

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Parish Mission

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

PARISH VISION

"To be welcoming, multi-cultural and multi-generational Roman Catholic Faith Community, rooted in Scripture and Tradition, nourished by the Sacraments and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the light to our world by: Praying and celebrating as a Eucharistic Community, instructing children and adults in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Serving the less fortunate with unconditional love & generosity and protecting human life in all its stages."

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



APRIL 6, 2025

MASS TIMES

Monday	8:30am
Tuesday	8:30am
Wednesday	7:00pm with Novena of the Miraculous Medal
Thursday	8:30am
Friday	8:30am
Saturday	5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday	6:20pm-6:50pm
Saturday	4:00pm-4:50pm

ADORATION

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri	9:00am-3:00pm
Wed	9:00am-7:00pm

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Choir-Sunday 8:30am	Bob Vigliano	904-476-4240
Choir-Sunday 11:00am	JoJo Munoz	904-422-1764
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SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Class — Registration required: Classes are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the FLC. You **MUST** be registered parishioner for at least 6 months.
Baptisms — 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 11AM Mass or during any of the weekend Mass liturgies is also available.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday—6:20pm & Saturday—4:00pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Saturday of the Month **after** the 8:30am Mass. You may also call the church office to make an appointment. We also have dedicated Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples must contact Father John Peter & Cheryl Bergman at least 8 months in advance.

CLERGY

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For any possible submissions to the bulletin, please email them to **bulletin@holyspiritchurchjax.org** by the preceding Monday.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Apr 6

Mass—8:30am, 11:00am
OCIA/OCIC—9:00am (FLC)
CCD—9:30am
Coffee & Donuts—9:30am (FLC)
Bible Study—9:30am (FLC)
Life Teen—12:30pm

Mon Apr 7

Mass—8:30am
Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00pm (chapel)
Legion of Mary Meeting—5:00pm (FLC)

Tue Apr 8

Mass—8:30am
Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
Funeral for Mike Varenholt—11:00am
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00pm (chapel)
Walking with a Purpose Bible Study—6:00pm (FLC)
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:00pm (FLC)
HSA Meeting—6:00pm (FLC)

Wed Apr 9

School Rosary Club—7:30am
School pictures—8:30am
Adoration—9:00am
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00pm
Youth Group Core Meeting—5:30pm (FLC)
Exodus90 Meeting—5:45pm (FLC)
Confessions—6:20pm
Mass—7:00pm
40 Hour Devotion Starts—7:30pm (chapel)

Thu Apr 10

40 Hour Devotion—ALL DAY (chapel)
Mass—8:30am
Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00pm (chapel)

Fri Apr 11 **[Day of Abstinence]**

Mass—8:30am
Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
BK EMHC Retreat—9:00am (FLC)
Stations of the Cross with school—2:00pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00pm (chapel)
Adult choir practice—4:00pm
Children's choir practice—5:00pm
Fish Fry—5:00pm (gym)
Confessions—6:30pm
Mass—7:00pm
Stations of the Cross—7:30pm

Sat Apr 12

Shadow Stations of the Cross Rehearsal—12:00pm
Confessions—4:00pm
Mass—5:00pm

Sun Apr 13

Mass—8:30am, 11:00am
OCIA/OCIC—9:00am (FLC)
CCD—9:30am
Coffee & Donuts—9:30am (FLC)
Bible Study—9:30am (FLC)
Life Teen—12:30pm
Light of Jesus Meeting—12:30pm (FLC)

