



Holy Family Parish

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December 24, 2017 ❖ **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Welcome to Holy Family!

Newcomers Gathering Every Sunday
(except for holiday weekends) at 10:45am
where coffee and donuts is held.

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: CLOSED
Sunday: 9 am - 1 pm

Contact Us

Parish Office408-265-4040
School Office.....408-978-1355
Faith Formation.....408-265-5374
Life Teen /Edge.....408-265-8650
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Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve and Day with Music and Presiders

Sunday, December 24

4pm Children's Mass—Seraphim—Fr. Andrew (Dcn Ray Assists)
6:30pm—Life Teen—Fr. Andrew
9:30pm—Alleluia Folk Group—Fr. Celso
Midnight Mass (12:00am) - Caritas—Fr. Celso

Monday, December 25

8:00am—Alleluia Folk Group—Fr. Andrew
9:30am—Alleluia Folk Group—Fr. Andrew
11:15am—11:15 Choir—Fr. Celso

Early Morning Alpha is Coming!

Early Morning Alpha is coming to Holy Family Parish. Come for breakfast in the Faith Room, Jan 10, 2018 8:15 - 10:15am. Alpha clarifies what we believe as Christians about Christ and is a tool for sharing your Faith. Come and see and bring a friend. For more information please contact Christina Fenn, 408-265-5374 or cfenn@dsj.org

The Christmas Story II - The Animals' First Christmas

(a ballet set to Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite)
& Songs to Celebrate Christmas

Presented by Holy Family's Ministry of Movement: Dance for Joy and Soaring Spirit Dance Ensemble with Young Sounds of Praise from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Saturday, January 6th - 7pm in the Community Center.

Suggested Donation: \$10 adults; \$5 - children 12 and under

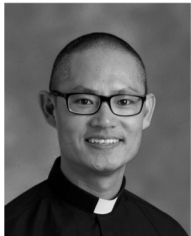
All proceeds go to Holy Family's St. Vincent de Paul. Tickets available at the door. Contact Susan Olsen (650-494-2496, x25) for more information.

Holy Family Young Adults

Holy Family Young Adults is a ministry for parishioners ages 18 - 40, providing events focused on fellowship, prayer, or service. We also provide hospitality for everyone after 6pm Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, and after the 5:30pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month. "Like" our Facebook page to get involved: www.facebook.com/holyfamilyyoungadultssj

Catholic Roadmap

Let us take a moment to remember Jesus Christ's birth on this day, spending time with loved ones and singing songs of joy. As this author states: "When we remember a special Christmas, it is not the presents that made it special, but the laughter, the feeling of love, and the togetherness of friends and family that made that Christmas special." *Author Catherine Pulsifer*



A Message From Our Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For the first 10 years of my life I was raised in a tropical climate—meaning warm weather determined my way of life. I am not a cold weather person. Growing up in San Jose, I really love the weather, except winter season. As I recall my teenage years as well as my early twenties, I didn't enjoy Christmas Season for I found it very cold, empty, and lonely. Perhaps my unpleasant feeling was due to the weather itself and a few incidents that happened to my family in past winter seasons.

While I have always attended Church regularly and had heard so many times about the message of Christmas, I had never truly experienced the true joy of Christmas until a year before I entered the seminary at the age of 26. Ever since I embraced my priestly vocation, it seems that I also embraced the meaning of Christmas to its fullest. I began to feel genuine appreciation for this message:

"And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.'" (Luke 2:9-14)

What a beautiful and meaningful message for us who are the recipients of God's grace and love. This message of love from our Lord and Savior definitely fills my emptiness, hopelessness and gives me a new perspective on the Christmas Season. It is no longer a season of avoidance to me, but rather a season of tremendous inner joy and great meaning. It is my hope that everyone can celebrate Christmas the way it is meant to be: joyful, for the Lord is coming for us with grace and love.

Have a blessed and grace-filled Christmas!

Fr. Andrew Vu Nguyen



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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)

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, please contact a priest at 408-265-4040 at least six months prior to the proposed date of wedding.

