

Holy Spirit Parish

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

REAL LIFE

The stories we hear in today's readings are stories of real life. The book of Job is the story of a man who is tested by illness, the death of loved ones, and the loss of friendships. Most of us can relate to Job. We have probably had moments when life feels like drudgery, or when we awake in the middle of the night and cannot get back to sleep. Not all were willing to hear the gospel from Saint Paul. They questioned his motives and did not understand his commitment to share the news of Jesus with all. It is not always easy to live as a disciple in today's world, either. Not all will understand our commitment to Christian living. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were ill. Those who are in need seek him out. Even when he goes away to spend time in prayer, his disciples go to find him. Jesus does not seem to have many minutes to himself, which any parent, child, friend, or person committed to service can understand when putting the needs of others first. Real life can be challenging!

REAL FAITH

The stories we hear today are also stories of real faith. While pushed almost to his limits, Job does not capitulate. He relies on God to be with him through illness, tragedy, and loneliness. Job knows that he truly is not alone. God is with him. Likewise, Saint Paul acts as he discerns he must. No doubt, he had moments of loneliness and felt the pressure of the judgment of others, but he did not waver in his trust in the love of the Lord. As in all things, Jesus shows us what to do. In moments of illness, isolation, and hurt, when direction in life is needed, turn to God in prayer. Trust in the healing touch of the Lord, whether physical healing or the emotional healing needed to endure suffering and pain. Jesus healed many who approached him then, and he continues to reach out to us in our need. Trust in God with real faith to meet the often-complicated circumstances of our real lives.

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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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February 4, 2018

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars
and calls each by name.

— *Psalm 147:4*

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday	8:00 am	John Mahaney +
Tuesday	8:00 am	Stefano & Alexandro Santiago, Sp. Intention
Wednesday	8:00 am	Jake Isaac +
Thursday	8:00 am	Leonard Kreizenbeck +
Friday	8:00 am	John Mahaney +
Saturday	5:15 pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners
Sunday	9:00 am	Dorothy Jarzen +
	11:00 am	John & Linda Jackson Jr. family, Spec Int
	5:15 pm	Fr. Martin Brusato +

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 in the parish office. Bring a dessert to share. Come to join in the festivities and celebrate being a parish!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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Bishop Soto's Request

In order to protect the health and well-being of everyone during this flu season, Bishop Soto has asked to suspend the shaking of hands when offering the sign of Peace with a simple nod; not to hold hands during the "Our Father"; and to suspend the use of the Communion cup if you are sick. Please keep in prayer all those in our parish family who are sick.

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 serve as a lector at Saturday afternoon Mass. If asked why I volunteer for this ministry, my honest response is that I feel called to do so. I have enjoyed this ministry for almost 30 years at different parishes. I sometimes find that the readings challenging, looking for the meaning of passages in the Old Testament or the style of the letters of Paul. In preparing to read for the week, however, I usually understand better their relevance and value. I hope that the message of these readings is communicated well through me to the community at Mass." ~Don Dudley

Collecting Palms for Ash Wednesday

If you have Palms from previous years to donate for this year's Ashes, please bring them and place them in the baskets provided in the vestibule.

World Marriage Day Mass



Join Auxiliary Bishop Cotta at the Cathedral on **Saturday, February 24th at 11:00am Mass** as we honor marriage and salute the beauty of faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in married life. During this Mass, there will be a special blessing for sacramentally married couples and an opportunity to renew their vows. An informal reception will follow for couples and their families. Special certificates will be distributed at the reception honoring couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you plan to attend, please register at: www.SacWMD.com. For questions call 733-0123.

Challenge to get UNPLUGGED

Unplugged challenges 8th-12th grade students to unplug from the distractions of the world and plug into their relationship with God. Join us for a day of prayer, food, wisdom, reflection, and fun. **March 3rd from 1:00-9:00pm** at the Newman Center, Sacramento. \$10 per person. Register now at UnpluggedYouth.org. Questions? 530-366-7954.

This Week At A Glance

- Feb 5 CFF classes
- Feb 6 Liturgy Committee meeting
- Feb 7 RCIA
- Feb 8 Bible Study
- Feb 9 Parish Mardi Gras dinner

Young @ Heart Club

If you are age 50 or over and wish to make new friends, you are welcome to join in at the co-op with parishioners from St. Anthony's and Holy Spirit Parishes. "Young @ Heart Club" meet the third Thursday of each month at 11:30a.m. for lunch and an activity. The next luncheon will be at St. Anthony Parish on **February 15th** (Valentine theme) Please contact Jo Ann Murray at 916-395-2344 for more information.



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.

What is the most important lesson Jesus has taught you?