

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

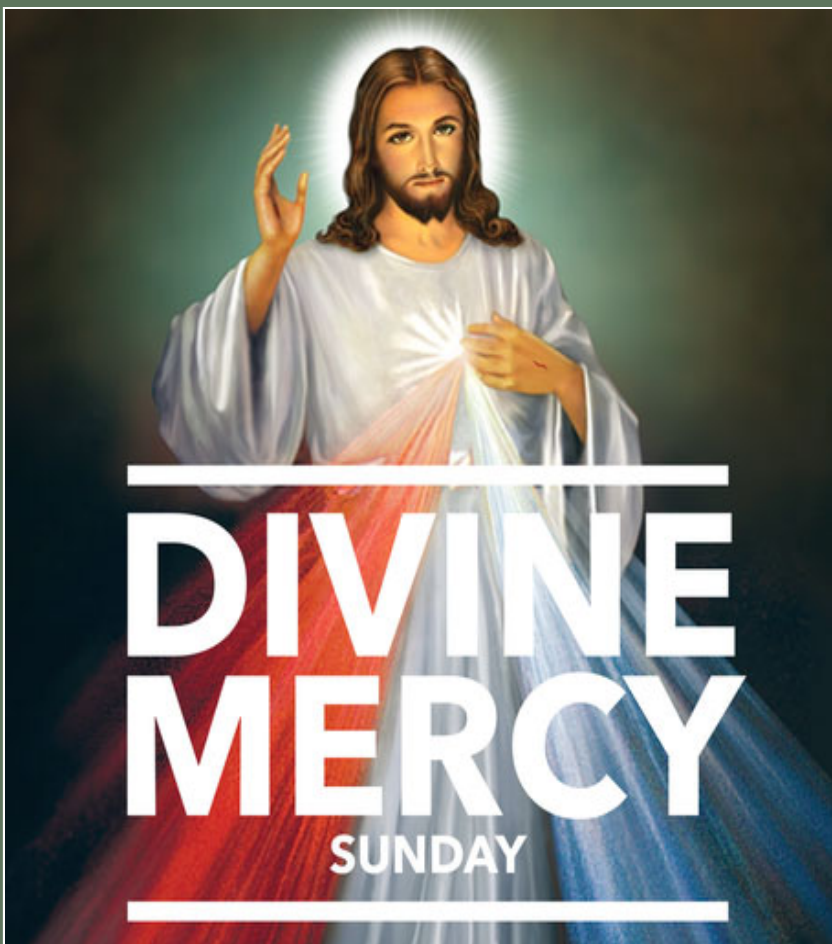
Mass Times

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH will suspend Public celebration of Mass and all scheduled events including Ministry Group Meetings, until further notice as directed by the Diocese of St. Augustine.

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 19, 2020

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
— John 20:29b*



*PLEASE JOIN YOUR
HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY
ON LIVE STREAM FOR
MASSES &
DEVOTIONS VIA
FACEBOOK & THE
CHURCH WEBSITE*

Daily Mass – Mon thru Sat
@ 8:30am

Sun @ 11:00am

Holy Hour with Divine
Mercy Chaplet
Mon thru Fri @ 3:00pm

Rosary – Mon thru Sat
@ 7:00pm

**JESUS I TRUST
IN YOU**

Parish Mission

*"To be the light to our World by: Praying and Celebrating as a Eucharistic Community,
serving those in need with unconditional love & generosity"*



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SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Class – 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Family Life Center.

You **MUST** be registered at the Parish for 6 months.

Baptisms – 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month after the

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday – 6:30pm & Saturday - 4:00pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or your loved one is in need of the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the Parish Office at any time.

