

HOLY SPIRIT SYNODAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

05 MAY 2019 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

OUR LITURGY

Today's Intention: For +Jimmy Treston and +Jim Seymour,
req. by Michael H.

Prelude: "This Is the Feast" #458

Welcome and "Good News" (Natalie L.)

Gathering Song: "The Summons" #687

Introductory Rite and Penitential Litany: #221

Glory to God: Mass of Light, Gloria #222

Opening Prayer

Reading I: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 (Christine T.)

Psalm Response: Psalm 30 #30

Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14 (Diane P.)

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Light, Alleluia #223

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-19 (Deac. Jan)

Homily: (Bp. Steven)

Intercessions: **R. Lord, fill us with grateful love!** (Wayne C.)

Kiss of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: "Lord, When You Came" #678

Eucharistic Prayer: Mass of Light, #225, 226, 228; 230

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, #15

Lamb of God Litany: Mass of Light #231

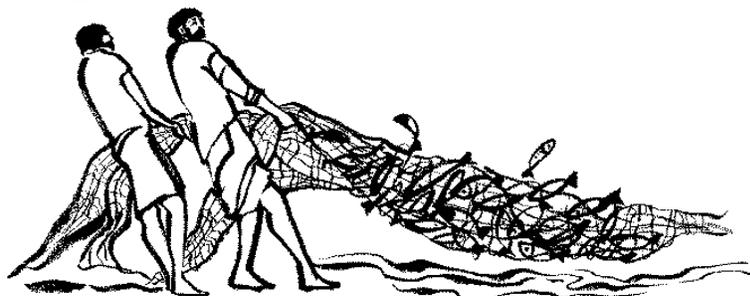
Eucharistic Ministers: Mthr. Sharon, Fr. Lionel; Fr. Jacques

Communion Procession: "Bread of Life from Heaven" #803

Song of Praise: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #863

Prayer after Communion and Solemn Blessing

Closing Song: "Go To The World" #469



BRING SOME OF THE FISH YOU'VE JUST CAUGHT AND COME
AND HAVE SOME BREAKFAST

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THE ROAD TOGETHER

Ministry Team Meetings:

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

-**Stewardship:** Sunday, May 19.

-**Finance:** Weds., May 15, 7pm

-**Landscape:** 3rd Sunday.

-**Outreach:** 4th Sunday.

Labyrinth Mini-Retreat,

Saturday, May 11th, 10am-

12pm. Parish chapel and

labyrinth. ALL are welcome!

Blessing of Mothers, NEXT

Sunday, May 12th, 10:30am.

Bring a framed photo of your

mother to place before the
altar.

May Parish Council Meeting,

Thursday, May 16th, 7-9pm,

Conference room.

"Dance in Your Socks" Night,

Saturday, May 18th, 6-9pm,

parish hall. BYOB and dancing

snacks to share. DJ: Duane

Cook. ALL are welcomed!

Memorial Day Holiday,

Monday, May 27th.

Sharing Sunday, Sunday, June

2nd. Our focus items: gift box

items for "XPMas in July" to

benefit the residents of

Evergreen Manor, Safety

Harbor.

Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, It's

our parish feast day, so wear

your "red"! A "Picnic Fixins'"

Potluck will follow our feastday

Mass.

Fathers' Day Blessing, Sunday,

June 16th.

FROM WHERE I STAND...

Happy Third Sunday of Easter,
dear Community and Friends!

Today's Gospel Reading describes the meeting between Peter and Jesus after the resurrection. In the previous recorded exchange between Peter and Jesus, when Jesus was captured and bound before his crucifixion, Peter betrayed Jesus three times.

In his betrayal of Jesus, Peter is no different from Judas. But Peter is the rock on which Jesus founded his church, and Judas is the villain of the Christian story. How does Peter differ from Judas?

You might suppose that the difference lies in the fact that Peter repented his betrayal of Jesus and Judas didn't. But the Gospel of Matthew says that Judas confessed his sin and repented. (*Matt.27:3-4*) So then what exactly is the difference between Judas and Peter?

The answer is shown beautifully in this Gospel Reading.

If you had been writing the story of this meeting between Peter and Jesus after the resurrection, what would you have had Jesus say to Peter—maybe something like this?

Jesus: "Peter, you know, don't you, that I love you anyway, even though you betrayed me? Nothing you do, however sinful,

can stop my love for you, which is boundless."

Peter: "Yes, Lord, and I am so grateful that you can somehow still love me, when I am as much a traitor as Judas was."

