

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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Office hours:  
Tuesday — Friday  
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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## Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass  
8:30 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.

## Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.

## Weekday Mass

Wednesday  
6:30 p.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday  
5:00 — 6:00 p.m.



## Holy Spirit Church

So he went and  
washed, and came  
back able to see.

— John 9: 7b



## Pastor

Fr. W. David Nestler,  
O.F.M. Cap.

## Deacons

Deacon Shelby Friend  
Deacon Ronald James

## Music Minister

Mr. David Williams

Archbishop Lyke School  
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ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND WORSHIP WITH US



**Holy Spirit Parish  
Mission Statement**

We come together as a diverse and welcoming community to glorify, praise, and give thanks to God in Christ Jesus. Inspired by God's Word and the Eucharist, we go forth to serve the needs of our parish and the extended community.

We are called through the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel message and reach out to the poor and oppressed. We are committed to know, understand, and love each other as members of Christ's body.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

During this time when we are not permitted to celebrate public Masses, the intentions scheduled will be transferred to the next available dates. So far, these are the intentions that will be re-scheduled:

Minnie Rencher	Sylvia Temple
Jesse Traylor	Boyce McClellan
Lucille Wall Burketh	Anna Taylor
Ray Reynolds	
For healing, grace, and mercy	

**PRAYING FOR PEACE AMIDST PANDEMIC FEAR**

In unsettling times, we find our peace in the presence of the Lord. He is the only one who can effectively prevent the contagious epidemic of fear.

In our fallen world, there are many things that can provoke fear: not just the current pandemic, but also other illness and disease, the threat of recession, earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, fire, natural disasters of all kinds, and then there is the threat of military conflict with several countries and terrorist organizations.

Additionally, there are our own financial, physical, relational, health, and personal crises that often catch us by surprise and can strike terror in our hearts. Many feel helpless as events seem to spin out of control.

In these times of turmoil, turn to God for comfort. Pray the rosary for peace as Pope Francis has urged us. Read the gospels and notice how often Jesus' message is *Do not be afraid* — in exactly those or similar words. Share your thoughts and fears with him in the prayer that is the groaning of God's spirit, a prayer too deep for words (*cf.* Romans 8: 26).

*So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*  
— *Isaiab 41:10*



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

*Monday* Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

*Tuesday* Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16

*Wednesday* Is 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-28

*Thursday* Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

*Friday* Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

*Saturday* Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

*Sunday* Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

**A NOTE ON BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

If you do not see a birthday or anniversary listed, please let the office know and we will correct the omission. We're finding many gaps and a lot of erroneous information in our database. We are working to clean it up, but we need your help.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
03/22	Dawn Davis	Kierra Turner-McClure
03/23	Tyler Belinson	Curtis Edwards IV
03/24	Latricia Edwards	
03/25	April McClellan-Copeland	Philo Nwosu
03/26	Brittanie Calhoun	
03/27	Nannette Haygood Richard Johnson Jr.	Eric Rose
03/28	Tyric Green Edith Jones	Edith Richardson
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY		
03/21	Patricia and James Williams	
03/23	Helen & Lawrence Collier	
03/25	Renee & Glenn Gillespie	

### ON CONTAINING THE CORONAVIRUS AND A TEMPORARY RETURN TO VIDEO RECORDING

Please continue to be vigilant and careful according to guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Ohio's Department of Health and the Diocese of Cleveland.

Most importantly, please wash your hands frequently with soap and water, use hand sanitizer, and avoid unnecessary contact with others.

There are several relevant postings on our website: the letter from the Catholic Conference of Ohio; myths and facts about the virus, its spread and protecting ourselves; and a listing of available resources.

In an effort to keep our parishioners connected to our parish, our worship, and maintain some sense of "home," we will be video-recording our Sunday and Holy Week services.

People will be able to view our liturgies from our website...

<i>March 22</i>	<i>the Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
<i>March 29</i>	<i>the Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
<i>April 5</i>	<i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i>
<i>April 9</i>	<i>Holy Thursday Mass</i>
<i>April 10</i>	<i>Good Friday Liturgy</i>
<i>April 12</i>	<i>Easter Sunday Mass</i>

They will be recorded with the minimum necessary number of people: priest, maybe a deacon or two, musician, cantor, lector, server. The recordings will be posted to the website in time for the appropriate date.

Additionally, on Palm Sunday, Father David will be at the side door of the church to distribute blessed palm in a drive-through style manner from 10:00 am – Noon, and 3:00 – 5:00 pm. People may also drop off their envelopes at that moment if it is convenient for them.

Please spread the word about the availability of the video recordings and the distribution of blessed palm; and please ask each person you talk to, to do what they can to spread the word (not the virus).

Thank you for your help. May God keep us safe and healthy.

### THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

While we are not permitted to gather in church on Sundays, we will still publish a bulletin; however, it may be an abbreviated version during this suspension of our regular activities. It is always posted on our website.

### FULL, CONSCIOUS, AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

*Reflections on the Celebration of Sunday Mass*  
*Originally published 03/22/2020*

#### *The Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the second major part of the Mass and begins after the Universal Prayer, with the deacons and servers preparing the altar. You will see them arrange the linens and chalices on the altar, and place the missal there (that is, the book that contains the texts of the prayers used throughout the liturgy).