We also have dedicated Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples must contact Father Amar & Cheryl Bergman at least 6 months in advance.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

K thru 12th Grade, Sundays 9:30-10:45am; Aug - May

Pastor, Fr. Amar Nagothu, MSFS
amarmsfs@holyspiritchurchjax.org

SERVICE MINISTRY CONTACTS

Adoration	Ben & Perlita Lipat	904236-0439
Altar Society	Linda Davis	904-329-2714
Angels of Mercy	Kathie Garrett	904-565-1859
Annulments	Ann & Tim Hergenroether	904-591-8004
Bible Study	Ron Coleman	904-641-8688
Choir - Adult & Filipino	JoJo Munoz	904-422-1764
Choir - Folk	Bob Vigliano	904-476-4240
Choir - Junior	Phil Militante	904-620-8841
Elizabethan Ministry	Jennifer Cabrey	904-993-9500
Grounds	Jerry Robichaud	904-642-5714
Healing Prayer Ministry	Jeff & Vickie Slade	904-449-1447
Hope & Consolation	Pam Andres	904-571-5998
Hospitality	Sandy Coleman	904-613-2993
Knights of Columbus	John Murnin	904-714-8873
Legion of Mary	Ted Slezak	904-859-8777
	Anne Fabre	409-658-2229
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Men's Club	Dave Garrett	904-565-1859
Offertory Counting Cmte.	Diane Davis	904-641-7244
Prayer Blanket Ministry	Marcia Scheeter	904-641-7115
	Kathy Lehane	904-477-0808
Quilts for Vets	Diane St. Laurent	904-220-9199
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Pre-K - 8th grade

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This Week @ Holy Spirit



Sat	Apr 18	Holy Spirit Parishioners
Sun	Apr 19	Edward & Clara Delage By: John & Marcia Scheeter Ellis Freeman By: Chris & Larry Freeman
Mon	Apr 20	+Joan Van Cleve By: Family
Tue	Apr 21	+Jowell Loyola By: Mom & Dad
Wed	Apr 22	Jim & Diane (Annv)
Thu	Apr 23	+John Rowan, Jr. By: Family
Fri	Apr 24	+Zenon Bajao, Sr By: Bajao Family
Sat	Apr 25	+Mauro, Emerlinda & Romalyn By: Gaspin & Yanez Families
Sun	Apr 26	Holy Spirit Parishioners Brian & Fatima Chamber (Annv) By: Chambers Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



OBSERVANCES

Tuesday:

St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Wednesday:

Earth Day

Thursday:

St. George; St. Adalbert

Friday:

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen; National Arbor Day

Saturday:

St. Mark

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH will suspend Public celebration of Mass and all scheduled events including Ministry Group Meetings effective March 18, until further notice as directed by the Diocese of St. Augustine.

The church will remain open daily for private prayer from 9:00am - 2:00pm

During this difficult time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. To help them sanctify their day, we are honored to make our online version of **MAGNIFICAT** temporarily available to everyone for free.

Please help us spread this message and share this email and link: www.magnificat.com/free with as many people as you can.

Formation and Spirituality in the Home

The Office of Christian Formation will continue to provide good resources for formation and spirituality to assist people during this difficult time. These lists continue to grow and many are posted on the Diocese of St. Augustine COVID-19 resource page (<https://www.dosafl.com/coronavirus>).

Materials and links for the following resources are available:

- Adult Faith Formation and Spirituality
- Children and Youth Formation
- Family Specific Materials

Participating in Mass from a Distance

A few resources to assist you as you attempt to participate in Masses from home:

- Celebrating Mass at Home
- LifeTeen
- Tips for prayerful participation in an online Mass

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER AMAR ON
THE 11TH YEAR ORDINATION
ANNIVERSARY – MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020



Congratulations, Father Amar on this the eleventh anniversary of your priestly ordination. Your pastoral leadership has been a blessing for all of us at Holy Spirit and particularly so during the present Covid-19 Pandemic. Thank you for the comfort you have brought us at this trying time. We wish you many more years in priestly service to our Lord, as we count the many blessings for each of those years spent at Holy Spirit.

Your Holy Spirit Family extends their heartiest Congratulations and Best Wishes to you on this your special day! May the Holy Spirit continue to lead and inspire you, as you continue your priesthood vocation.

We thank you for your love, leadership and support throughout the years.

