

HOLY SPIRIT SYNODAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

20 JANUARY 2019 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR LITURGY

Today's Intention: For Our Parishioners, living and deceased

Prelude: "I Have Loved You" #504

Welcome and "Good News" (Mike H.)

Gathering Song: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" #383

Penitential Litany: Mass of Light, Kyrie, #221

Gloria: Mass of Light, Gloria #222

Opening Prayer

Reading I: Isaiah 62:1-5 (Walt B.)

Psalm Response: Psalm 96 #54

Reading II: I Corinthians 12:4-11 (Wayne C.)

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Light, Alleluia #223

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

Homily: (Deacon Jan)

Profession of Faith: **Alternative Creed** (hymnal, inside back)

Intercessions: **Lord, hear our prayer!** (Natalie L.)

Kiss of Peace

Preparation of Our Gifts: "Dwelling Place" #582

Eucharistic Prayer: Mass of Light, #225-230

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, #15

Lamb of God Litany: Mass of Light, Agnus Dei #231

Eucharistic Ministers: Mthr. Sharon, Deacon Jan; volunteer

Communion Procession: "One Bread, One Body" #813

Song of Praise: "God in the Planning" #858

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song:

"Glory and Praise to Our God"
#537



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

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Tomorrow, Monday, January 21st.

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

Italian-Style Potluck Dinner, NEXT Sunday, January 27th, following Mass.

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,* 7:30pm

St. Patrick Day, Sunday, March 17th Wear your "green" and bring share in an **Irish Potluck Dinner** together after Mass.

Parish Council Meeting, Thursday, February 21st, 7-9 pm, conference room.

FROM WHERE I STAND...

Good morning,
dear Community and Friends!

Today's Second Reading is about gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is itself a gift of the Lord's; and when the Holy Spirit fills a person, then the Spirit brings with it other gifts as well.

Some of these gifts are given only to some people. The gifts mentioned in the Second Reading are special gifts of this sort. But there are other gifts of the Holy Spirit that are not like this. They are given to everyone who lives in grace, and they are always present in every one of God's people.

The list of these gifts can be found in Isaiah 11: 2-3. Traditionally, the Church has identified seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in this list. Four of them are gifts for the mind: wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge. And three of them are gifts for the heart or will: piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord.

These ordinary gifts are like the roots of a great tree in the soul of a person. They nourish the soul, and they result in a person's flourishing, in his bearing fruit for the Lord.

Because the gifts are in each of God's people always, so are the *fruits* of the Holy Spirit that arise from gifts. Traditionally, the Church has taken there to be twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit, a

list developed from a slightly shorter list in Galatians 5:22-23.

The list of the fruits of the Holy Spirit begins with these five: love, joy, peace, patience, and long-suffering.

A person who has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him has his beloved Lord intimately united with him. And that is why love is the first fruit of the Holy Spirit. Joy follows, because of the presence of the beloved. And peace comes next. If you are your beloved's and he is yours (*Song of Songs 2:16*), then you can be at peace. You already have all that is most precious to you. And that is why you can have patience and long-suffering too. The hard things of the world are easier to endure if your love loves you and is with you.

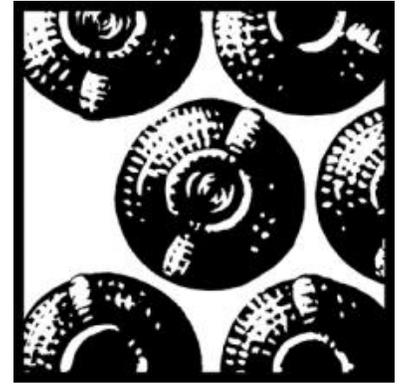
So, some people have the gift of prophecy, and others don't. But no one of the Lord's people lacks love, joy, and peace. That is why the Lord says about his people, "By their fruits you will know them. (*Matthew 7:20*).

There is a rich and abundant harvest of the Spirit's gifts among us here at Holy Spirit. I am continually amazed and filled with gratitude for the powerful good that is brought forward among us with noble simplicity. Begin to allow yourself to see, acknowledge, and embrace God's gifts to you in your life.

A blessed and restful Sunday with all those whom you love,
In the love of Christ,

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, January 13th, 65 people gathered as the Body of Christ and joyfully shared \$2,277.00 from their financial resources to support the mission and ministry of our parish community. Thank you!

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:7). St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy!

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:

Angel A. 1/24, Corey S. 1/27,
Rosalia M. 1/28, Bob L. 2/3,
Mandi M. 2/3, Eric B. 2/13,
Mike H. 2/17, Anne Y. 2/19,
Fr. Bill 2/20; Dan J. 2/26.

Happy Anniversary to:

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!*



Our Stewardship of Creation: GOD'S OCEANS

- 10 metric tons of plastic make it into the sea every day in the Los Angeles area alone.
- 35 billion plastic water bottles are thrown away by Americans every year.
- >94,600 square miles of ocean have been dubbed "dead zones" due to pollution (*That's an area larger than the UK*).
- 90% of trash floating on the surface of the ocean is plastic.
- >100,000 marine mammals die each year as a result of plastic pollution.
- 2050 is the year in which there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish (*by weight*) if we don't change this story!

Reflect upon your own personal and household use of plastic. Can we grow in our use and care?



WHEN WE GATHER NEXT

Sunday, January 27th, 10:30am
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:1-10
Psalms 19:7-9, 14
I Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Altar Bread: Donna L.
Greeters: Natalie L. & Christine T.
Councilor Welcome: Deb S.
Presider & Homilist: Bishop Steve
Acolyte: Karen E.
Lectors: Joanne D. (1), Sr. Louise (2)
Intercessions: Rosalia M.
Eucharistic Ministers:
Deacon Jan, Fr. Sam; David B.
Social Hall Service: Last Names *D-K*
E68HH Packing Team: #4

*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.



- 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.*
- + Gregory, *Lana W.'s spouse*
- Sr. Linda, *healing strength & courage*
- Bp. Martin, *hernia surgery healing*

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:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly, squeeze or plastic jar
- Canned pasta/soup/chili/stew
- Pop tarts
- Tuna or chicken, cans or packets
- Mac and cheese.

Today's Packing Team: Team #3.

www.end68hoursofhunger.org
[/find-your-community/](#)
[florida/mid-pinellas/](#)

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.

Thank You!

Many, many thanks to our gracious parishioners who generously donated funds for our Christmas chapel flowers and decorations in honor of others:

David and Mary S., Joanne D. and Karen E., Jim and Maddie B., Wayne C.; and Rosalia M.

Blessings and our gratitude!

STEWARDSHIP IS JOY

We are all good stewards, but how do we nurture the values of good stewardship? The value of joy should be easy, but it's not. Often confused with happiness, joy it is that emotion that is derived from our innermost self as we grow in our Catholic Christian faith. The joy we feel has little to do with the circumstances of our lives and everything to do with the focus of our lives.

God is in control, but he has entrusted into our care the gift of joy. How do we as good stewards give it back? We already have everything we need to be joyful. Do we wait to hear a good song, or do we start to sing one? We need joy in our lives, just as surely as we need rest and good diet. It is there for us, freely given. Joy is the gift of spiritual growth. Stewardship is Joy.



"Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls."

-St. Teresa of Kolkata, 1910-1997