While the altar is being prepared, ushers are taking the collection and preparing the offering of our gifts. When everything is ready, the priest moves to the front of the altar and receives the gifts: the bread and wine to be offered at the altar, as well as our monetary offerings that pay our bills so that we can keep our programs strong and our property and buildings open and properly maintained.

This is a reflective and meditative moment of the Mass. As the priest lifts the gifts at the altar with a prayer of blessing, all of us are offering the total gift of our lives which those gifts symbolize. Consciously bring all the stuff of your life and offer it to God as the bread and wine are lifted at the altar: not only your joys and accomplishments, but also your sins, your failings, your confusions and doubts, illness and disease. We hold nothing back from the Lord who gave everything for us; we hold nothing back because we want him to touch every aspect of our lives and everything that is impacting us, the good and the bad. He wants to bless and redeem all of it.

The musical selection at the preparation of the altar and gifts can be either a hymn that the entire congregation is invited to participate in, or it can be a prayer sung only by the cantor and choir. This is one of the moments in the liturgy when our participation can be silent — but still active in the sense that we are listening, reflecting and praying in the quiet of our own hearts, placing the gift of our lives on the altar asking for God's presence in everything that we bring to him and all that is ahead for us in the coming week.

The preparation comes to an end with the priest's invitation to all of us to ask God to accept our gifts, to which we respond, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice ..." We stand for the Prayer over the Gifts and then the Eucharistic Prayer begins with the Holy.

The Saturday evening presentations on the Gospel of Matthew are suspended for the time being. Maybe we'll take it up again when the current crisis has passed.

Please silence all cellular phones and other electronic devices prior to the beginning of our liturgies.

## HOW TO SUBMIT CONTRIBUTIONS

COVID-19 has created a hardship for many of our brothers and sisters. We send our prayers out to all of our church families for your health and safety, and for any difficulties you may be facing. We understand that some of our parishioners may not be able to contribute to the church at this time. Just like yours, our bills continue to come; if you are able to make your regular contribution, you may drop it through the church office door slot or mail it to the office. Also, when Father David is at the side church door distributing palm on Palm Sunday, you may hand him your envelopes (See the article on the previous page, *On Containing the Coronavirus*). Maybe you will find this a good time to switch to online giving.

We currently have approximately 21 parishioners who are making their contributions to the church online. If you want to sign up, you will find instructions on our parish website. For assistance, please give the office a call.

## ONLINE GIVING IN FEBRUARY



In February the parish received \$5,972.00 in online donations, with another \$795.00 still being processed on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Our processing fees for the month were \$26.25.

COLLECTION	
<i>15 March 2020 — online contributions</i>	\$2,140.00
<i>15 March 2020 — envelope contributions</i>	\$3,550.00
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$5,690.00</b>
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$105.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$95.00
<b><i>Ministries of Mercy total</i></b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	

## PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

*If you or members of your family are admitted to the hospital and would like to be visited and remembered in prayer, please notify the parish office. If you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive a visit from the pastor or deacons, please contact the parish office.*

*Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishioners. In particular, please remember in prayer:*

Rochelle Larkin-Carr	Estella Fortson	Catherine Powell	Amanda Lewis	Rosie Bridges
Eliza Solomon	Henry & Kay Tucker	Carrie Aaron	John P. Jones, Jr.	Maxine Friend
Calvin Singleton, Sr.	Marvin Young	Juanita Adams	Elissa Coleman	Shirley Liston
Roger & Connie Raines	Jesse & Jessica Carr	Demateress Richards	Len Rosky	Patricia Pendleton
Rosemarie McBride	Fletcher & Delores Posey	Juanita McPherson	Luis Lorenzo	Bill & Monica Starks
Vera Payne	Pauline Reed	Catherine Wilson	Jewell Gardner	Bettina & Horace Bowling
James Wilson	Marian Mauldin	Marlene Land	Maria Hanan	Patricia Polk
Carmen Whaley	Don Miller	Denise Curry	Patricia Pendleton	Marlene DeBrossard
Edith Richardson	Allyssa Brand-Bey	Theresa Talbott	Frederick Whatley	Thelma Arnold
Helen Collier	Reaver Jones	Margaret Luton	Daniel Jefferson	Mattie Smith
Dorothy Minor	Della Powell	Sandra Cummings	Sharm Starks	Tyrone & Terry Lester
Phyllis Partee	Raman Belinson	Maureen Belinson	Linda E. Williams	Horace Reese
Sara Dickson	Ruby Fett	Jesse Smiley	D.D. Ward -Warden	Jonathan Traylor
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Mary Evans	Tammy Larkin	Jerry Freeman
Doris St. Clair	Merline Goodson	Shirley Wenson	Diane Heckathorne	

## PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

Sandra Clark	Melissa James	Stephanie Wentz	Andy Hutchinson	Uchechi Onwunaibe
Joshua Sánchez	Tyrone Franklin, Jr.	Mario Williams	Steven Daniel	Sadé Powers-Morgan
Dennis Ross, II	Steven Rau	Glen Pflieger	Maurice Williams	

