

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*28 February 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

If God is for us, who  
can be against us?

— Romans 8: 31b



## 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, 28 February 2021* SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church
- Wednesday, 03 March 2021* LENTEN WEEKDAY  
6:30 pm Marlene DeBrossard
- Sunday, 07 March 2021* THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

**REACHING OUT**

Over the last several weeks we have attempted to reach out by telephone to every registered household in the parish. Members of the parish council, several other parishioners, Deacons Ron and Shelby, and Father David have made phone calls.

Our only desire is to let everyone know that we miss being together the way we used to be. We want our parish leaders, in particular, to express the concern we have for our brothers and sisters who cannot and should not be coming to church right now. You are not forgotten. You are remembered and cherished. You are being held in prayer before the Lord.

If we missed you in our first round of phone calls, please let us know; the parish database is neither as accurate nor complete as we would like. We will be calling again in the next several weeks just to check in. If there is anything our parish can do for you, please give us a call.

As the vaccines are being rolled out and distributed, there is some hope that later this year it will be safe for us to gather together in church and resume some of our activities and relationships. Let us pray that is true. We are a people of hope. In the meantime, the leaders of your parish will do what we can to reach out to you individually and personally. You are missed. We can't wait to see you when it feels safe enough to you to return.

May God bless you with his peace.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday* Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
- Monday* Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday* Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday* Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday* Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-21
- Friday* Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday* Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday* Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**THANK YOU**

Charlotte Brown and her family extend their gratitude to the Holy Spirit Church family for our prayers, condolences and acts of kindness, on the passing of her brother, Edgar Brown.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
02/28	Horace Bowling	Penelope Whatley
03/02	William Dodd	Patricia Tabor
03/03	Brittany Forte Alanna King Ivy King Isaiah Penn	Amara Penniman-Whatley Colleen Sauvain Joseph Vallery Jr.
03/04	Sharon Booker Marcella Lash Demetrius Ledgyard	Dolores Posey John Yelenosky
03/05	Lamont Dodson Miles Simron	William Simron
03/06	Anthony Brown	Mary Pinckney

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES		
Passion Sunday	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am
Wednesday of Holy Week	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm
Easter Vigil	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 pm
Easter Sunday	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am



**WHO WILL BE THE FIRST BLACK CATHOLIC SAINT FROM THE UNITED STATES?**

An insert in this week's bulletin is reprinted from February's edition of *America Magazine*, a highly respected, monthly Catholic journal of opinion in the United States published by the Jesuits. We obtained permission to reprint it here to close our observance of Black History Month. Permission does not extend to posting the insert with our bulletin on the website. So, only those who pick up a paper copy of the bulletin will have the insert. We will have enough paper copies for anyone who would like one. On the opposite side of that reprint is a short article on the history of the Black Madonna.

**THE OPEN DOOR**

We are a people old as time  
 A culture born along the Nile.  
 Our history a heinous crime  
 Our future pondered all the while.

Black bodies once in cotton fields  
 Enslaved by half a nation.  
 Their suffering only to yield  
 More pain, more degradation.

But then came men like Booker T.  
 DuBois and Douglass too.  
 To challenge minds, to make us see  
 Our worth in all its truth.

And so the road that they once trod  
 Is narrow never more.  
 And by the power of our God  
 They've opened wide the door.

*Written by Carmen M. Whaley of Holy Spirit Church  
 for Black History Month, 2004*

**THE PENITENTIAL RITE**

In Jesus' words and actions we hear God's comforting message of pardon for sin, and we praise the Father's mercy. On this Second Sunday of Lent, our candidates for full communion in the Catholic Church are invited to embrace, along with all of us, a spirit of repentance in a short ritual during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Then, before celebrating the fullness of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, Portia Gadson and Belinda Henry-Ruffin will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Remember that Father David is available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Wednesday from 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the church. If that is not convenient, please feel free to call the rectory and another arrangement can be made.

The 2021 Confirmation class meets online this afternoon at 12:30 pm.  
 The First Communion class meets online next Sunday at 2:00 pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

We are praying the Stations of the Cross as a community every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm, except Good Friday. This time-honored devotion is being livestreamed.

**LENTEN RICE BOWL**

Join our faith community — and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl. During Lent, we reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. You may pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the church entrances. If you are not attending church, you may contact the church office to request a Rice Bowl be mailed to you. In lieu of using the Rice Bowl, you may designate a container at home to place your change in and either bring your collection to the office, or convert your Rice Bowl gift to a check made out to Holy Spirit Church with "CRS Rice Bowl" on the memo line. There is a Lenten calendar inside the bulletin with daily reflections and suggestions for specific giving needs. For additional information, such as meatless recipes from around the world for Fridays in Lent and stories of hope, visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

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

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

It is never too late make a donation or commitment to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. The envelopes are still available in church at the end of the pews. You may also donate through the diocese's website: [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org). Your support of the 2021 appeal helps the diocesan church to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us all: "I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me."

### REFLECTIONS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

The Diocese of Cleveland Office of Ministry to African American Catholics has partnered with the Xavier University Institute of Black Catholics Studies and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to provide a series of reflections during Lent.

The reflections are posted daily at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChQWPMDVG4\\_pgeolxsMKdWQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChQWPMDVG4_pgeolxsMKdWQ)

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a contribution report for 2020, please contact the church office. We will print a report of contributions only at your request.

COLLECTION	
<i>21 February 2021 — online contributions</i>	\$3,410.00
<i>21 February 2021 — envelope contributions</i>	\$3,229.00
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$6,639.00</b>
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$000.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$320.00
<b><i>Ministries of Mercy total</i></b>	<b>\$320.00</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 & 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	Walter Malcomb	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	Star Lewandowski	Alanna King	

### 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	