Sat	Apr 5	5:00pm	+ Vera & Arthur Mathews By: Mathews Family For Christine Wojcic's healing By: Bob Vigliano & Jojo Munoz (MSFS Mass Intention)
Sun	Apr 6	8:30am	+ Flotilda Marquez By: Alice Deleon + Joann Vumbaco By: Judith Broom (MSFS Mass Intention)
		11:00am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners + Charlie Bruno By: Ponder Family (MSFS Mass Intention)
Mon	Apr 7	8:30am	+ Annie Lietzbow By: Susan Rudgick + Tom Fulton By: Judith Broom (MSFS Mass Intention)
Tue	Apr 8	8:30am	+ Frank & Florance Stough By: Paulus Family + Theresa Thornton By: Mark & Sheri Tolleson (MSFS Mass Intention)
Wed	Apr 9	7:00pm	For Light of Jesus Ministry 10th Anniversary + David Lamm By: Mark & Sheri Tolleson (MSFS Mass Intention)
Thu	Apr 10	8:30am	+ Zenon Bajao, Sr. & Miguela Salas Bajao By: Bajao Family + Cammie Keller By: Mark & Sheri Tolleson (MSFS Mass Intention)
Fri	Apr 11	8:30am	For Ryan Freeman on his birthday By: Gramma & Grandaddy + Thelma Carter By: Mark & Sheri Tolleson (MSFS Mass Intention)
		7:00pm	+ Msgr. Bud Cuniffe By: Allison & Dwayne Stanton
Sat	Apr 12	5:00pm	+ Martha & Ed Blair By: Mathews Family
Sun	Apr 13	8:30am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners For Susan Rudgick on her birthday (MSFS Mass Intention)
		11:00am	For Elliana Louise De Leon By: Friends

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Sacrificial Offering For March 30, 2025

Offertory	\$10,703.00
FLC Debt Reduction	\$1,013.00
Emergency Fund	\$340.00
School	\$226.00
Online Giving	\$4,251.00

Thank you for your constant generosity in taking care of our Holy Spirit Parish!

Being a steward means that one:

- ⇒ Receives God's gifts gratefully
- ⇒ Cherishes and tends God's gifts responsibly
- ⇒ Shares God's gifts in love and justice
- ⇒ Returns God's gifts with increase.

Please consider making a one-time gift or sign up for recurring e-giving to help support our Parish.

Donate online:

Text the word **"GIVE"** to
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Let's pray for those who are sick in our Holy Spirit community:

Adam Kholruss
Allen twins
Bill McCoy
Bobby Deal
Don Zehnder
Elizabeth Owens
Gary Clark
Gene A. Taylor
Haley Allen
Henry Kendrick
Jack Kaye
James Pikis
Jim McVety
John Rowan
Ken Fabre
Luke Monroe
Maria Angelina Burns
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Joanne Hughes
Joseph Craney
Laurie Armstrong
Lynn Bonifacio
Mariann Ulatowski
Max White
Mike Varenholt
Nancy Arbelo
Noah Besvold
Patty King
Rhonda Scott
Rusty Bonifacio
Sandy Anderson
Steve Rash
Tillie Lightfoot
Troy Williams
Wyatt Freeman

If you have a loved one that is sick or battling an illness, please call the church office to let us know so that we may include them in our list of prayer.

Let us also pray for our clergy:

Fr. John Peter Arul, MSFS
Dc. Pat Goin
Dc. Ray Stiles



Please pray for those in our community in the military.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Lent: Rice Bowl

April 18: Good Friday Collection for Holy Land

April 27: Catholic Home Mission Appeal

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Let's pray for those in our Holy Spirit community that have passed away recently:

Cipriano Bautista, Jr. Priscilla Duran
Annie Lietzow Fr. William Kelly
David Swann Mike Varenholt

If you have a loved one that has recently passed away during this month, please call the church office to let us know so that we may include them in our list of prayer.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER

Sorrowful Mysteries Multimedia Presentation

April 13th @ 5PM

"Were you there?": Join us in the Family Life Center for a powerful multimedia experience of the Sorrowful mysteries. We will use Music, Prayer, Video, and Reflections to commemorate the solemn experience of Christ's journey to the cross.