**With Love
Your Holy Spirit Family**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

TIME Talent TREASURE

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING APR 05, 2020

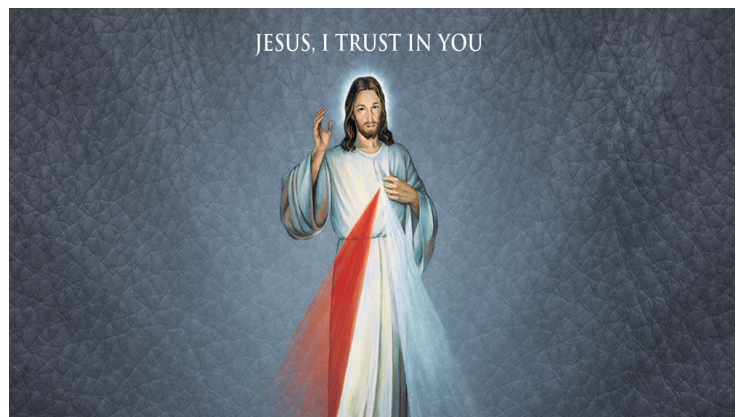
Offertory:	\$ 15,780.00
FLC Pledge:	\$ 3,075.00
Emergency Fund:	\$ 225.00
School:	\$ 283.00
*Online Giving:	\$ 5,221.00
*Included in above totals	

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING APR 12, 2020

Offertory:	\$ 10,465.00
FLC Pledge:	\$ 2,823.00
Emergency Fund:	\$ 285.00
School:	\$ 107.00
*Online Giving:	\$ 1,362.00
*Included in above totals	

Please continue your sacrificial giving by using the Parish Online giving app <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/holy1166175> or by mailing your offering to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your sacrificial giving and may God continue to Bless your generosity.



OFFERTORY GIFTS NEEDED

Offertory Gifts Needed for Parishes to Continue Ministries

It would be difficult to overstate how challenging these days have been for all of us, as we face the various effects of the COVID-19 crisis on our families, jobs, and communities.

Among the most dramatic ways we've had to adjust to this pandemic is the suspension of Holy Mass and refraining from gathering as a community. And while the public celebration of Mass has been suspended, the work of the church goes on.

The crisis is having a significant financial and economic impact on us all. Our inability to gather each week at Mass also means your parish is unable to receive your offertory gift there, and it can't be stressed enough how vital this support is to the parish and the people who work there.

Parish and school operating budgets depend on this revenue to pay employees and all the other monthly expenses associated with running the church. We don't have large sums in reserve. Your continued support of your parish is crucial now.

Please visit the online giving page <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/holy1166175> and set up your regular contributions to your parish as soon as possible. Of course, you may also mail your offertory gift to the parish. Either option will be greatly appreciated; however, the online giving option enables you to make a recurring gift that will provide your parish greater financial stability during this crisis and in the future.

Many of our people also are in financial hardship because of this crisis. If your circumstances prohibit you from giving now, we understand completely and pray that your situation improves very soon. If you are in urgent need of help, please call the parish office @ 904-641-7244.

Thank you for your prayers, your faithfulness, and your support. May the Lord bless and keep each of you and your loved ones during this challenging time.

Specific Text Instructions

- 1) Text the "GIVE" to our Church text giving number [501-273-3327](tel:501-273-3327).
- 2) If first time you will be prompted to click link to register.
- 3) Select "SIGN IN" to register your account.
- 4) Enter the secure pin that the system will text you.
- 5) Select fund or funds you want to give to.
- 6) Enter donation amount and payment information.
- 7) Select "SAVE PAYMENT".
- 8) After registration texting a gift is extremely easy and fast.
Simply text the desired amount and fund to [501-273-3327](tel:501-273-3327)
Example: 100 Offertory (means \$100 to Offertory)
For a list of funds text, Keyword
- 9) You will receive a confirmation for your gift.
- 10) It is recommended to save the number to your contacts.