Upcoming Events

- Dec 23-Jan 1 Parish Office Closed
- Dec 24 4th Sunday of Advent Masses at 5:30pm Saturday, 8am, 9:30am & 11:15am. NO 6pm.
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm, 12midnight.
- Dec 25 Christmas Day Masses at 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am. NO 6pm.
- Dec 31 Holy Family Feast Day Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
- Jan 1 Solemnity Mary, Mother of God 10am Mass.
- Jan 6 9am Catechist Enrichment
- Jan 6 7pm Christmas Story
- Jan 10 8am Alpha Starts
- Jan 27 6:30pm Crab Feed



Holy Family School News

We are accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year for Preschool to 8th grade students. Continue to spread the word about our wonderful parish school to friends and coworkers. To schedule a campus tour or for more contact admissions: admissions@hfsj.org

*Next week: Feast of the Holy Family * Dec 30 & 31*

Liturgy Focus	Day	Time	Music	Presider
Reconciliation	Saturday	4:00pm		Fr. Andrew
General	Saturday	5:30pm	SNL	Fr. Andrew
General	Sunday	8:00am	Caritas	Fr. Andrew
Young Families	Sunday	9:30am	Caritas	Fr. Andrew
General	Sunday	11:15am	11:15 Choir	Fr. Andrew
Youth	Sunday	6:00pm	Life Teen	Fr. Andrew

Caregivers' Support Groups

Thursday, January 4th
(1st Thursday of the month)
Holy Family Parish – Youth Hall
10:15 am or
Santa Teresa—Parish Office Conference Room 7 pm

Who's taking CARE of the Caregiver? Are YOU or someone you know a Caregiver who is...helping a family member struggling with the Ups & Downs of life...feeling lonely, frustrated, discouraged, unappreciated, maybe a little angry or guilty...unable to speak up for what you really want, need, or deserve because you are not the one who is sick...feeling invisible and don't know how to become visible or validated? We are forming two support groups for Caregivers going through overwhelming challenges, conflicting emotions, questions and doubts of "Am I enough?" or "Who's taking care of me?" If this sounds like you or someone you know, please contact Gina Masero at maserogina@gmail.com. You are not alone. *Free of charge.*

Parish Office Closed for Christmas Holidays

The parish office will be closed from Saturday, December 23rd through Monday, January 1st. Mass on January 1st for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be at 10am. All other Mass times remain normal.

It's Easy Being Green

When it's time, don't just put your Christmas tree by the curb for pick-up. <http://www.realchristmastrees.org/dnn/All-About-Trees/How-to-Recycle> gives you ten ways to dispose of it without it's ending up in the landfill.

Stewardship Report

December 16 & 17, 2017

Offertory

Mass Collection\$10,086.50
In Office Receipts\$5,281.54
Credit Card Receipts.....\$0
WeShare Receipts\$6,908.67
Subtotal.....\$22,276.71

2nd Collection: \$3,000.00

Retired Religious

Thank you for your generosity.

St. Vincent de Paul

2nd Collection next Sunday

St. Vincent de Paul Society offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis and offers spiritual services. A key strength is in the personalized delivery of help. Your generosity will assist our own Holy Family conference of St. Vincent de Paul in helping our neighbors in need. Envelopes are provided in the pews.

Christmas Flowers Envelopes

During this upcoming celebration of Christmas, remember one of your loved ones with a donation toward the cost of our Christmas flowers. Envelopes can be found in the pews, or drop a check into the collection basket or by the office, marked with "Christmas flowers" in the Memo. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

Dec 23 5:30 pm Bob Rienzi +
Dec 24 8:00 am *HF Parish & School*
9:30 am Jennie Santa Maria
11:15 am *HF Parish & School*
Dec 25 *For All Parishioners*
Dec 26 10:00 am Herbert J Williams +
Dec 27 7:30 am Christopher Chang
Dec 28 7:30 am Faith Beasley +
Dec 29 7:30 am Cecilia & Cecile
Nguyen +
Dec 30 8:30 am Michael &
Steve Chang
5:30 pm Michael Chang
Dec 31 8:00 am Faith Beasley +
9:30 am Zach Mogan +
11:15 am *HF Parish & School*
6:00 pm *HF Parish & School*

Please Pray

♦ For those who have died:

John Dulis, Meynard Ellis

♦ For those who are ill:

Regina Lau

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Do you like to crochet or knit? If the answer is "yes," have we got a ministry for you. The Prayer Blanket Ministry is in need of hands. We make blankets, scarves and hats. These are for baptisms, the baby layette, the sick, for bereavement, for the Veterans and for the homeless. If you can make items for this ministry, it would be greatly appreciated. We meet Wednesdays at Colonial Manor clubhouse, 3300 Narvaez Ave. from 10am-noon to socialize and work on our projects. Coffee, tea and goodies are provided by each member.

