

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

24 January 2021

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

Proclaim his
marvelous deeds
to all the nations.

— Psalm 96: 3



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
216.991.9644

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, 24 January 2021 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

Wednesday, 27 January 2021 ORDINARY WEEKDAY
6:30 pm Jamaela Croom

Sunday, 31 January 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

**CANDIDATES FOR FULL COMMUNION
IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Back on the First Sunday of Advent (November 29th), we welcomed two new members as candidates to be received into the Catholic Church and our parish:

*Belinda Henry-Ruffin
Portia Gadson*

On the First and Second Sundays of Lent next month, they will take the next ritual steps toward becoming members of the Catholic Church. On that first Sunday of the season, we will celebrate with them the *Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion*. And then on the following Sunday, a *Penitential Rite* is celebrated near the end of the Liturgy of the Word. It leads them to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation soon thereafter and with this rite they enter into an intense, immediate, and final preparation to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation and to receive the Eucharist with us for the first time during the Easter Vigil, at which point they are fully initiated into our Catholic faith and life.

Please keep Belinda and Portia in your prayers now and throughout Lent as they continue this exciting journey toward deeper discipleship with us in the Lord Jesus.

The First Communion (2:00 pm) and Confirmation (12:30 pm) classes meet online this afternoon.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday 2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Friday Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday Dt 8:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Attendance at the 6:30 Mass on Wednesdays averages between 18 and 26 people. There's plenty of room for more people to attend in person while maintaining safe distancing from each other. Also, that Mass is now reliably livestreamed each week. Tune in and join brothers and sisters in a mid-week, welcome moment of rest and prayer.

Also, Father David is available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in church every Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

There is nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions.

— Pope Francis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 1/24 | Caylin Curry | Zelda Levert |
| 1/27 | Jocelyn Temple | Lovely Traylor |
| 1/28 | Earline Cook | |
| 1/29 | Clydnesia Larkin | Jasmine Smoot |
| 1/30 | Richard Barrett | Vera Payne |

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The council met last Sunday afternoon for about 90 minutes by way of a video conference call. The conversations covered many various topics from our food program to PSR and sacramental preparation programs, to a youth group and nourishing the strength of our community. In the background of every conversation was the pandemic and making the right adjustments to keep our community safe while striving to fulfill our mission.

A small group of council members will be working in the short term to build a leadership team to serve our youth and guide them into roles of service in our church community. The council discussed a plan to make contact with every registered household in the parish and resurrecting the parish Facebook page.

In terms of our prayer and worship, the council enthusiastically recommends that we pray the traditional devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent, appropriately physically distant in church, and hopefully live-streamed. Members strategized about ways to safely offer Communion to parishioners on Sundays. And the council discussed ways we might be able to have an outdoor summer choir concert. Finally, the council endorsed the idea of preparing a new pictorial directory of the parish. The last directory was published nine years ago.

Council members, in small groups of three or four, agreed to work in the coming weeks to keep these ideas and initiatives moving toward implementation.

The video conference was recorded; a link to the first part of the recording is posted on the parish website. After clicking the link, the passcode is: ?853+GON.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On Sunday, February 7th the church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life.

FINANCE COUNCIL

The council met this last Thursday evening and began the process of vetting two organizations interested in leasing and eventually purchasing the former Saint Henry Rectory on Harvard Avenue.

THE BLESSING OF SAINT BLAISE

We will honor the centuries-old devotional practice of offering the traditional blessing of throats on the feast day of Saint Blaise, Wednesday, February 3rd at the 6:30 Mass that evening.

Because of the pandemic, the diocese is directing that the blessing be given without physical touch and without the use of crossed candles. God's blessing comes upon us through the prayer and the sign of the cross. The invocation is prayed once over all the people.

Let's take advantage of every opportunity to strengthen ourselves against a virus that attacks the respiratory system; the blessing of our throats while calling on the prayerful support of Saint Blaise is one such opportunity.

ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN LENTEN REVIVAL

For just over 15 years, African American parishes across the diocese have annually held a three-day Lenten revival. Due to the continuing restrictions of the coronavirus, the celebration will not be held in the traditional setting this year. The Office of Ministry to African American Catholics will offer an alternative way to observe the annual celebration. Details will be available in the coming weeks on the diocesan website (dioceseofcleveland.org).

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 17th this year. And because there is not a collaborative revival this year, we will celebrate the beginning of Lent with Mass and the distribution of ashes at the usual time of our Wednesday evening liturgy (6:30 pm).

Because of the pandemic the bishop has mandated that ashes are not to be given in the usual way – spreading the ashes in the form of a cross on a person's forehead using one's thumb. There is to be no physical contact between the person receiving ashes and the one distributing them.

In many places throughout the world, ashes are distributed by sprinkling a small bit of ash directly on the person's head. That is the method we are to use this year. So, Ash Wednesday may not be the best day to wear a hat in church, and you may choose to wait until after Mass to wash your hair that day.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY MEDITATION

Please join the Diocese of Cleveland for First Friday Rosary Meditation - every first Friday at 12:30 pm through their Facebook page [@DOCParishLife](https://www.facebook.com/DOCParishLife).

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

There is a second collection this weekend — The Latin America - El Salvador collection. It is the only appeal made by the Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It also benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

TAX STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a yearly contribution report for 2020, please contact the church office. Many in our parish do not look for or request a statement of their annual contributions, so we will print a report of contributions only at your request.

| COLLECTION | |
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| <i>17 January 2021 — online contributions</i> | \$2,778.00 |
| <i>17 January 2021 — envelope contributions</i> | \$4,011.00 |
| <i>Sunday collection total</i> | \$6,789.00 |
| <i>Catholic University of America — online contributions</i> | \$150.00 |
| <i>Catholic University of America — envelope contributions</i> | \$285.00 |
| <i>Catholic University of America total</i> | \$435.00 |
| <i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i> | \$50.00 |
| <i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i> | \$153.00 |
| <i>Ministries of Mercy total</i> | \$203.00 |
| <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:

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| 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:

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| 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 | |

