

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

Give thanks to the
Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

— Psalm 118: 1



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

Deacons
Deacon Shelby Friend
Deacon Ronald James

Music Minister
Mr. David Williams

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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.

**LET'S CALL IT PHYSICAL DISTANCING,
NOT SOCIAL DISTANCING**

It was one of those comments that wasn't at all pertinent to the conversation we were having. But it has stayed with me, and I'm still thinking about it. Two weeks later.

I was in the sacristy with a few people when I made a comment about social distancing, noting that each one of us was standing well beyond the mandated six-foot radius. I don't remember her exact words, but it was something very simple, and in my opinion, equally profound. One of our cantors said, it's *physical* distancing – not social.

Every time I hear a politician or some other authority figure talk about *social* distancing, that brief exchange in the sacristy comes flooding back to my memory. We are required right now to *physically* distance ourselves from each other; it is not and cannot ever be about distancing ourselves *socially*.

We are social beings, created that way. So we find ourselves reaching out to each other. We telephone and text each other. We send email messages. And the popularity of something like Zoom is all about the importance of seeing each other face to face. For such an extended time of isolation as this is turning out to be, it's not enough to read a loved one's written word; it's not enough even to hear that person's voice on a recording, or on the other end of the phone. We want to see each other. Even more desperately, we want to be with each other.

That day is coming. And when it arrives, may it find us rejoicing in the opportunity to hug each other. No words will be necessary. We'll say something for sure; maybe words like: "Welcome back! So good to see you." Whatever words come out of our mouths at the moment, they will just come. The most important thing is that we will be together again. And we will rejoice in it. *This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Even though we are not physically present to each other right now, we are socially side-by-side. Today and always. Sisters and brothers to the core. It is the day the Lord has made. Please rejoice with me.

J. David



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Acts 2:14, 22-23; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS

The following Mass intentions, originally scheduled between now and May 3rd, have been moved to dates early in 2021. To learn rescheduled dates for any of these intentions, please call the office:

Lady Pat West

William Jones

Dominic Strowder, Jr.

Roderick Rencher

Fred and Anna Jefferson

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 some erroneous information in our database. We are working to clean it up, but we need your help.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
04/26	Pat Temple	David Singh
04/27	April Moore	
04/28	Bobbie Dodson Jimmie Waugh	Christian Sisson Harold Wyant
04/29	Laura Moore	
05/02	Amy Michalski	

WHILE WE'RE AWAY FROM EACH OTHER

Please, if you have access to a device that has internet access, check our website regularly.

The longer this stay-at-home order goes on, the more important it is that we find ways to stay connected to each other. If you were asked, would you be willing to make a few phone calls each week? Maybe you have another idea for how you might serve our community. If so, please don't wait; give the office a call now.

The most recent addition is a suggestion for children (and all those who are young at heart) to offer an expression of gratitude to our postal workers and other delivery personnel for their continued service during this dangerous time. Look for it on our website.

If you are grateful to your mail delivery person and others who can't stay at home, here is a nice way to express your gratitude.

- 1) Go to the www.holyspiritcleveland.org website and click on the "Gratitude For Those Who Can't Stay At Home" link and download the picture.
- 2) Color it.
- 3) Tape it to your window or door.

**THOSE IN NEED
THEA BOWMAN CENTER**

If you or someone you know is in need, the Thea Bowman Center's food pantry and lunches are still taking place on Saturdays from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm through at least May 2nd. The center is located at 11901 Oakfield Avenue, Cleveland. The food pantry provides bags of food that will be distributed as takeout, as well as lunches during this time. They will be distributed outside of the blue side door, across from the garage. The Thea Bowman Center is a cause that is dear to our Holy Spirit community's heart, as some of our parishioners are staff members or volunteers at the center. It was also one of our causes that we donated to during #GivingTuesday.

KEEP IN PRAYERS

Please keep in prayers the family of Father Arcangelo Manzi, a priest at Cleveland's Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Parish, who has died of the coronavirus. He served as both parochial vicar at Mount Carmel and as a chaplain at Cleveland Clinic Lutheran Hospital. Please also offer prayers for anyone who has lost family and friends to the disease, or knows of someone who has been stricken with the disease, or is ill. Lastly, please pray for those who are essential workers and cannot stay at home.

A PRAYER DURING OUR UNCERTAIN TIMES

As many of us continue to struggle with the day to day uncertainties that COVID-19 present, may we use the strength of our faith as we say the prayer below and the example of our savior Jesus Christ, to guide us through these times.

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

We offer the promise of our prayers to Anthony Gibson and his family on the passing of his aunt, Margarete Johnson who died recently.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Helen Collier and Mary Sibyl Kress who are using their talents and time to sew masks for hospitals and for our parishioners. To date we have donated an estimated 80 masks to hospitals. An additional 20 masks are available. Please call the church office if you are in need of a mask or are interested in assisting. We will help you find the necessary materials.

THEA BOWMAN AWARDS

The Sister Thea Bowman Awards Banquet has been rescheduled. Originally scheduled in early May, it will now take place on September 13th; the venue and other arrangements remain the same. Michele Grooms-Massa of our parish is receiving an award for her dedication to the education of our youth. Please offer a prayer of gratitude to God for giving us a dedicated educator in our midst.

HOW TO SUBMIT CONTRIBUTIONS

COVID-19 continues to create a hardship for many of our brothers and sisters. We continue to 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. Thank you to all who have contributed during this unprecedented time.

So far during these weeks of isolation, our weekly contributions have been holding rather steady. Not every parish can make that claim. We know it's not easy. Be assured that your contributions are received in a spirit of gratitude and used responsibly.

If you would like to sign up to contribute through Online Giving, you will find instructions on our parish website. For assistance, please call the church office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

We have survived a couple of glitches in our recent video recordings of Holy Week and Sunday liturgies. We're pretty sure that we've got it figured out and the problem is solved. Please don't give up on trying to participate in this way.

COLLECTION	
<i>19 April 2020 — online contributions</i>	\$1,825.00
<i>19 April 2020 — envelope contributions</i>	\$1,650.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$3,475.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$35.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$835.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$870.00
<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	Mary Lois Smith

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

Saundra 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 Pfleger	Maurice Williams	

