

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

20 February 2022

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

God has called us
through the Gospel
to possess the glory of
our Lord Jesus
Christ.

— 2 Thessalonians 2: 14



Pastor

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

Deacons

Deacon Ronald James
emeritus

Deacon Shelby Friend
emeritus

Music Minister

Mr. David Williams

Archbishop Lyke School
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COME, 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

Saturday, 19 February 2022 THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish

Sunday, 20 February 2022 THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 am Fred and Anna Jefferson

Wednesday, 23 February 2022 SAINT POLYCARP
6:30 pm Liturgy of the Word

Saturday, 26 February 2022 THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm Fred Roberts

Sunday, 27 February 2022 THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish

WEDNESDAY EVENING LITURGY

While Father David is recuperating, there will still be a service in church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 – a Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Communion when possible.

This service can be led by a deacon, lay ecclesial minister or an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist. Deacons Ron and Shelby will take the lead at first, but then we'll be asking others in the parish to consider leading our small Wednesday group in prayer and reflection on the Word of God.

If coming to church on Wednesday evening is a part of your weekly routine, please keep coming; there's no need to change. If you haven't tried it yet, think about taking advantage of this midweek moment of rest and prayer. You deserve it.

MAY HE REST IN GOD'S PEACE

Lawrence (Kenny) Collier died on Saturday morning, February 5th at home. Please pray for his eternal rest, and pray for God's peace for his wife, Helen, daughter, Stacey and all his children, and all the family. Funeral arrangements have been made for Saturday February 26th, with the wake at 10:00 am and the funeral Mass at 10:30 am.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is less than two weeks away: March 2nd. 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).

Every Friday during Lent, beginning on March 4th, we will pray the Stations of the Cross in church at 6:30 pm.

Father David already knows what penance he will bear during this holy season. Do you know what cross you will embrace? Do you have a particular person or intention for whom, or for which, you want to lift your efforts to God's glory? There are many needs and concerns in each of our lives and throughout the world.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
2/20	Pamela Jones	
2/21	Jewell Gardner	Michele Garrett
2/22	Wayman Frazier Anthony Gibson	Kenny White
2/23	Bettina Bowling	Isis King
2/24	John James	Adayre Bevill
2/25	Roselyn Sánchez	
2/26	Michael Chukwu Jr. Willie Pearson Jr	Sheneia Wilson
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY		
2/25	Merline & Gene Goodson	

TEXAS ABOLISHED SLAVERY

During the time that parts of Texas were governed by Mexico, the Mexican government opposed slavery. However, the Republic of Texas (with approximately 5000 enslaved people in its geographical boundaries), modelled its 1830 Constitution on the Constitution of the United States of America, which protected slavery. It stripped the Republic's Congress of the ability to pass any legislation affecting the slave trade. No slave owner was able to free slaves in the Republic of Texas unless the Texas Republic's Congress consented. Free Blacks, if any, had to get permission from the Congress to continue living there. They were considered a threat to slavery as an institution, encouraging slaves to escape. There was hardly any democratic process available to any black person in 1830's Texas.



On March 17, 1836 Mexican President Vicente Guerrero issued a decree abolishing slavery throughout all of Texas. However, the abolishment of slavery during Guerrero's administration was short-lived as the American settlers found ways around the laws the Mexican government put in place, including lying about the slaves they were bringing into the territory.

These events were factors leading up to the Texas Revolution by settlers and the removal of Mexican control over the area.

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

For the last two years cantors have anchored our music ministry. It has not been safe for a group of people to gather in a choir, in close proximity, singing boldly and full-throatedly. We have used small scholas of cantors on occasion for the most solemn celebrations.

While so much uncertainty still surrounds us regarding the pandemic and how best to keep ourselves and each other safe as we are faced with variants, we are taxing the availability of the cantors willing to help lead our worship. So, this is a request to our cantors and choir: if you are feeling safe enough in church, will you take a turn being the sole vocal leader to help lead us in our sung prayer?

All you have to do is come to practice and agree to give your best effort while continuing to learn the art of leading a congregation in singing.

The future of our choir begins here.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

**COMMUNION
PARTICIPATION
MISSION**



Last Sunday we concluded our schedule of listening sessions for the synod. Since the end of November we have had 17 sessions and approximately 54 people participated.

The sessions were held in person, by way of teleconferencing, and even one-on-one. The PSR program adapted the sessions for the appropriate age level and we received encouraging feedback from our youngest members. The Holy Spirit teens will have their own listening session in the early days of March.

When the feedback is collated and a report prepared, we'll share all that and consider next steps.

CATHOLIC CHARITES APPEAL

The Catholic Charites annual in-pew appeal takes place this weekend. Many parishioners should have received a letter in January, inviting your support. Your support of the 2022 annual appeal will help to serve those individuals who are most in need and most vulnerable. You are invited to view stories of inspiration and find more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2022Appeal.

As you know, we are assessed a goal we are expected to reach; we consistently do so. Maybe this year we can focus not only on reaching the monetary goal, but also increasing the number of parishioners who participate. No gift is too small to matter. If you've not given to the appeal before (or recently), please consider a gift or a pledge this year. Thank you for your continuous generosity in these challenging times.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1Sm 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Monday Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40; Jn 15:18-21

Thursday Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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

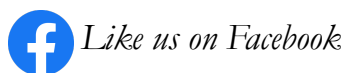
HEALTH UPDATE

Father David continues to recuperate. His second surgery – the one to provide a permanent repair to his right leg – is scheduled for tomorrow (Monday). The surgeon says it is a complicated procedure but he is confident in predicting a successful outcome.

The plan is that after a night in the hospital, Father David will be discharged to begin physical therapy – a few days of hard work will give a better sense of when he can return to the church, and the length of time his total recovery will take. He is working to be back among the parish as soon as possible.

He is grateful for all your prayers.

COLLECTION	
<i>13 February 2022 — online contributions</i>	\$2,779.00
<i>13 February 2022 — envelope contributions</i>	\$2,880.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$5,659.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$85.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$61.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$146.00
<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	Hal Wyant
Jewell Gardner	Henry & Kay Tucker	Carrie Aaron	John P. Jones, Jr.	Maxine & Shelby Friend
Cole Whaley	Marvin Young	Richard Bass	Wendy Lewis	Shirley Liston
Roger & Connie Raines	Jesse & Jessica Carr	Demateress Richards	Jean & Len Rosky	Jerry Freeman
Rosemarie McBride	Fletcher & Delores Posey	Gerri Fracasso	Cordell Curry	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	Clementine Jefferson
Edith Richardson	Allyssa Brand-Bey	Theresa Talbott	Preston 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
Lucille Mahone	Raman Belinson	Maureen Belinson	Linda E. Williams	Horace Reese
Doris St. Clair	Ruby Fett	Eunice & Jesse Smiley	D.D. Ward -Warden	Jonathan Traylor
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Star Lewandowski	Cora Williams	Merline Goodson
Tyric Green	Jimmy Owens	Sophronia Reed	Sandra Rose	Barbara Galloway

If you decide that it is no longer necessary for your name to appear on this list because your condition has improved, please contact the parish office.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

Sandra Clark	Mario Williams	Maurice Williams	Steven Rau
Joshua Sánchez	Dennis Ross, II	Uchechi Onwuanaibe	Sadé Powers-Morgan