INSTRUCTIONS for HOLY SPIRIT ONLINE GIVING

- 1) Sign in to <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/holy1166175>
- 2) First time: Select "SIGN IN" to register.
- 3) Select giving by "TEXT" or "EMAIL".
- 4) Select using "BANK ACCOUNT" or "CREDIT CARD".
- 5) Select fund or funds giving to: Offertory, Family Life Center, etc.
- 6) Select amount giving.
- 7) If you want this to be a recurring gift click in the box next to "RECURRING GIFT".
- 8) Select "SUBMIT", you will receive confirmation email.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

ORIGIN OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE, THE CHAPLET, AND THE NOVENA



Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.

St. John Paul II explains: *This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church. ~ Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)*

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me.

... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687).

The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

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From our Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I express my sincere thanks to everyone who has been worshipping with us through Facebook: @HolySpiritJax. and Website <https://www.holyspirtchurchjax.org>!



While it is not the same as worshipping together physically, we are able to connect virtually and celebrate God's word and grace. Please continue to pray for an end to this virus and for each other so we may once again celebrate the sacraments together. I look forward to worshipping with you!

In the wake of Jesus' crucifixion and death, the apostles were locked away together in fear. They were afraid that they might suffer the same fate as their teacher.

Despite their anxious seclusion, Jesus breaks into their lives: not merely into the physical space in which they were taking refuge; Jesus also breaks into the core of their minds and hearts. Jesus attempts to calm their fears; he challenges them to be at peace; he does this in a rather confrontational and mysterious manner: by showing them the wounds in his hands and side.

The experience of resurrection did not remove the scars of Jesus' woundedness, the lasting marks of pain, disappointment, misunderstanding, rejection, humiliation, abandonment, suffering and death. Notwithstanding these wounds, however, Christ's resurrection powerfully demonstrated that pain, sadness, suffering and injustice did not, ultimately, enjoy the last word. While suffering is clearly a part of life, there is much more to life than suffering.

St. Francis de Sales wrote: "We must often recall that our Lord has saved us by his suffering and endurance, and that we must work out our salvation by sufferings and afflictions, enduring with all possible forbearance the injuries, denials and discomforts we meet." (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 3)

All of us bear the wounds of failure, deception, betrayal, disappointment and loss. Our hearts, our minds, our memories - our souls - bear the scars to prove it. Like the apostles, we, too, are tempted to withdraw from others, to lock ourselves away in some secluded emotional or spiritual corner, living in fear of what other pain or disappointments may come our way. Of course, in withdrawing from life, we figuratively - in some cases, even literally - die.

Jesus clearly demonstrates in his own life that our wounds do not necessarily need to overwhelm or disable us. While these wounds may be permanent, they need not rob us of the power and promise of recovery, of renewal - of resurrection - unless we despair, unless we allow ourselves to be defeated by the nails of negativity.

It is a healing love that many people in the midst of this global pandemic need right now. That's why it's important to remember the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of the Divine Mercy.

By practicing the devotions attached to that feast day, we can allow God's merciful love to flow through us and into the world. In the words of Pope John Paul II, who established Divine Mercy Sunday: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

The wounds of our past continue to leave their mark in our present: they don't necessarily determine the course of our future. Turn to the love of Jesus who knows what it means to be wounded and who shows us how to move through and beyond them. St. Francis de Sales wrote: "Look often on Christ, crucified, naked, blasphemed, slandered, forsaken, and overwhelmed by every kind of weariness, sadness, sorrow and labor." Jesus triumphed over the wounds of his humanity: so, too, with God's help, can we.

To be sure, life can be tough. As was in the case as Jesus, however, we, too, can be tougher.

KEEPING IN MIND

Please Pray for the Expectant Mothers!

Alexandra Sills, Samantha Sims,
Martha Majjamo,



Congratulations to Melissa and John Dixon on the birth of their daughter Rose Marie Dixon Weighing in at 7lbs 2oz, 20.25" long, healthy.

Expecting?
Contact the Elizabeth Ministry for info

Congratulations

To the RCIA class of 2020 at the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Estevez at the Cathedral St. Augustine on March 1, 2020.



