom in reliance on God. Salvation history, as recorded in sacred scripture, shows us that there has been this tendency in humanity throughout the ages to try to be God, rather than to be like God. Such thinking does not work out well in the end. We are not God! Jesus came to express the depths of God's love. The authority with which he spoke and taught, healed and expressed forgiveness, is the authority of one who understands that love is the answer. Christ shows us the real transformation that is possible when we give God the authority. "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

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Masses:

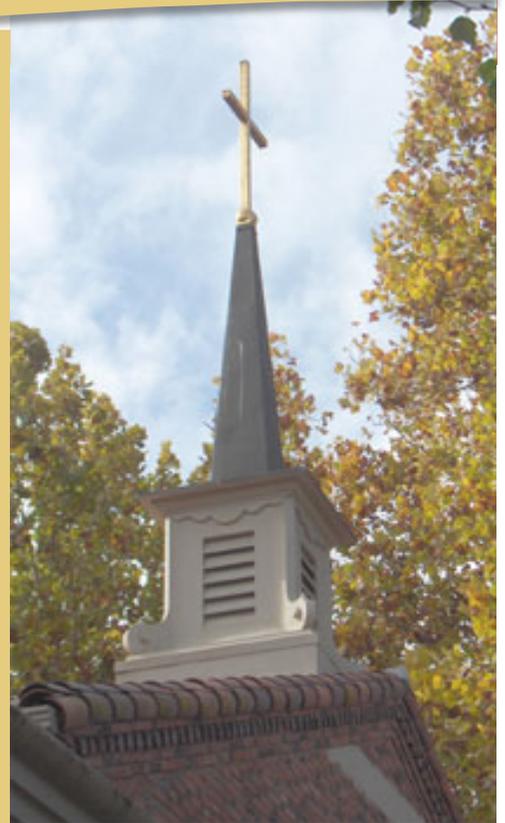
Saturday Vigil 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
Weekday 8:00 a.m.

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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Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
— *Psalm 95:6*

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



Saturday	5:15 pm	Pete Sr., Dennis, & Pete Jr. Ruzir +
Sunday	9:00 am	Renee & Michael Malaki family, Spec Int
	11:00 am	Carl & Loretta Warren +
	5:15 pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners
Monday	8:00 am	Doris Marquardsen +
Tuesday	8:00 am	For church leaders
Wednesday	8:00 am	For vocations
Thursday	8:00 am	For the sick of our parish
Friday	8:00 am	Edward Lane +
Saturday	5:15 pm	John Costello +
Sunday	9:00 am	Francine & Bill Master family, Spec Int
	11:00 am	All Souls
	5:15 pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners

Parish & School Building Project
Feasibility Study News

At this time the feasibility study for our potential parish center and new STEM school building is on hold as our consultant was forced to step down for health reasons. We will restart the process on March 1st when our new consultant will be available. Until then we urge you to stop in either foyer of the church and take a look at the FAQ's and site plans for the two proposed projects.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

A New Year's messages & Activities
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.



Please keep in prayer the children who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Tuesday evening.

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."*

*"I have been a member of the Holy Spirit Choir for 9 years. This ministry has allowed me to continue doing something that I really enjoy while serving in a ministry for my church. The Holy Spirit choir is a low key wonderful group of volunteers who have a passion for music. I see how important music is to the liturgy. The songs are directly related to the readings for that week, often including the same phrases in the readings. We are always looking for new members and d remember.... No experience necessary!"
~ Maryanne Burford*

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 this Sunday, **January 28** with **9:00am Mass** at church followed by **Open House** at the school from **10:30am to 12:00noon**.



Baptism Preparation

If you are planning on baptizing your infant children, you need to attend a baptism preparation class. The next class will be **Saturday, February 3 at 11:00am** in McHugh hall. Please plan on having childcare provided so we can have the full hour of your undivided attention. Call the rectory at 443-5442 to register.



Coffee & Catholicism

Fr. Pepka has had to take a short leave of absence so Coffee & Catholicism is temporarily not meeting. It will resume in the near future and will be announced.

Parishioner Updates

Thank you to all the parishioners who have filled out the parishioner update cards. The cards are still located in each pew for your convenience. If you have not yet filled one out, please take the time to do so and put in the collection basket. We appreciate your time in doing this.

This Week At A Glance

- Jan 28 HSPS Open House
- Jan 29 CFF classes
- Jan 30 1st Reconciliation
- Jan 31 RCIA
- Feb 2 Eucharistic Adoration
- Feb 3 Baptism preparation class
- Feb 9 Parish Mardi Gras dinner

Mardi Gras Dinner

All are invited to our first parish Mardi Gras dinner on **Friday, Feb 9 at 6:00pm** in the school gym. This will be a family friendly event with authentic Louisiana jambalaya and kid friendly hot dogs for the low price of **\$10/adult and \$5/child**. Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend and next weekend. Come to join in the festivities and celebrate being a parish!



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.

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Q&A

Representatives from the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services, a ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento, will be giving a brief presentation outlining their services after all Masses on February 3 & 4. The presentations will be held in McHugh Hall followed by question and answer sessions. Please join us for this important insight regarding end-of-life services and how they relate to Catholic traditions. We are here as your resource through one of life's most difficult times. For more information, please contact Nicole Zamora, Director of Community Outreach at 916-840-2138 or by e-mail at nzamora@cfcssacramento.org

Father-Son Programs

The Father-Son Programs explore God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of God's plan for growing up and becoming a man. The program will be offered for boys ages 12 to 15 and their dads on **February 24th**. The total cost is \$20 per family and includes lunch. Visit www.fathersonprogram.com for more info about location, time and content or to register.

Where do you see authority exercised in line with Gospel values?