If you are unable to attend, the Wednesday meetings but still would like to contribute, any projects you can complete at home would again be appreciated.

For any other info., contact:

Anna Deane at 408-912-5723 or

annadeane@icloud.com, or

Lurine Larson at 408-267-2588 or

mzsquirrel@att.net.



Mrs. Medal's 1st Grade class took part in the giving to the Layette Collection. The donations that the class brought in supported 350 women and babies in need. They made cards for the moms and were very humble to participate in helping and being a part of this event.

Ministry of Consolation: Parish Bereavement Ministers' Training Series 2018

January 18, 25, February 1, 15, 22, March 1 (Skip February 8th); *Make-up session March 8th. All class sessions will be held 7 – 9PM at Queen of Apostles Parish – Geary Hall (4911 Moorpark Ave., San Jose, CA 95129). Facilitator Contact: Kathy Fanger (kfanger@dsj.org, work: 650-428-3730 ext.508, cell: 408-242-3543) *This series provides basic information, handouts and practices for those who wish to work with the bereaved. Each workshop will include prayer, music, reflection, sharing and skills which can be used in a parish setting.*

April 16-22, 2018: Pilgrimage to Mexico, the Site of the Apparitions and Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join parishioners from Santa Teresa Church to make this once in a lifetime pilgrimage to Mexico City, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Teotihuacan Puebla, Tlaxcala (The Lourdes of Mexico), Ocotlan and Taxco. The tour will last a week leaving out of San Francisco and the group will stay at the same hotel all week (so no packing and unpacking constantly, just once). With the help of a professional tour guide we will enjoy the places of pilgrimage and culture in Mexico. The deadline to sign up for this trip is January 15th, 2018. The total cost for flights, hotel, most meals, government taxes/ airline surcharges, and the services of a tour guide and local guides, etc. is \$1749 per person (double occupancy). A single room is \$180 extra per person. To join Fr. George Arhana on this pilgrimage, make sure you have a valid passport, fill out the registration form and include your deposit by January 15th to assure you of a definite spot in April. Or contact Jennifer Vazquez, Parish Secretary, at Jen@santateresachurch.com for more information, or for brochure <http://santateresachurch.com/pilgrimage/>. There will be an information meeting on Sunday, January 7 in Avila Hall @ 4 pm



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Community Center
Sundays, 9am—1pm

Caregivers' Support Group

1st Thursday of the month at
10:15am in Youth Hall
Gina: maserogina@gmail.com

Columbiettes

Women's Fellowship and Service
Delana Romero
Delanaromero1@gmail.com
last Thursday of month at 6:30pm

50+ Singles Group

3rd Sunday, 11:00am Hope Room
Dee Stolpe 408-225-7386
deestolpe@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus

Men's Fellowship & Service
Toby Laufer: 408-455-7321
theatretec@yahoo.com
1st Thursday of month at 7pm

Morning Prayer

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

Prayer Line

Leave a prayer request message
with Jeanette, 408-723-0445.

Rosary

Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Chapel

St. Vincent de Paul Society

For emergency financial
assistance, call the parish office for
an appointment

Support for the Homebound

If you have not seen someone at Mass for a long time, they may be stuck at home with an illness that keeps them from coming to Mass. Listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart. If you feel moved, give them a call and check-up on them. Ask if they want to receive Communion at home (then call the office 408-265-4040.) Or if you're not one already, with training, you could become a communion minister for the homebound.

Catechist Enrichment

Catechists (and all who love Jesus!) are invited and encouraged to share the faith with others. To do so, we must continue learning and growing in our personal relationship with Christ. We must first nourish ourselves before we can nourish others!

