

# HOLY SPIRIT SYNODAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Celebrating 17 years of faith, welcome and service, because it is about relationships, not rules!

09 JUNE 2019 – SOLEMNITY OF HOLY PENTECOST

## TODAY'S LITURGY

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

Prelude: "Come, Holy Ghost" #472

Welcome and "Good News" (Michael H.)

**Gathering Song:** "Send Us Your Spirit" #476

Introductory Rite and Penitential Litany: #221

Glory to God: Mass of Light, Gloria #222

Opening Prayer

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11 (Bill S.)

**Psalm Response:** Psalm 104 #60

Reading II: Romans 8:8-17 (Michael H.)

**Pentecost Sequence:** "Veni, Sancte Spiritus" #478

**Gospel Acclamation:** Mass of Light, Alleluia #223

Holy Gospel: Luke 14:15-16, 23-26 (Dcn. Jan)

Homily: (Bishop Steve)

Profession of Faith: **Nicene Creed**

(Please, see hymnal, inside back cover)

Intercessions:

✠. **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful!** (Donna L.)

Kiss of Peace

**Preparation of Gifts:** "Spirit Blowing Through Creation" #481

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: Dcn. Jan. Mthr. Sharon; Fr. Lionel*

**Communion Procession:**

"One Bread, One Body" #813

**Song of Praise:**

"Send Down the Fire" #477

Prayer after Communion

Prayer over the People and Blessing

**Closing Song:**

"You Are the Voice" #538



## THE ROAD AHEAD

**Ministry Team Meetings:**

-**Head to Heart:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

-**Stewardship:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

-**Finance:** Weds, June 12, 7pm

-**Landscape:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

-**Outreach:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

**2019 Hurricane Season!**

June 1<sup>st</sup>-November 30<sup>th</sup>. Be safe, be prepared, have a plan! Review the insert in today's bulletin.

**Fathers' Day Blessing, NEXT**

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to bring a framed photo of your father to place before the altar.

**June Parish Council Meeting,**

Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm, Conference room.

**Christian Initiation for Eiven,** son

of Jared and Rhianna, Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30am

**St. Pete Pride 2019!**

Parade, Sat., June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11a

Festival, Sun., June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11a-5p

**First Friday Holy Hour, THIS**

Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm. Come, spend time with your Lord!

**"Christmas in July" Social,**

Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1pm with our elder neighbors at Evergreen Manor. Wear your holiday cheer!

## FROM WHERE I STAND

Blessed Sunday,  
dear Community and Friends!

In one of the Gospels for Pentecost (*John 7:37-39*), Jesus invites people to come to him to drink. The Gospel explains that Jesus was talking about the Spirit; and the Gospel comments that, as yet, there was no Spirit.

But what could the Gospel mean by this? The Old Testament is full of references about the Spirit's coming on somebody. So, for example, in *Judges 15:14-15*, the text says that the Spirit of the Lord rushed into Samson, and he became so strong that he killed a thousand of the enemy with nothing more than the jawbone of a donkey.

It is worth seeing here, though, that the Old Testament itself distinguishes the way in which the Spirit was in the world in that Old Testament time and the way in which it was given in the time ushered in by Christ. As *Joel 3:1-5* explains it, in the messianic times God pours out his Spirit into the minds and hearts of his people. And this way of putting the point is helpful.

When the Spirit comes upon Samson, it seems to take him over. With the Spirit taking him over, Samson flies into a supernaturally strong fury,

which ends only when hundreds of his enemies lie dead. In that battle, Samson looks as if even Tasers would have had a hard time taking him down.

But in the time of Christ, when a person is baptized with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit does not take her over. The Holy Spirit comes into her, to be with her, even while her own mind and heart continue to be her own and to operate as her own. The result of this kind of giving of the Spirit is not a superhuman, wild strength and violence. The result is the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, and long-suffering. (The last thing anyone would think about Samson is that he was characterized by patience and long-suffering!)

And so this is what the Gospel means. Before Christ, the Holy Spirit might take over a person. But in the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was given to Christ's people, to be in them and with them always, in loving peaceful union with Christ, available to anyone who will come to Christ to drink.

Rejoice in the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, rejoice in Her inspirations and activity within and among us all. Her breath is Love Itself. Breathe deeply, my friends.

