

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

13 December 2020

Mass Schedule

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

I rejoice heartily in
the Lord, in my God
is the joy of my soul.

— Isaiah 61: 10a



Pastor

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

Deacons

Deacon Ronald James
Deacon Shelby Friend
emeritus

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

Sunday, 13 December 2020 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

Wednesday, 16 December 2020 ADVENT WEEKDAY
6:30 pm Audrey & Gregory Hopkins

Sunday, 20 December 2020 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

REST IN GOD'S PEACE

Please offer the promise of prayers to Geneva and Pamela Jones and their family, on the passing of their husband and father Steve Jones. Mr. Jones passed on December 5th. The family will hold a private burial service.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24th
7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25th
10:30 am

On New Year's Eve we will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm. This Mass is for the holy day, January 1st, the feast of Mary, the Mother of God.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
December 31st
7:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From Monday, December 23rd at Noon through Monday, January 4th, the parish office will be closed to ordinary business. Fr. David will pay close attention to incoming messages and will respond to pastoral needs.

To reach Fr. David, please call the parish rectory and leave a message at extension 12. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 5th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt:1:1-17

Friday Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Sunday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT

The Catholic Cemeteries Grief Support group will meet next Sunday, December 20th from 3:00 - 4:00 pm at Calvary Cemetery. The topic is "The Gift of God's Presence: You Never Walk Alone." December participants are asked to bring a picture or item that brings fond memories of their departed loved one. Protective face coverings are required. Please RSVP or address questions to Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/13	Kim Fortson	
12/14	Alisa Smith	
12/15	Annette Lyons	Carley O'Rourke
12/16	Samuel Johnson	
12/18	Ray Hines	Natasha Wilson-Dawson
12/19	Patricia Douglas	Kierra Westmoreland

GAUDETE SUNDAY



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent - also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word “gaudete” is derived from the Latin words “gaudium,” joy, and “gaudeo,” to rejoice or be glad.

There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in looking back to remember the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened by the importance of his birth — that he was born to save his people from their sins. The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness and a place in the Father’s house to dwell with God.

Providing us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation is the reason that the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is lit today, is traditionally rose-colored. We shift our reflection from “the Lord is coming” to “the Lord is near.” Rejoice as you light the rose candle on your Advent wreath.

TODAY’S PRAYER

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FREE COVID-19 TESTING FROM UNITEDHEALTH GROUP

The UnitedHealth Group (UHG) is administering free Covid-19 tests in Cleveland at the following sites:

Lee Road Baptist Church
3970 Lee Road
Cleveland, OH 44128

Elizabeth Baptist Church
6114 Francis Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44127

Lee Memorial AME Church
861 E. 105th Street
Cleveland, OH 44108

Testing will be available during the following days/times:

- Mondays, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Saturdays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

YOUTH MASS TODAY

Today’s Mass features the youth of our parish in roles of service. Please thank them and offer them an encouraging word.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

JESSE TREE MATERIALS



At the church entrances, you will find this week’s materials for Advent’s Jesse Tree. All materials for the first three weeks of Advent may also be found on the website. There is a symbol for each day of the week, along with a reference to a Scripture passage, a prayer and a reflection for the day.

The Jesse Tree has a long tradition in the church as a way to celebrate Advent. It is a meaningful family activity, and a great way to introduce children to important Bible stories.

2021 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2021 Josephite 50th Anniversary African American History & Heritage calendars are now available at the church entrances. If you are unable to come to church, please contact the church office to make other arrangements to receive one. Please take or request only one calendar per household. Thank you.

WORDS OF GRACE

The new Words of Grace daily reflections and prayer booklets for January - March 2021 are now available at the church entrances. If you will not be coming to the church, please contact the church office to make other arrangements to obtain one.

HUNGER CENTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In addition to the bags of food and personal items that the Holy Spirit Church hunger center provides, they will also be distributing toys and clothing during the holiday season on Tuesday, December 15th and 22nd from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. The hunger center will be closed for the holidays on December 29th and January 5th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 12th.

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

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you for your generosity.

INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

Senior Housing has published a document that provides information for families and senior citizens who are looking for senior living and care options that can help maintain their independence and quality of life in Ohio. This free resource provides comprehensive information on topics like financial support and care options that are available. The website offers resources for every city and state across the country. You can read about the work in Ohio here:

<https://www.seniorhousingnet.com/seniors/senior-living-us/ohio>

COLLECTION	
<i>06 December 2020 — online contributions</i>	\$2,654.00
<i>06 December 2020 — envelope contributions</i>	\$3,238.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$5,892.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$10.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$60.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$70.00
<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 & Shelby Friend
Calvin Singleton, Sr.	Marvin Young	Richard Bass	Elissa Coleman	Shirley Liston
Roger & Connie Raines	Jesse & Jessica Carr	Demateress Richards	Len Rosky	Jerry Freeman
Rosemarie McBride	Fletcher & Delores Posey	Jeffrey Rose	Luis Lorenzo	Bill & Monica Starks
Vera Payne	Pauline Reed	Catherine Wilson	Tammy Larkin	Bettina & Horace Bowling
Beverly Jordan	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	Isaac King, Sr.
Sr. Kathleen McCafferty, SND	Della Powell	Sandra Cummings	Sharm Starks	Tyrone & Terry Lester
Kenny White	Raman Belinson	Maureen Belinson	Linda E. Williams	Horace Reese
Doris St. Clair	Ruby Fett	Jesse Smiley	D.D. Ward -Warden	Jonathan Traylor
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Mary Evans	Cole Whaley	Gerri Fracasso
Clementine Jefferson	Lucille Mahone			

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 Pfleger	Maurice Williams	