We'd like to invite catechists to a session for ongoing Faith Formation! We also invite others who are desiring to deepen their relationship with Christ to join us. Please join us on Saturday January 6th from 9 – 12noon for a morning of enrichment. The topic will be: **Sharing our Faith** – the connection between liturgy (how we worship) and catechesis (how we share the faith)

Ray Gans, Blessie La Scola, Ginny Silvers and Fran Bermudes will be facilitating the morning. Please RSVP to Christina Fenn – cfenn@dsj.org

Liturgy Link

The Mass

Our Offering

Continued from last week....

After the ciborium with the consecrated hosts has been returned to the tabernacle, the presider returns to his chair. As the priest sits down, so do we. At this time, liturgically, there should be either a period of sacred silence, or music. In our parish, it is our custom to have a period of sacred silence. Our culture has become one where silence is avoided, so this time of silence is especially important to retain and to understand. Silence is important to our Mass, and important to our spiritual life.

What do we do during this silence after Communion? If you desire, you may kneel at this time and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the life giving Eucharist you have just received. You may also say this prayer in a seated position. For all of us, this time is a time of meditating on Jesus, his willingness to pay for our sins, and the love that he, and indeed the entire triune God, has for us.

Next time you're at Mass, take time during this silence to deepen your prayer, to open your heart to the love that is offered you through Christ and to say yes, once again, to drawing nearer to our God.

Kathy Bohac
—Coordinator of Liturgy

Sunday Scripture Study

This is the same study we had in the spring but on a new day and time: **Sundays from 11am-Noon in South 3.**

The Wild Goose (Holy Spirit) is a series that will lead YOU on an adventure greater than you can imagine. Video presentation by Fr. Dave Pavonka (see videos on formed.org)

Sundays from 11am-Noon in South 3. Contact Donna Holt 408-371-3682 or goodsamnurse@gmail.com



EDGE and **Life Teen** have concluded for the semester. Join us back at our normal times on January 7th for our Winter kickoffs!

Our Annual **Crab Feed** Fundraiser is Saturday January 27th. Tickets are available in the parish office and online!

Echoes of Worth Theology of the Body retreat is accepting registrations. Please contact Jeff for more information.

EDGE is our Middle School Faith Formation for 6th-8th graders. EDGE meets on Sundays from 3:45pm-5:30pm. **Life Teen** is our High School Faith Formation for 9th-12th graders. Life Teen meets on Sundays immediately following the 6:00pm Mass from 7pm-9pm.

All registration forms are available at <http://www.holyfamilysan jose.org/fait h-formation-1> (under Faith Formation)

Contact Jeff Gans for more info
at 408-265-8650 or jgans@dsj.org

Discernment Retreat

Every vocation is a call to love, a path to happiness, and every baptized person has one! But how can you know God's plan for you? Come and see! Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to spend a day with the cloistered Dominican nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, Saturday, January 20th. Learn more about discerning God's will for your life and catch a glimpse of the same hidden life of love that has been lived at the heart of the Church and the Dominican Order since Saint Dominic founded the first community of Dominican nuns in 1206. For more information about this or other upcoming retreat days and events, visit our website at www.nunsmenlo.org, or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., at vocations@nunsmenlo.org.



Want to watch FREE Catholic movies from the comfort of your own couch? Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith at a time convenient for you? Check out our custom URL: **HolyFamilySJ.Formed.org** for movies, audio and much, much more! Questions? Contact – Christina (cfenn@dsj.org) for more information.

Sacred Scripture Study

Timothy Gray's scripture study on "Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God" from the Lectio series. There is a small fee for materials. The studies will begin January 8 & 9 accordingly.

Monday mornings, 10am-Noon. Contact Donna Holt at 408-371-3682 or goodsamnurse@gmail.com

Tuesday evenings, 7-8:45 pm. Contact Neyla Brown Neyla5756@gmail.com or Deborah Trevisan debearah@sbcbglobal.net

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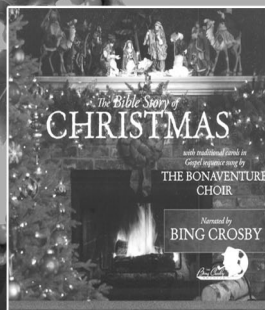


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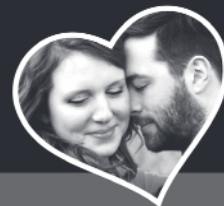
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