

# Holy Spirit Parish

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 2018

### ONCE UPON A TIME

*Let me tell you a story. . . .* That sentence enchants us. We feel our bodies relax and our anticipation grow. *Let me tell you a story*, Jesus seems to say, as he searches for vivid images that will help us love the mysterious reality of God's kingdom. The kingdom of God, Jesus explains, is like a seed growing. The person who planted the seed doesn't have a clue how it achieves its fullness. Modern time-lapse photography can record the second-by-second development of a seed into a plant, but Jesus' contemporary audience had never seen such pictures. To Jesus' listeners, a seed's growth—imperceptible yet unmistakable—seemed miraculous. Jesus taps into the knowledge and wonder of his audience to help them have an experience of what he wants to convey: although we cannot always see or prove it, God works for us in all times and places. God's kingdom is everywhere, and there is nowhere that God does not guide our growth.

### GROWTH POTENTIAL

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus tells many parables to help explain the kingdom of God. Both of today's parables from Mark's Gospel involve seeds, strangely enough. Seeds really are a bizarre emblem for a kingdom. Can you imagine a mighty kingdom whose royal banners boast a picture of a tiny seed? Jesus doubles down on the image, however, inviting us to picture first a seed of grain, and then a mustard seed. Jesus longs for us to understand that God's kingdom is full of unexpected strength. A withered tree blooms, a virgin bears a son, a dead man bursts out of his tomb. Our scriptures are a long catalog of unlikely victories. We walk by faith, as Saint Paul says, and not by sight—we must believe that God transforms all weakness into strength, all death into life. We may prefer swift, demonstrable victories in our lives, but God's style often resembles the gentle way of seeds.

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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.

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

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

\***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, Principal and Renee Malaki, Associate 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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**Rev. Michael Hebda, Pastor**

*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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They that are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God.  
—Psalm 92:14

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:15 pm</b>	Jose Vibandor +
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Dorothy Jarzen +
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Betty Downey +
	<b>5:15 pm</b>	Holy Spirit Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Giancarlo Santiago, Sp Int
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Giancarlo Santiago, Sp Int
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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Giancarlo Santiago, Sp Int
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Giancarlo Santiago, Sp Int
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:15 pm</b>	Stancyk Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Giancarlo Santiago, Sp Int
	<b>11:00 am</b>	James Monroe +
	<b>5:15 pm</b>	Holy Spirit Parishioners



**Next Weekend is SVdP Bundle Sunday**

Holy Spirit SVdP needs your help with donations for our Bundle Sunday! The SVdP Thrift Store truck will be in the church parking lot next weekend, **June 23 & 24** at all Mass times to accept your kind donations of clean, gently used clothing, small furniture, linens, and household items in good condition.

*" Thank you for helping us to help others."*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 <u>Day:</u> Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the acts of giving from our abundance and attending to the needs of the poor open us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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**FATHER**  
**Father! To God himself**  
**we cannot give a holier name.**  
—William Wordsworth

**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."*

*"As a member of Holy Spirit parish now, and active participant in its music program for almost 30 years, I'm grateful for the gifts I've been given. I've served as Eucharistic Minister, Reader, choir member and musician. While that service hopefully enhances the liturgical experience for the parish as a whole, I find it's also very important for my own spiritual growth to be "just" and active participant in the congregation. It's my time in the pews that I find a different (and important) connection to the reading readings, the responses and the singing. That personal time invigorates me and makes me realize how much the reflective time helps me be even more thankful for the gifts I've been given to share."*

~Greg Hood

### NEW Evening Book Club!

Do you love to read and seek fellowship? If so, you will love our evening book club! Meetings will be at **7:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday** in the St. Joseph room (behind the altar, enter from parking lot). For the **June 19th** meeting our book will be A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle. This is a quick read written for young adults but has themes that are relevant for any age. Then for July 17th we will read Life in a California Mission: Monterrey in 1786 by Jean Francois de la Perouse. Contact Gisela at ggsnowwhite@hotmail.com if you have questions.

### Afternoon Book Club Meeting

The afternoon book club will meet Thursday, June 28 at 1pm in McHugh Hall to discuss "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. This small book is described as a "morally complex, multilayered novel that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor and trust." Please join us for what should be an interesting discussion!

### Witness To Love

We are an intimate group who meets monthly at alternate homes, sharing our faith, fellowship, guided prayer, snacks, and good discussion. Our next meeting is **this Sunday from 2-4pm**. Please contact cdelormier45@gmail.com and write WITNESS TO LOVE in the subject line.

### This Week At A Glance

- June 16/17 Brown bag lunch collection
- June 17 Witness to Love prayer group
- June 19 Bible Study: Unlocking the mystery
- June 19 Evening Book Club
- June 19 Surviving Divorce meeting
- June 20 Coffee & Catholicism
- June 21 Young at Heart Club Luncheon
- June 23 Collar Cup FUNraiser
- June 23/24 SVdP Bundle Sunday

\*\*Please call the rectory for further information on any events listed for the up-coming week.

### Aloha Young at Heart Luncheon

Holy Spirit Parishioners (50+) are invited to the St. Anthony Young @ Heart Club June luncheon **this Thursday, June 21 at 11:30** in the St. Anthony Memorial Center. The Hawaiian themed lunch with aloha music costs \$5 for members and \$7 for non members. The next lunch will be in September. Please RSVP to the church office at 428-5678 or Jo Ann Murray at 395-2344. Hope to see you there!



### Summer Bible Study Classes

It's not too late to join the Bible Study classes taking place weekly in McHugh Hall.

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother: Thursday at 7-8:30pm until July 26 with no meeting on June 21.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: Tuesday at 12-1:30pm until Aug 14 with no meeting on July 31.

You can purchase the material for both studies online at [AscensionPress.com](http://AscensionPress.com) or at the Parish Office.

### Adult Faith Formation

Surviving Divorce - Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family: Tuesday evening at 7-8:30pm in McHugh Hall until **Aug 28** with no meeting on July 3. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. You can purchase the material online at [AscensionPress.com](http://AscensionPress.com) or at the Parish Office.

### Collar Cup FUNraiser

**Let's come together as a school and parish family for a "FUNraiser"** - building community while enjoying two soccer games at Papa Murphy Stadium **next Saturday, June 23**. The first game is the "Collar Cup" - a game between priests and seminarians followed by Mass and a vocatfair. The second game is between our Sac Republic and St. Louis FC. Tickets are \$20/person \$15 for kids between 3 and 10. Contact Greg Hood (916-717-7874) to purchase tickets.



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*Where do you see the Kingdom of God growing?*