Fatima Statue Available Weeks

There are several weeks open to have our Fatima Statue at your home for prayer:

**April 19
Oct 18**

**May 31
Nov 15, 22, 29**

July 5, 19, 26

**Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Dec 13, 20**

The rosary is prayed every night intentionally while the statue is at your home; there is also a prayer booklet to guide your prayer. To schedule a week or for more information, please



Novena of the Divine Mercy

First Day – Good Friday April 18th, 2025, at 2:45 p.m. after Stations of the Cross *"All Mankind, Especially Sinners"*

Second Day – Holy Saturday April 19th, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. *"The Souls of Priests and Religious"*

Third Day – Easter Sunday April 20th, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. *"All Devout and Faithful Souls"*

Fourth Day – Monday April 21st, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. *"Those Who Do Not Believe in God & Those Who Do Not Yet Know Me"*

Fifth Day – Tuesday April 22nd, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. *"The Souls Who Have Separated Themselves from My Church"*

Sixth Day – Wednesday April 23rd, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. *"The Meek and Humble Souls and the Souls of Little Children"*

Seventh Day – Thursday April 24th, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. *"The Souls Who Especially Venerate and Glorify My Mercy"*

Eighth Day – Friday April 25th, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. *"The Souls Who Are Detained in Purgatory"*

Ninth Day – Saturday April 26th, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. *"Souls Who Have Become Lukewarm"*



Feast of the Divine Mercy – Sunday April 27th, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 11665 Fort Caroline Road, Jacksonville, Florida



UNITED IN GENEROSITY AS ONE GLOBAL FAMILY

Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-5 to learn more.

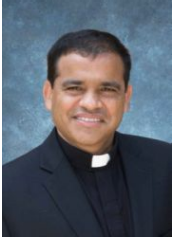
HOLY SPIRIT ANGELS OF MERCY

We are a group of parishioners who volunteer to take fellow parishioners to the doctors, pharmacy and for groceries.

Please call **Kathie Garrett at 904-565-1859** if we can be of assistance. We also would love to have more volunteers!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Month of the Holy Spirit

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit. To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son: "with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

The Holy Spirit is the Person of Love in the life of God. He is also like a breath, an aspiration of infinite Love, from which we draw the breath of life.

On the day of Pentecost, the Divine Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the whole Church that to symbolize it "there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they (the Apostles) were sitting."

But it is also for us that the Holy Spirit has come, for the group in the Cenacle represented the whole Church. The Holy Spirit came to remain with the Church forever. This is the promise of Jesus Himself. He dwells in the Church permanently and unfailingly, performing in it without ceasing His action of life-giving and sanctification. He establishes the Church infallibly in truth. It is He Who makes the Church blossom forth with a marvelous supernatural fruitfulness, for He brings to life and full fruition in Virgins, Martyrs, and Confessors those heroic virtues which are one of the marks of true sanctity.

The Mysteries of the Rosary, Dom Columba Marmion, O.S.B.)



The Holy Spirit and Our Spiritual Life



Everything depends on the Holy Spirit's operation in us. The more fully we allow ourselves to be drawn and guided by the Holy Spirit, the closer we shall come to Jesus and His mysteries and graces. The Holy Spirit must draw us to every good thought, word and deed. Every act of faith, of hope and of love for God requires the inspiration and help of the Holy Spirit. If our virtues and our deeds are to be truly perfect and worthy of God, they need the special and continual touch of the Holy Spirit. Even though we are endowed with all supernatural virtues, we remain mere apprentices in spiritual life. We know what we must do; and yet lack virtue and the faculty to perform these things with ease. The Holy Spirit must guide us. He must seize our intellect and our wills and guide us in prayer, at work, in the decisions we must make, and in the difficulties, we encounter every day. He must share with us His manner of seeing, of loving, of thinking, and of working.

Our work and our conduct will be perfect only when the Holy Spirit has taken complete possession of us. Therefore, in addition to the supernatural virtues of faith, hope, charity, justice, fortitude, temperance and wisdom, He gives us also His seven gifts. Thus, He equips the tiny boat of our soul with sails upon which He Himself, the Spirit of God, blows. Our progress across the sea of life is no longer slow and painful. We are propelled and guided by the Spirit. If the Spirit of God breathes upon the sails of our boat, then our journey will be a happy one. Then through the work and the help of the Holy Spirit, who lives in our soul, we shall come to the Father. (Excerpted from *The Light of the World* by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.)