St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your support of the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society in their service to the needy and underprivileged of our area.



Current List of Needs

Dry Goods: Ramen & spaghetti noodles, stuffing, pasta sides, peanut butter, jelly, rice(1lb bags), cereal (individual packs), dry beans

Canned: Spam®, tuna fish, soup, pasta w/sauce, chili, pork & beans, meats and fruit.

Please place donations in the large brown wooden box in the vestibule of the Church.

Parishioners wishing to donate used furniture items may do so by contacting the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop at 904-396-7473.

HOW TO KEEP IN TOUCH

Many of our Parishioners have not joined our Facebook page: [@HolySpiritJax](#) and many have not provided correct email address and are missing important messages from Fr. Amar and the Bishop. Please urge your friends to join our Facebook page and explain how easy it is to do. If you are receiving email messages from Fr. Amar urge your friends to call the office or email and provide/update your contact information.

Let us be together and support one another during these difficult and dark times.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Estévez will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation with adults on the following occasion:

- ◆ **Sunday, May 31, at a 2:00 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.**

This celebration is for Catholics 18 years and older who want to complete their initiation. These adults have already received the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, and First Eucharist. Contact Deacon Ed Prisby for Registration information.

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner.

To Report Abuse, call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator 904-262-3200, ext 129 or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-962-2873

HAPPY DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!

How about sending us a photo of Easter or Divine Mercy at your house – the preparations, the celebration, the kids – the things that make us smile. We'll publish them here in the weeks to come to spread the joy and as a witness to the goodness of life, even in the hardest times. You can email them to

ahusbands@holyspirtchurchjax.org or text to 904-402-4047.

CONGRATULATIONS RAFFLE WINNERS



Winners of this year's orange raffle ticket fundraiser were **Roxanne Short and Jose Bascon**. The third winner has only one name on the ticket and a Pathway Ct address. We need the full name in order to cut a check. We are unable to read the home phone number. Please contact the school with proper identification. Thank you to all who supported the school's annual raffle ticket fundraiser. This year, in spite of the Covid-19 issue, we still raised \$7,554 dollars for the school. God bless you all!!



Holy Spirit School wishes to thank Gary and Maria Sease and the Ayco Charitable Foundation for their recent donation to the school. It is donations such as these that have sustained our parish school for over three decades now. Every donation, large and small, has impacted the lives of children in this community.

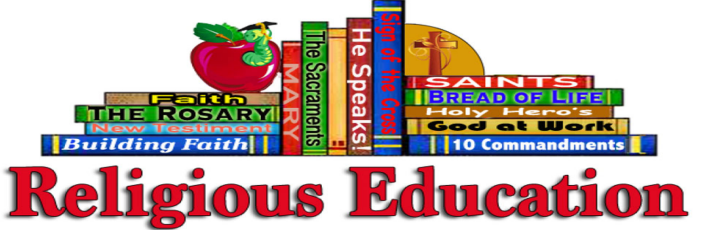


PART-TIME MUSIC TEACHER NEEDED

Holy Spirit School is seeking for a part time Music teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Two days per week.

This could be a full time position if candidate wants to teach at Blessed Trinity School, as well. Must be familiar with the Catholic Mass, have experience as a choral director, and at least three years of teaching experience to apply. Send resume and letter of interest to Dr.luciano@hscatholicschool.com

The January school fundraiser at Panera's raised over \$475 for the school. That is huge!! Great job, gang !



Religious Education

CCD CLASSES

Teachers are sending work home electronically. March assignments should have been completed and April assignments sent home. Parents, please work with your children to complete and contact teacher if you have any questions.

FIRST COMMUNION

It has not been determined if First Communion will still take place on May 02, 2020 since that depends on when the "Safer at Home" mandate is lifted and direction from our Pastor. I am working with the Diocese to develop a digital/online format for the First Communion Retreat so that parents can prepare the children from home. STAY TUNED...