But that is not at all the way the Gospel Reading goes. What Jesus actually asks Peter—and asks him *three times*—is this: "*Peter, do you love me?*"

If you had been in Peter's shoes, what would you have said? Maybe something like this:

Peter: "Lord, I don't know what to say. You know that I love you, or else maybe I should say that I want to love you. I don't know, I don't know. What I did is so terrible! How could I have the shamelessness to say I love you after what I did?"

But what Peter actually says is "Yes, Lord, I do love you"—and he says it three times, once for each betrayal of his.

Finding himself sinful, Judas killed himself. Finding himself similarly sinful, Peter cleaved to Christ. Peter let nothing, not even his own sins, introduce any distance between him and the Lord he loved. And *that* is the difference between Peter and Judas.

That is why Peter is the rock on which the church was founded. Rejoice in your new life in Christ, walk in that light!

Peace,
Bp. Steve

OUR STEWARDSHIP



In gratitude for our many blessings and gifts from God, we share our time, talent, and treasures with others throughout the week. On Sunday, April 28th 48 people gathered as the Body of Christ to joyfully celebrate the Holy Eucharist in gratitude to God for our many gifts and the mission and ministry of this parish community.

"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17) All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those who in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish.

For a full monthly update on our finances, visit our parish website: www.holyspiritscc.org/treasure.html

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Jen B. 5/16, Taffy C. 6/16,
Carol D. 5/17,
Dr. Kathy R. 5/25;
George R. 5/27.

Happy Anniversary to:

Barry Q. and Mike K., 5/10
Bp. Steve, 5/27 priesthood, 30yrs

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



Hearts for the Homeless

Our **Blessing Bags Project** is in need of the following items:

- cracker snacks, protein bars.
- old T-shirts
(for Mindy to weave).
- hand sanitizer.
- men's boxer shorts.
- sunscreen.
- sunglasses.



WHEN WE GATHER
Sunday, May 11th, 10:30am
IV Sunday of Easter
Mothers' Day Blessing

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalm 100:1-3, 5
Revelation 7:9, 14-17
John 10:27-30

Altar Bread Baker: Donna L.
Greeters: Bob L. and Mark S.
Councilor Welcome: Donna C.
Presider & Homilist: Fr. Jacques
Acolyte: Karen E.
Lectors: Joanne D. (1); Ralph L. (2)
Intercessions: Gil M.
Eucharistic Ministers:
Fr. Lionel, Deac. Jan; Mthr. Sharon
Social Hall Service: Last Names A-C
E68HH Packing & Delivery: #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.



- For the intentions of our parish and diocesan communities, for our holiness, growth and generous service.
- Dan J., healing strength from surgery.
- Fr. Bill W., dialysis and awaiting a kidney transplant
- Ellen M., strength and healing from cancer and surgery.
- 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
- Jim B., strength & good healing.
- + The victims of gun violence, eternal rest and delight in God's arms.
- 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.
- Fr. Sam, spinal surgery healing
- Mark Sch., bladder cancer surgery.
- George E., good health and healing.
- + Richie M., Gil's brother, R.I.P. 4/16/19
- + Laura K., Mike's mother, R.I.P. 4/30/19

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:

- Canned tuna/chicken.
- Canned pasta/soup/chili.
- Crackers, Ritz or Graham.
- Instant Oatmeal, packets.
- Jelly, squeeze or plastic jars.
- Ramen Noodles

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

Stewardship is Peace

by Mike H.

During each Mass, we pray “Grant us your peace.” What is Peace? Peace is an absence of worry or anxiety, an inner assurance that everything is going to be alright. Jesus himself tells us not to worry: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what will you wear...Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” (Mt 6:25-27)

Peace is a gift from God, but Peace is also a fruit of the Spirit, something we share with others. But how can we share what we ourselves lack? I know that God is in charge and that He loves us and will give us what we need. It's relatively easy for me to trust God to take care of the big things. However, I worry about small, everyday things. Perhaps that is because I feel that I should be able to handle those things myself and I often fail to handle them as well as I think I should. God cares for us in

big and small ways, but we need to trust Him.

I think that Peace ultimately comes from our relationship with God, a relationship in which we trust Him. Trust in God is the key to Peace. Worry and anxiety come from a lack of that trust. Trust is something we gain day by day as we spend more time with God in prayer and contemplation. Should we have complete trust in God? Yes. Will we ever have complete trust in God? Probably not in this life time, but as we become more aware of God's loving presence in every part of our lives, our trust grows.

We need to cultivate that trust and the Peace it brings. Peace will then become one of the fruits of the Spirit that we can share with others. Let each of us pray, like St. Francis, “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.”

