

HOLY SPIRIT SYNODAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Celebrating 16 years of faith, welcome and service, because it is about relationships, not rules!

06 JANUARY 2019 – FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

OUR LITURGY

Today's Intention: For +Jim O'Leary, req by Pat P.

Prelude: "The First Noel" #388

Welcome and "Good News" (Bp. Steve)

Gathering Song: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" #382

Penitential Litany: Mass of Creation, Kyrie #137

Gloria: Mass of Creation, Glory to God #138

Opening Prayer

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6 (Gil M.)

Psalm Response: Psalm 72 #46

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (Ralph L.)

Gospel Acclamation: "Angels We Have Heard" #361, v. 4

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 (Deacon Jan)

Homily: (Bp. Steve)

Profession of Faith: **Nicene Creed** (back of hymnal)

Intercessions: (volunteer)

✠ **Emmanuel, be born in us, be born in our world!**

Blessing of Chalk and Doors: "Epiphany Carol" #386

Kiss of Peace

Preparation of Our Gifts: "What Star Is This" #389

Eucharistic Prayer: Mass of Creation, #146-149

Lord's Prayer: Mass of Creation, #150

Lamb of God Litany: Mass of Creation, #152

Eucharistic Ministers:

Fr. Sam, Deacon Jan; David B.

Communion Procession:

"Child of Mercy" #368

Song of Praise: "Star Child" (choir)

Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Sending Song:

"What Child Is This" #387

ARISE
SHINE
for your light has come!
ISAIAH 60:1

THE ROAD TOGETHER

Ministry Team Meetings:

-**Head to Heart:** 1st Sunday

-**Stewardship:** 1st Sunday.

-**Finance:** 2nd Sunday.

-**Landscape:** 3rd Sunday.

-**Outreach:** 4th Sunday.

12 Step Meetings, parish center

-**SLAA:** Thursdays, 12-1pm

-**AA:** Thursdays, 7-8pm

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Next Sunday, January 13th. *Renewal of Baptismal Promises.* Christmas Season closes!

Parish Council Meeting, Thursday, January 17th, 7-9pm, conference room. *All are welcomed.*

Diocese of Florida Annual Synod, Saturday, January 26th, 9am-4pm, parish center.

Blessing of Throats in Honor of St. Blasé, Sunday, February 3rd

Blessing of All Couples in Honor of St. Valentine, Sunday, February 10th

Season of Lent Begins! Ash Wednesday, March 6th, Day of Fast and Abstinence. *Blessing of Ashes and Mass,* 7pm

FROM WHERE I STAND...

Good morning,
dear Community and Friends!

The door is one of the most important parts of both our parish chapel and our home. Through it we come and go, receive visitors and say goodbye to old friends. It is a place of sadness and joy, departures and entrances.

That is why it is a place where we should invite God's presence, asking for his protection over it and our home.

One of the most common ways to do this is through the traditional Epiphany Blessing of the Home. However, that is not the only way to invoke God's blessing upon your home and door.

Below, I offer a prayer seeking God's blessing upon the doors of our beloved community and the doors of your beautiful home. Together, let us simply ask God to shower his blessings upon the primary portal of your home, your home in faith, and the doors of our hearts. Let us pray:

*God's peace be to this home
and to all who dwell within.
You, O Lord,
are the beginning and the end,
the alpha and omega,
carefully watching over us
from birth until death.*

*Bless the doors
of our community and our house
and in your goodness*

*send your holy angel from heaven
to watch over and protect us,
to be with us and give us comfort
and encouragement.*

*As we pass through these doors,
draw us more deeply into your presence
and may a spirit of humility, goodness,
mildness, and gratitude prevail
in our home and our community.*

*O Lord, you are the door to eternal life,
bless our entrances and exits
and pour out on us
heavenly dew in good measure, as well
as an abundance of earthly needs.*

*At our lowly coming
be pleased to bless and sanctify
our homes, our sanctuary,
as you once were pleased to bless
the homes of Abraham and Sarah,
Isaac and Rebekah,
and Jacob and Rachel.
Within these walls
of both home and community
let your angels of light
preside, stand and,
watch over those who dwell within.*

*May your blessing remain on
our chapel, our homes, and on us
who live and love here now and always.
Amen.*

Be sure to take home the blessed chalk and incense with you today to bless your doors. Pray God's blessing and protection upon your dear home and celebrate for all whom you welcome with great love and joy into your home.

A very blessed Little Christmas,
Bp. Steve

OUR CHEERFUL GIVING



In gratitude for our many blessings and gifts from God, we share our time, talent, and treasures with others throughout the week. On Sunday, December 30th, 41 people gathered as the Body of Christ and joyfully shared \$1,403.00 from their financial resources to support the mission and ministry of our parish community. Thank you!