Breath in me, O Holy Spirit St. Augustine of Hippo

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that all my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I may love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen

AROUND OUR PARISH

HOLY WEEK 2025 SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday weekend

Saturday, April 12:

5PM-Palm Sunday Vigil Mass (Mass will start in the **church portico**)

Sunday, April 13:

8:30AM-Palm Sunday Mass (Mass will start in the **church portico**)

11:00AM-Palm Sunday Mass (Mass will start in the **FLC**)

5:00PM-Sorrowful Mysteries Multimedia Presentation (in the FLC)

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17:

7PM-Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration will be available right after Mass until 11:30PM in the chapel

11:30PM-Night Prayer with Benediction in chapel

Good Friday

Friday, April 18:

2PM-Shadow Stations of the Cross

2:30PM-Divine Mercy Chaplet

3PM-Good Friday of the Lord's Passion



Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 19:

8:30PM-Easter Vigil Mass



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20:

8:30AM-Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

11:00AM-Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

12:30PM-Easter Egg Hunt (ages 3-12)

AROUND OUR PARISH

40 Hour Devotion April 9-11

Please consider taking an hour of prayer with the Eucharistic Lord.

There are many time slots available!



JESUS
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FOR YOU

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LAST FISH FRY: APRIL 11TH



The Men's Club will be cooking the last Lenten Season Fish Fry on Friday, **April 11th from 5pm to 7pm** in Msgr. Heslin Hall. The menu includes hand breaded fish fillet, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, baked beans and beverages. Dessert's wine and beer will be available.

\$13 each with children 6 years and younger free. \$1 from each meal sold will go to the Families at Christmas Fund. Cash and checks only.

Come enjoy good food and fellowship before Mass and Stations of the Cross.

HOLY SPIRIT HEALTH MINISTRY

The Holy Spirit Health Ministry will be providing free blood pressure checks.

When: Sunday, April 20, 2024

Where: Family Life Center (After the 8:30 am Mass)



Moving? Changed Contact info?

Please notify us of any changes of address or if you are moving out of the parish. You can also double check with us if your current information is accurate.

Please contact the church office @ (904) 641-7244



AROUND OUR PARISH

HOLY WEEK

ARTICLE BY STEPHEN SPIEWAK FROM HALLOW

The season of Lent gives way to the celebration of Easter in Holy Week, the most sacred period of the liturgical calendar. Holy Week includes both the Church's most solemn observances and joyous feasts. Unique, beautiful liturgies fill the period of time that begins on Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter Sunday.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, a distinct liturgy that begins with a Gospel reading of Jesus's journey to Jerusalem at the entrance of the worship space.

Those attending the service receive palms, a reminder of Scripture telling us that people welcomed Jesus by laying down their cloaks and waving palm branches (John 12:13).

Palm Sunday is the first time we hear the Lord's Passion in the liturgical calendar.

In 2024, Pope Francis celebrated Palm Sunday Mass but did not deliver a homily, likely due to illness. In the homily that Pope Francis delivered in Palm Sunday in 2023, Pope Francis reminded us that "Jesus, in his abandonment, asks us to open our eyes and hearts to all who find themselves abandoned. On Palm Sunday in 2022, he stressed that God can forgive every sin.

PALM SUNDAY



Holy Thursday begins the Easter Triduum—the three days leading up to Jesus' Resurrection. Its formal name is Mass of the Lord's Supper, which was the first celebration of the Eucharist. Other branches of Christianity refer to this day as Maundy Thursday.

This liturgy includes the reception of the Holy Oils, in which the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Holy Chrism are processed through the church, to be used for the rest of the year. These oils are all blessed by the local bishop shortly before the liturgy.