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, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 44 people gathered as the Body of Christ to joyfully celebrate the Holy Eucharist in gratitude to God for our many gifts, the mission and ministry of our parish community.*

*"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26) The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.*

*For a full monthly update on our finances, visit our parish website: [www.holyspiritscc.org/treasure.html](http://www.holyspiritscc.org/treasure.html)*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to:

Pat P. 6/9,

Fr. Lionel 6/13, Mary S. 6/13,  
Dana L. 6/15, Lennon B. 6/17,  
Donna L. 6/19; Tommy W. 6/30.

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

## Our Elder Neighbors: Our June Sharing

We are happy to once again celebrate "Christmas in July" for our elderly neighbors at nearby Evergreen Manor. The actual social is set for Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, until then we are busy collecting items throughout June to fill the shoe box gift packages for the residents.

The items needed are: large-print Word Finds and Crossword Puzzles, Pens and Colored Pencils, adult-styled Coloring Books, sugar-free Candy Bars, Toothbrushes, Toothpastes, Hairbrushes and Combs, personal-sized Hand Sanitizers, Deoderants, Skin Lotions, Socks, Nail Polish, Nail Polish Remover, and Nail Files...as well as Shoe Boxes to place the items in. If you were not able to bring your gifts this week, feel free to drop them in the conference room.



## WHEN WE GATHER

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am

### Holy Trinity

Fathers' Day Blessing



Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalms 8:4-9

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Altar Bread Baker: Gil M.  
Greeters: Chris P. and Pat P.  
Councilor Welcome: Deb S.  
Presider and Homilist: Fr. Lionel  
Acolyte: Bob S. and Sr. Louise  
Lectors: Walt B. (1); Wayne C. (2)  
Intercessions: Sr. Linda R.  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Dcn. Jan, Mthr. Sharon; Fr. Sam  
Social Hall Service: Last Names **D-K**

*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 from surgery.*
- Fr. Bill W., *dialysis and awaiting a kidney transplant*
- Ellen M., *strength and healing from 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., *healing, knee surgery*
- 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.
- 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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*Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh upon me.*

*Melt me, mold me,  
fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh upon me.*

*Spirit of the living God,  
move among us all.*

*Make us one  
in heart and mind,  
make us one in love:  
humble, caring,  
selfless, sharing.*

*Spirit of the living God,  
move among us all.*

## Stewardship is Charity!

by Mike H.



"It is better to give alms than to lay up gold." - *Tobit 12:8*

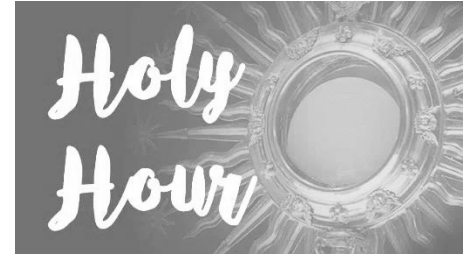
For many years, the first thing that I thought of when I heard the word, charity, was alms giving - giving aid to those in need. Alms giving is, indeed, an action that shows charity; but charity as a fruit of the Holy Spirit is something far wider and deeper than that. Charity is love - not just any love, but a self-sacrificing love. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "By charity, we love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for love of God."

A scribe asked Jesus, "which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-12:31*)

Charity is love. Charity is therefore obeying the greatest of all commandments. We practice many actions which are outward displays of charity, but charity is a state of mind, not an action. It is a state can we can never achieve on our own. It is gift from God. However, through prayer and practice and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can grow in charity day by day.

## PLEASE NOTE!

Any time that a Hurricane WARNING or a Tropical Storm WARNING has been posted for Pinellas County, ALL scheduled meetings, events, and liturgies at the parish are CANCELLED. Stay home, stay safe on these days!



Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, our parish will offer an opportunity for communal prayer and quiet in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We will do so every First Friday of the month from 7-8pm in our parish chapel.

A holy hour is spending time with God. Just as communication in marriage means listening, so the holy hour means listening; only in this case it means listening to God. Just as you must spend time with our spouse just pursuing the personal relationship of spouse for the other, so you must spend time with God. The holy hour places one in the presence of God to do just that.

A holy hour is not a project to be accomplished but an exercise of love. You can read a spiritual book, say the Rosary, perform some act of piety which means something in your life, or you can just DO nothing. Just rest with the Lord! The important thing is to realize that you need time apart where you experience God's personal care for you alone.