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."
(Ephesians 3:6) Today we celebrate that Christ came to *all* of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given *each* of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

Your conscientious and consistent support of this your community of faith is an act of faith and trust in God and with one another.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

George E. 1/18,
Br. Michael 1/18,
Angel A. 1/24, Corey S. 1/27;
Rosalia M. 1/28.

Happy Anniversary to:

Corey and Lee 1/15,
Stan and Jay 1/22;
George and Bob 1/24.

*May the brilliance of
the light of Christ
continue to shine brightly
in you, in your living
and in your loving!*



When the carols
have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree
is taken down,
When family and friends
are gone home,
When we are back
to our schedules
THE WORK OF
CHRISTMAS BEGINS!
To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust,
not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace
for all people,
To bring Christ's light
to the world!



WHEN WE GATHER NEXT

Sunday, January 13th, 10:30am
Baptism of Our Lord
Blessing of Water

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Altar Bread: Donna L.
Greeters: Chris P. and Pat P.
Councilor Welcome: Natalie L.
Presider & Homilist: Fr. Lionel
Acolyte: Sr. Louise L.
Lectors: Br. Will B. (1), Donna L. (2)
Intercessions: Ralph L.
Eucharistic Ministers:
Deacon Jan, Mthr. Sharon; David B.
Social Hall Service: Last Names **R-Z**
E68HH Packing Team: #2

*Thank you for your faithful and loving
service at the altar of the Lord among
God's holy people. You bless us!*



OUR MISSION

Holy Spirit
Synodal Catholic Church
is a vibrant, fully inclusive,
Catholic community
committed to nurturing all
in their relationship
with God, self and others.
Because it's about
relationships, not rules!
All are *truly*
welcomed here in *this* place.



Prayer Request

- For the intentions of our parish and diocesan communities, for our holiness, growth and generous service.
- Dan J., *healing strength*
- Fr. Bill W., *dialysis and awaiting a kidney transplant*
- Ellen M., *strength and healing with thyroid concerns.*
- For the persecuted Christians of the Middle East.
- Wesley N., *kidney health*
- Those who are homeless, hungry, helpless, unemployed, underemployed, addicted, imprisoned and hopeless: *that they do not remain invisible to us.*
- For those discerning their life, ministry and future with our Diocese and Communion.
- Pam D., *good health & wellness*
- For grace and blessings upon our mission communities.
- Mark S., *good health and healing*
- Jim B., *strength & good health.*
- + The victims of gun violence, *eternal rest and delight in God's arms.*
- Mary B., *complete healing & strength*
- Dorothy B., *hip surgery healing*
- David S.'s daughter, *mental healing.*
- Joyce, *Deacon Jan's sister, comfort and strength in her journey.*
- Gregory, *Lana W.'s spouse, hospice*
- Sr. Linda, *healing strength & courage*

Lord, hear our prayer!





HOLY SPIRIT

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End 68 Hours of Hunger

These are some of the items **most needed** to help children and young people make it through the very long weekend without the government lunch program:

- canned fruit or fruit cups,
- canned soup, chunky soups, pasta, chili, stew,
- peanut butter,
- jelly (squeeze or plastic jar),
- canned chicken.

Today's Packing Team: Team #1.

www.end68hoursofhunger.org

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As our El Niño Florida winter is proving to be much cooler and wetter than usual, thus our sisters and brothers who are experiencing homelessness are facing more challenges. Our ***Blessing Bags Project*** is in need of the following items:

- snack items: crackers, protein bars
- hand sanitizer
- men's boxer shorts
- sunscreen
- sunglasses
- lip balm
- small first aid kits (97¢ Walmart).

Consider helping our parish project of compassionate care: purchase some of these items, share this list with your family and friends as a suggestion for Christmas Season and New Year giving. Thank you for your generous heart and sharing for the sake of others.

Stewardship is Joy

Our Catholic faith brings us great joy. The joy of knowing that Christ is our savior. The joy of fellowship with each other. The joy of sharing the Eucharist.

Psalm 16:11 tells us:

You show me the path of life.

In your presence

there is fullness of joy;

In your right hand are

pleasures forevermore.

We all recognize joy when we light the pink candle each Advent, but we often forget that joy is an essential element of all stewardship. Stewardship is simply active discipleship – living what we believe with joy each day. As stewards, we live in joyful thankfulness and joyous anticipation, and that leads to joyful action. All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. Accept those gifts with joy; care for them and share them with joy.

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