Also notable at the Holy Thursday service is the washing of the feet, in which the priest washes the feet of 12 parishioners. Jesus did this to demonstrate to his disciples how they are to serve others through selfless love. Originally, only men were invited to be among the 12 to have their feet washed. A decree from Pope Francis in 2016 opened up the ritual to all.

At the end of Mass, consecrated hosts remain on the altar while everything else is stripped away. As incense fills the church, the priest, donning a special garb called a humeral veil, takes the Blessed Sacrament and processes out of the church to a chapel or other area for adoration.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, commonly known as Good Friday, is the only day in the entire year in which no Mass is celebrated. It's a solemn day that calls for fasting and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross are popular on Good Friday. The main service on Good Friday features no procession. The Passion is read and the Eucharist (consecrated on Thursday) is distributed. Veneration of the Cross and solemn intercessions—a set of shared prayer intentions offered universally on this day—are other unique elements to the Good Friday service.

GOOD FRIDAY



HOLY SATURDAY

The Mass on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil, though its full reference on the USCCB schedule of daily reading is "Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter." This is the most unique and perhaps most important liturgy of the year. The Easter Vigil ends the Triduum and begins Easter celebrations.

The service can only begin once the sun has set. Outside the church, a fire lights the Paschal candle, and the flame is shared throughout the church to individual handheld candles. The Liturgy of the Word, which normally includes nine readings, begins in darkness. The readings demonstrate the connection between the Old and New Testaments and how Jesus fulfilled Scripture and achieved salvation for all humanity.

The Liturgy of Baptism, which follows the Gospel and homily, marks the culmination of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Catechumens, who have been preparing to enter the Church, are baptized, confirmed, and later receive their first Holy Communion. The Easter Vigil is a joyous, celebratory liturgy, filled with rich songs. Although the services ends late at night, churches typically have a reception afterward to continue the celebration.

It will begin at different times in different parts of the country (and world), depending on the sunset time.

Compared to other Holy Week services, Easter Sunday Masses are most similar to those that occur during Ordinary Time. The festive atmosphere continues from the Easter Vigil, with the worship space decorated with beautiful flowers, especially white lilies.

Of course, many parishioners wear special outfits to celebrate the day. Easter, the biggest feast that the Church has, is also among the most well-attended services of the year.

EASTER SUNDAY



AROUND OUR PARISH & DIOCESE

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—PEOPLE NEEDED

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion give the Body and Blood of our Lord to fellow parishioners during Communion at Mass. This is possibly the most amazing thing in all the world! God Himself is given to us in the Eucharist and the Church needs our help to give this gift to our fellow parishioners. Take a moment today to pray about joining this ministry.

**The next training is scheduled on
Saturday, May 24 from 9am-12pm**

For more information, please contact **Todd and Kathy Nennich**
at 540-220-4170 or
e-mail: todd.nennich@gmail.com



Who is eligible to be commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

- Those who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Those serious in the practice of the Catholic Faith, dedicated to prayer and Eucharist.
- If married, must be in a Catholic sacramental marriage.
- Must be registered in Holy Spirit Catholic Church and has a desire to answer the call of Christ to serve others.

NOW HIRING: PART TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR

Holy Spirit Catholic Church is looking for an enthusiastic, fun, patient, and genuine individual to facilitate the spiritual growth and development of youth, providing them with both a voice and the opportunity to grow as disciples of Christ.

The main responsibilities of a Youth Director are, but not restricted to: share responsibility for and collaborate with pastor, staff and Youth Group Core Team to develop, implement and update the parish's vision and goals as they relate to youth ministry; attend staff meetings; plan opportunities for youth to experience Christian community, develop relationships of trust and support, and explore, celebrate, and share their Catholic faith and identity; develop an outreach plan for connecting disconnected youth; and plan and lead youth group gatherings, ensuring the integration of formation, service, and social opportunities

Please contact the church office if interested.

LIFE TEEN
SANCTUARY
Leading teens closer to Christ
Sundays from 12:30-2:00PM in the FLC
EDGE coming soon as well...

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