

HOLY SPIRIT SYNODAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

03 MARCH 2019 – 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR LITURGY

Today's Intention: +Joe and +Louie Hebert, req. by JoAnn

Prelude: "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace" #602

Welcome and "Good News" (Donna C.)

Gathering Song: "Sing A New Song" #544

Penitential Litany: Mass of Light, Kyrie, #221

Gloria: Mass of Light, Gloria #222

Opening Prayer

Reading I: Sirach 27:4-7 (Dick B.)

Psalm Response: Psalm 92 #958

Reading II: I Corinthians 15:54-58 (Pam D.)

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Light, Alleluia #223

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:39-45 (Deacon Jan)

Homily: (Bishop Steve)

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

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

Kiss of Peace

Preparation of Our Gifts:

"We Have Been Told" #694

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; David B.

Communion Procession: "Blest Are They" #636

Song of Praise: "We Are the Light of the World" #515

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song:

"We Are Called" #710



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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

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! NEXT Sunday,

March 10th

"Simon Peter" Scripture Study,

Wednesdays of Lent, 7:30pm,

conference room. Series

resumes Wednesday, March

13th. FMI, speak with Deacon

Jan.

"Walk in the Park," Saturday,

March 16th, 10am, John

Chestnut Park, East Lake

St. Patrick Day, Sunday, March

17th. Wear your "green" and

share in an **Irish Potluck Dinner**

together after Mass.

Parish Council Meeting,

Thursday, March 21st, 7-9 pm,

conference room. *All are*

welcomed!

FROM WHERE I STAND...

Good morning,
dear Community and Friends!

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus says that every tree is known by its fruit. You can tell the difference between the good and the rotten trees by their fruits, he says. But he is really talking about us.

But what are the good fruits that you have to bring forth to count as a good tree? They are the "fruits of the Holy Spirit."

Every person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells has the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Scripture lists nine fruits (*see Galatians 5:22-23*), but traditionally the Church has listed twelve. Here is that list:

Love
Joy
Peace
Patience
Long-suffering
Goodness
Benevolence
Mildness
Fidelity
Modesty
Continence
Chastity

You'll see that I have divided the twelve into three unequal parts. The first part has five fruits that have to do with your relation to the Lord. When you are a good tree, you have the Holy Spirit indwelling in you. With the indwelling Holy Spirit, you are your beloved Lord's, and he is yours in love and joy and peace. In that loving relationship, you can also bear better the troubles of

this life, and so patience and long-suffering are on the list too.

The next four fruits have to do with your attitude towards your neighbor. When you are inclined to wish the good for your neighbor, you have goodness; and when you are inclined actually to help your neighbor in good ways, you have benevolence. You have mildness when you put up with a neighbor who is troublesome, and you have fidelity when you are inclined to forego getting revenge on him when he has been unjust to you.

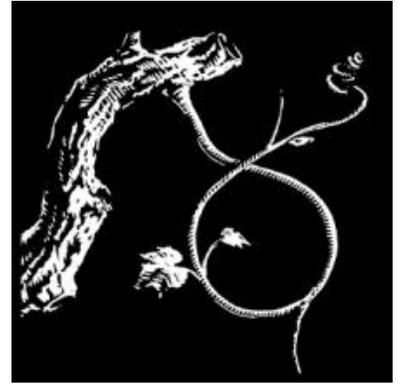
Finally, the last three fruits have to do with your attitudes about yourself. You have modesty when you are inclined to be content even if you are not the center of everyone's attention. You have continence if you are inclined to discipline yourself with regard to morally acceptable things. You manage to get your exercise in because you got yourself to turn the TV off, for example. And you have chastity if you are inclined to discipline yourself about those things that make you less than you are, particularly in your relationships.

If you have all these good fruits of the Spirit, it will be easy to recognize you as the good tree that you are!

May the Lord bless us all with great grace to nurture and bud forth all that is holy within us and among us. May our Lent be a gift of our love for God, self, and others.

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 25th, 35 people gathered as the Body of Christ and joyfully shared \$1,169.00 from their financial resources to support the mission and ministry of our parish community. Thank you!

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (Luke 6:43) Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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:

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!*



Lent 2019

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 6th

-Day of **FASTING** and **ABSTINENCE**

(No meat or fowl, 1 large meal, 2 small meals that do not exceed the main meal in total, no eating between meals)

-Mass with the Blessing of Ashes, 7:30pm

FRIDAYS of LENT

-Days of **ABSTINENCE** (No meat or fowl).

WAY of the CROSS,

Friday, March 8th, 7:30pm

SCRIPTURE STUDY, Wednesdays, 7:30pm

(March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10)

LENTEN GIVING BOXES to benefit Alpha House, Tampa, which cares for pregnant women and women with infants/toddlers.

“RENEW YOUR SPIRIT” Daily Devotional to accompany you each day in Lent with prayer and personal growth.



WHEN WE GATHER NEXT

Sunday, March 10th, 10:30am

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

Altar Bread Baker: *Donna L.*

Greeters: *Pat P. and Chris P.*

Councilor Welcome: *Deb S.*

Presider and Homilist: *Bp. Steve*

Acolyte: *Tommy W.*

Lectors: *Michael H. (1), David B.(2)*

Intercessions: *Natalie L.*

Eucharistic Ministers:

Deacon Jan, Fr. Sam; Carol D.

Social Hall Service: *Last Names R-Z*

E68HH Packing Team: *Spring break, no packing.*

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.

+ Bobbi, *Joanne D.'s sister-in-law, R.I.P.*

+ Jill, *friend of Deb S., R.I.P. 2/19/19.*

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:

- Granola/Protein Bars
- Ramen Noodles
- Boxes of Mac and Cheese
- Canned pasta/soup/chili

Today's Packing Team: Team #1.

www.end68hoursofhunger.org

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florida/mid-pinellas/](#)



Florida climate and weather, while not like up north, can prove to be challenging nonetheless, thus our sisters and brothers who are experiencing homelessness are facing hardships. 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 compassionate giving. Thank you for your generous heart and sharing for the sake of others.

Stewardship is Self-Kindness

By Bill S. and Bert M.

When asked by a teacher of law what is the greatest of God's commandments, Jesus replied to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. Jesus continued with "Love your neighbor as yourself." He finished by saying, "no commandments are greater than these". (Mark 12 28-31)

Many of us have little problem with attempting to show love and kindness towards others but balk or don't know how to extend that to ourselves. Self-kindness, compassion entails being warm towards oneself when encountering pain and personal shortcoming rather than ignoring them or hurting oneself with self-criticism.

I asked how we can start learning self-kindness. It was suggested treating yourself as you would treat a small child.... practice mindfulness...remember you're not alone. Give yourself permission to be imperfect and work with others.

Kindness to yourself is kindness to others. As my own well-being increases, I'm more able and likely to be patient, supportive, forgiving and loving to others, as our Father is with us.