

Last Sunday's Contributions:

Grace abounds in gratitude and generosity.

	<u>Weekly Actual</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$5,144	\$ 6,223
Plate	\$1,435	\$ 1,869
Building Fund	\$6,177	\$ 4,950
Faith Formation	\$7	
Immaculate Conception	\$1,106	

End of Year Charitable Donations

All donation made to Holy Spirit parish before December 31, 2007 can be applied to this years tax return.

HOPEWORKS as we plan for Christmas, let us take a look at our gift giving. Could we do something different this year? Hopeworks is an alternative gift catalog that is dedicated to helping the poor in the diocese. It is not a fundraising activity but a way that families can reach out and help other families throughout the year. It is a great opportunity to speak with our children about the Christian value of sharing what we have with those in need. Give a gift that matters. Catalogs are at the church doors. We can make a real difference. Also available on line at www.ccsbriv.org

Please pray for the Sick of Holy Spirit

L. Dochnal, J. Hameister, N. Gleissner, L. Sales, D. Granger, A. Walsh, C. Snavely, M. Montello, J. Reeves, M. McAtee, D. Plouffe, K. Altig, U. Ortega, E. Estrada, L. Gomes, G. Viso., G. Veija, J. Healey, S. Davis, J. Rickard, R. McIntosh, T. Boyce, D. Burroughs, M. Remily, O. Salvail, E. Truax. (Names of the sick are published for one month. Please call the office to add your requests for prayer.)



Please pray for our military

Richard Dawson, Raul Ilizaliturri, Jr., Alex Boyce, L. Hart, Raul Butto, A.J. Dernberger, Shaun Boyce, Christina Vasquez, Jason Putney, James Rohland, Keith Ellison, Anthony Hebert. Continue to pray for lasting peace in the world



The Giving Tree

Please return all items unwrapped before Wednesday December 19.

Free Gospel Video Game provide by the parish for all the families. Download the free game at www.GospelChampions.com/gamev2.asp. When prompted by the installer, use the following 9 digit access code: -s7q -n1f-m9a.

The Tradition of Midnight Mass

Christmas is the only day on our church calendar that calls for Midnight mass. Easter has its vigil. But the pivotal celebration at Christmas is the Mass at Midnight.

The Midnight Mass tradition reaches far back in our history. The first record come fro a fourth-century pilgrim whose diary of her travels to Jerusalem describes her impressions of the Midnight Mass. One reason for the tradition is that Jesus was born at midnight. This comes from an interpretation of a passage from Wisdom 18: 14-15, which says that during Israel's Passover, God's word; leaped from heaven when the night was half done. So in the new covenant, it was assumed God's Word leaped from heaven at midnight. The mystique of Midnight Mass draws some of our most faithful Catholics as well as some who come to church only rarely. The shepherds, the magi, the angels, the animals— the mystery of Christmas beckon us all.



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24

5:00 pm Children's Choir

Midnight—12:00am

December 25

9:00 am Spanish

1100 am English

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2007

Monday: Is 35; 1-10 / Lk 5: 17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18: 12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2: 14-17 / Lk 1: 26-38
Solemnity Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15
St Lucy
Friday: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-191
St John of the Cross
Saturday: Sir 48:1-11 / Mt 17:9-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6 / Mt 11:2-11

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus!

Weekend Mass Intentions

5:00 pm Mass Uriel Garcia +
7:30 am Mass Lucian barras +
9:00 am Mass Lilian Chavez +o
11:00 am Mass People of the Parish

Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 17

Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm English Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 18

8:15 am Liturgy of the Hours with Communion

9:30 am Spirituality Session

10:45 am Bereavement Session

4:00 pm Children's Christmas Pageant

Hosted by Elementary Faith Formation

Wednesday, December 19

8:15 am Mass

No Jr. & Sr. High Faith Formation

7:00 pm Mass of Remembrance for Loved Ones

Thursday, December 20

8:15 am Mass—

Friday, December 21

8:15 am Mass—

Question of the week

How has your faith brought joy and gladness into your life?



Cluster Advent Penance Services

St. Anthony

7:00 pm Tuesday, December 18th

Holy Spirit

Children's Christmas Pageant

4:00 pm Tuesday, December 18th

Our Elementary Faith Formation Children invite everyone to come as retell the message of the angels to their

Mass of Remembrance

7:00 pm Wednesday, December 19th for all who grief for a loved ones that has gone home to the Lord. During December our thoughts turn to family traditions and fond memories of a life shared together. This mass honors our loved ones and assures the hope of eternal life.

Mission & Thrift Store

Several years ago, some kind hearted people, some from Holy Spirit, opened a thrift store to benefit St. Joseph's Mission and the homeless in our area. The Thrift Store is doing well but more volunteers are needed, especially to help sort and run the cash register. There is a lot of flexibility with days and hours. Stop in and see Brother Gene to find out how you can make a difference. The store is located at 113 North Harvard Street, downtown Hemet.

Knights of Columbus Council 10991

Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed items and came to our Yard Sale. Once again the sale was a tremendous success. The proceeds will go toward the KC Scholarship fund. Frank Serna Yard Sale Chairperson