

HOLY SPIRIT SYNODAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

10 FEBRUARY 2019 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR LITURGY

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

Prelude: "The Summons" #687

Welcome and "Good News" (Natalie L.)

Gathering Song: "Here I am, Lord" #671

Penitential Litany: Mass of Light, Kyrie, #221

Gloria: Mass of Light, Gloria #222

Opening Prayer

Reading I: Isaiah 6:1-8 (David B.)

Psalm Response: Psalm 138 #1003

Reading II: I Corinthians 15:1-11 (Donna L.)

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Light, Alleluia #223

Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 (Deacon Jan)

Homily: (Bp. Steve)

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

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

Blessing of Couples in Honor of St. Valentine

Kiss of Peace

Preparation of Our Gifts:

"Lord, When You Came" #678

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: Fr. Sam, Deacon Jan; Carol D.

Communion Procession: "Blest Are They" #636

Song of Praise: "Be Not Afraid" #596

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song:

"Go Make a Difference" #664



THE ROAD TOGETHER

Ministry Team Meetings:

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

-**Stewardship:** 2nd Sunday.

-**Finance:** 2nd Monday.

-**Landscape:** 3rd Sunday.

-**Outreach:** 4th Sunday.

12 Step Meetings, parish center

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

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

Parish Council Meeting,

Thursday, February 21st, 7-9 pm,

conference room. *All are*

welcomed!

Board and Card Game Night!

Saturday, February 23rd, 6-9pm.

Nosh on a "Munchies" Potluck.

"Simon Peter" Scripture Study,

Wednesdays of Lent, 7:30pm,

conference room. Series begins

Wednesday, Feb. 27th. FMI,

speaking with Deacon Jan.

Season of Lent Begins! Ash

Wednesday, March 6th, Day of

Fast and Abstinence. *Blessing*

of Ashes and Mass, 7:30pm

Way of the Cross, Fridays of

Lent, 7:30pm, chapel.

Daylight Savings Time begins!

Spring ahead! Sunday, March

10th

St. Patrick Day, Sunday, March

17th. *Wear your "green"* and

share in an **Irish Potluck Dinner**

together after Mass.

FROM WHERE I STAND...

Good morning,
dear Community and Friends!

In today's First Reading, Isaiah dates a religious vision not by a day but by a death: "... in the year that King Uzziah died."

There are some things so painful for a person that events in his life can be dated by them: "in the year my wife died"; "in the year we lost our mom"; "in the year the hurricane devastated the town." An affliction of this sort divides a whole life into *before* and *after*: there is the life you had before your wife died, and then there is the life you have afterwards, after the death of your wife and the death of everything that made up your life together.

Sometimes in unbearable grief such as that stemming from the death of someone so loved, a person doesn't know how to stand under his sorrow. A heartbroken person has lost something central to him; and a person can fall apart when the center doesn't hold.

In those circumstances, a grieved and suffering person can want to die then too; he can want to come to the Lord too. When King Uzziah died, Isaiah came before the Lord, but only in a vision, where the doorposts shook and the house filled up with smoke.

The problem is that you can't really come to the Lord before *your* time on earth is over, and falling apart under grief gets you only an increase of sorrow. Isaiah responded to that vision of the

Lord by saying "Woe is me! I am doomed!"

This is not the end of the story for Isaiah, though. An angel seared Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal! And then Isaiah opened his mouth and offered to serve the Lord. When God asked, "whom shall I send?" Isaiah said, "here I am. Send me." All his most important service for the Lord came *after* the death that dates his vision and that changed his life.

When Isaiah himself finally died and came to the Lord, three kings later, he had become the foremost prophet of Israel. Because in the end he didn't fall apart but lived *after* King Uzziah's death, he produced the great prophecies of the Messiah that even now give the whole world hope.

If you can stand under your sorrow rather than falling apart, then through the searing grief can come a new life, a good life that was unimaginable to you *before*. If you can stand and live into the period of your life *after* the destruction of your heart's desire, then God's grace can bring life out of death for you.

Let us begin to do our very best to keep our loving conversations with one another away from the chapel interior. Let's begin to share those in the parish hall or the chapel walkway, but allow for "silence to be spoken" in our chapel. This affords our fellow parishioners and visitors an opportunity to settle into quiet prayerfulness before our joyful liturgy. Thank you for your loving awareness and practice.

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, February 3rd, 54 people gathered as the Body of Christ and joyfully shared \$1,894.00 from their financial resources to support the mission and ministry of our parish community. Thank you!

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8) Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

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:

Eric B. 2/13, Mike H. 2/17,
Anne Y. 2/19, Fr. Bill 2/20,
Dan J. 2/26, Cathy P. 3/2,
Sonny G. 3/6, Kathy J. 3/8,
Nicole T. 3/20,
Deacon Jan 3/25,
Mari M. 3/25, Nunzio M. 3/26,
Lee W. 3/27; Brandon B. 3/29.

Happy Anniversary to:

Katy C. and Taffy C., 3/15
Paul and Nicole T., 3/18

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



Stewardship Pearls

**Kindness is a language
which the deaf can hear
and the blind can see.**

-Mark Twain

**My religion
is very simple.**

My religion is kindness.

-Dalai Lama

**Kindness is the natural fruit
of goodness of the heart.**

- St. Katherine Drexel



WHEN WE GATHER NEXT

Sunday, February 17th, 10:30am
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalms 1:1-4, 6

I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Altar Bread Baker: *David B.*

Greeters: *Karen E. and Joanne D.*

Councilor Welcome: *Michael H.*

Presider: *Fr. Lionel*

Homilist: *Deacon Jan*

Acolyte: *Robert S.*

Lectors: *Wayne C. (1), Walter B. (2)*

Intercessions: *Christine T.*

Eucharistic Ministers:

Deacon Jan, Fr. Sam; David B.

Social Hall Service: *Last Names A-C*

E68HH Packing Team: *#3*

*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 cancer.*

- 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*

- David S.'s daughter, *mental healing.*

- Sr. Linda, *healing strength*

- For the youth of our End 68
Hours of Hunger Project.

Lord, hear our prayer!





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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:

- Tuna/chicken pouches
- Tuna/chicken cans
- Fruit cups and cans
- Granola/cereal bars
- Peanut butter
- Jelly, squeeze or plastic jar

Today's Packing Team: Team #2.

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.

Easter Joy!

If you have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or Holy Eucharist, please, be sure to speak with Bishop Steve so that we can prepare and you can celebrate Easter with great joy.

STEWARDSHIP IS KINDNESS

by Pat P.

In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets (*Matthew 7:12*).

We all have heard of Oprah's "random" acts of kindness, but it was a deliberate act of kindness when God invited us to his table. When God gave us this gift of kindness, he was being consciously kind. Giving of ourselves is the humblest of acts.

People want to be treated kindly but have a harder time being kind themselves. We have learned to compartmentalize our kindness rather than make it a way of life. We say kind things to one another but then gossip behind someone else's back. For kindness to flourish, it must be seen as a way of life. It must become part of our essence, our nature, and be embedded into every facet of our lives in the same way breathing and blinking are. The more we choose kindness the more it will become our natural reaction. We are made kind by being kind. Kindness is not, nor ever will be, just an action, although it is oftentimes associated with actions like volunteerism or charity work. Did the Good Samaritan reach out to help the injured man because he was looking for a thank you or because was he looking to see who was watching or was it because the spirit of kindness lived within?

So today, be **CONSCIOUSLY KIND**. In every action, ask yourself, "Am I being kind?" Let's find a way to live what we pray and make kindness our default mode.