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will not take place on April 22. We will advise once we get the new date from Bishop's office. Assignments have been sent electronically and deadlines to return completed review pages to Mrs Maria are:

- April 7 (Ch. 6)
- April 14 (Ch. 7)
- April 21 (Ch. 8)

Stay connected with your Parish

Mass Streaming: Holy Spirit daily masses and devotions are being streamed through [Facebook](#) and our [Website](#).

Church Open: The church will remain open daily for private prayer from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Spend a few minutes with Jesus in prayer or meditation while still practicing social distancing.

Confessions: Father is doing confessions by appointment using social distancing guidelines. Call the office at (904) 641-7244.

Offertory: Please remember to mail/drop off your envelopes or take this opportunity to transition to [online giving](#).

Church Bulletins: You can still read current [bulletins](#) on our website.



CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Parish Group

COVID -19 TIPS

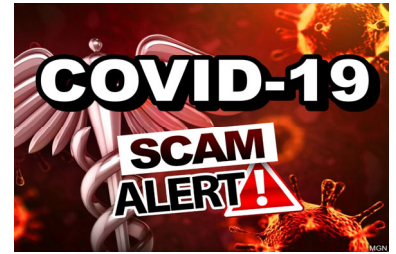


Serving Others while Social Distancing

- ◆ Coach, mentor or tutor using phone or video technology
- ◆ Write encouraging notes to neighbors and put in their mailboxes (only your first name and no address). Don't forget the mailman!
- ◆ Write notes of appreciation and encouragement to senior citizens in nursing homes, military, healthcare workers and other essential workers that cannot stay home during this time (only include first name and no address).
- ◆ Call or email elderly parishioners or those with poor health to check on them and see how they are doing. You can spend time talking to them, praying with them or finding a way to provide comfort. Parents may have an old church directory around. Any needs for a priest or church services can be communicated to the church office.
- ◆ See if your local senior center has a senior pen pals or buddies program and sign up. You can write letters to your new "grand-friend".
- ◆ Clean up or do yard work around the church grounds, a neighbor's yard, your own community or park keeping a safe distance from people. Use gloves, trash bags and grabber pole (dollar tree has them for \$1).
- ◆ If you have sewing skills, make facial masks for healthcare workers, and have an adult deliver them to a local hospital or clinic.
- ◆ If you have a musical or other talent, record a video and send it or post, with parent permission, to cheer people up and bring happiness to others.
- ◆ Raise funds or collect canned goods and donate to our church for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.
- ◆ Research how to lead a Rosary then coordinate a virtual prayer group and lead a Rosary by phone or video.
- ◆ Make rosaries and give them to others while practicing social distancing.
- ◆ Research what small businesses are open for business in your community and notify others in your community encouraging them to support local businesses near you.
- ◆ Cook a meal for a friend, family member or neighbor who can't or doesn't cook.

ATTENTION

An important reminder to be particularly vigilant and protective with your personal information and financial resources during this difficult time.



Nothing brings out the scammers like "free money," and the recent decision on Economic Impact Payments (or "Stimulus Checks") being sent out by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as tax credit under The "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" or the "CARES Act" has scammers already coming up with schemes to defraud taxpayers and small businesses of their money and important personal identification data. Specifically, identity thieves are using confusion over the stimulus checks and associated bank loans. They are also appealing to faith groups and individuals offering special aid for churches that are scams and Catholics are prime targets.

When it comes to the IRS and taxes, remember that **the IRS will never:**

- Call to demand immediate payment over the phone, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested.
- Demand that you pay taxes without allowing you to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer.

• Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone. If you should be contacted by anyone representing the IRS (or anyone representing a government agency) and looking for your personal information, suspicion is warranted. When in doubt, assume it's a scam.

For more information from reliable sources on these topics:

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) COVID-19 Consumer Warnings and Safety Tips: <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-scams>

Better Business Bureau (BBB) Latest News on Scams: <https://www.bbb.org/us/news>

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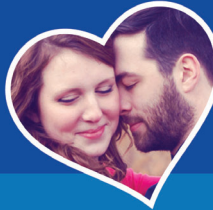


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