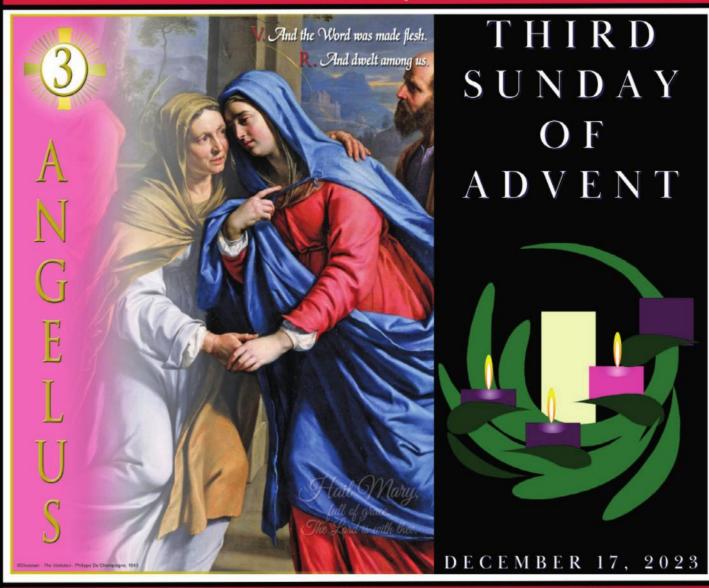
Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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.



	MASS TIMES	2	<u>ONFESSIONS</u>		ADORA	TION	
Monday	8:30am	Wednesday	6:20pm-6:50pm	Mon, Tue, Thur, F	ri 9	:00am-3:0	00pm
Tuesday	8:30am	Saturday	4:00pm-4:50pm	Wed	9	:00am-7:0	00pm
Wednesday	7:00pm with Novena of the Miraculous Medal						
Thursday	8:30am	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS			CONTACT US www.holyspiritchurchjax.org		
Friday	8:30am	11665 Fort Caroline Rd Jacksonville, FL 32225 Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm		e, FL 32223	info@holyspiritchurchjax.org		
Saturday	5:00pm Vigil Mass		P: (904) 641-7244	opm			
Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am	F: (904) 641-7266					

SERVICE MINISTRY CONTACT

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Altar Servers	Jennifer Cabrey	904-993-9500
Altar Society	Linda Davis	904-329-2714
Angels of Mercy	Kathie Garrett	904-565-1859
Annulments	Ann & Tim Hergenroether	904-591-8004
Another Chance Fellowship Group for Cancer Survivors	Paulette Daniel	904-233-1488
Bible Study	Ron Coleman	904-234-4743
Choir-Saturday 5pm	Phil Militante	904-620-8841
Choir-Sunday 8:30am	Bob Vigliano	904-476-4240
Choir-Sunday 11:00am	JoJo Munoz	904-422-1764
Coffee & Donuts Ministry	Dwayne Stanton	321-333-8237
Grounds	Jerry Robichaud	904-899-3476
Healing Prayer Ministry	Jeff & Vickie Slade	904-449-1447
Hope & Consolation	Pam Andres	904-571-5998
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Wine & Cheese	Maria Cartolano	904-610-5674

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptism Class — Registration required: Classes are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the FLC. You **MUST** be registered parishioner for at least 6 months. Baptisms – 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 11:00am Mass or during 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.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

For any possible submissions to the bulletin, please email them to

bulletin@holyspiritchurchjax.org by the preceding Monday.

When sending photos, please send the highest quality possible. For other media such as flyers, please send editable files, if possible. When sending multiple files, please send in a zip folder or a cloud link.

THIS WEEK AT Holy Spirit



Sun December 17 Mass—8:30am, 11:00am RCIA/RCIC—9:00am (FLC) CCD—9:30am Bible Study—9:30am (FLC) Pancake Breakfast—9:30am (FLC) Youth Group—12:00pm

<u>Mon December 18</u> Mass—8:30am Adoration—9:00am (chapel) Legion of Mary—5:00pm (FLC)

<u>Tue December 19</u> Mass—8:30am Adoration—9:00am (chapel)

Wed December 20

Adoration—9:00am (church) Quilts for Vets—9:30am (FLC) Reconciliation—6:20pm Mass—7:00pm

Thu December 21

Mass-8:30am

Fri December 22 (church office closes @ 12PM)

Mass—8:30am Children's Choir Practice—4:00pm (church) Adult's Choir Practice—5:00pm (church) Mass for Immaculate Conception—7:00pm

Sat December 23

Confessions—4:00pm Mass—5:00pm Mass for Simbang Gabi—7:00pm

Sun December 24

Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent—8:30am, 11:00am Christmas Eve Masses—5:00pm, 7:00pm Christmas Cantada—9:30pm Christmas Eve Night Mass—10:00pm

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1	Sat	Dec 16	5:00pm	For Jim Davis' Birthday
			8:30am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
	Sun	Dec 17	11:00am	+ Fatima Chambers By: Brian Chambers
	Mon	Dec 18	8:30am	For Larry Freeman's Birthday By: Chris Freeman
	Tue	Dec 19	8:30am	+ Robert Niemczyk By: Niemczyk Family
4	Wed	Dec 20	7:00pm	+ Austin Casmir By: Ponder Family
	Thu	Dec 21	8:30am	+ Franklin Estrada By: Mom & Dad
	Fri	Dec 22	8:30am	+ Jimmy Quartararo By: Ellen Quartararo
	Sat	Dec 23	5:00pm	+ Jowell Loyola By: Mom & Dad
			8:30am	+ Janice Stapf By: Roberge Family
			11:00am	+ Carolyn Amorosa By: Prayer Group
	Sun	Dec 24	5:00pm	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
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Mass Intentions

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 12/18	Jer 23:5-8
	Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
	Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: 12/20	ls 7:10-14
	Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: 12/21	Sg 2:8-14
	Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28
	Lk 1:46-56
Saturday/Sunday: 12/23-12/24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,
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	Rom 16:25-27
	Lk 1:26-38

STEWARDSHIP



Sacrificial Offering For December 10, 2023

FLC Debt Reduction

Emergency Fund

School

Offertory

Online Giving

2nd Collection: Retired Religious

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

Being a steward means that one:

- \Rightarrow Receives God's gifts gratefully
- \Rightarrow Cherishes and tends God's gifts responsibly
- \Rightarrow Shares God's gifts in love and justice
- \Rightarrow 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 501-273-3327 Or follow the QR code:



SECOND COLLECTIONS:

2024 2nd Collections TBD

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

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

> Earl Davis Marcoria Mendoza

Terrence Schuster Shirley McCary

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.

Alexis Chase Arlene Smith

Donald Smith Jack Kave Joshua Breckenridge Ken Fabre Lvnn Bonifacio Nancy Murray \$21,134.00 Patricia Bayer Sandy Anderson \$2,578.00 Tillie Lightfoot Wyatt Freeman \$55.00

Dc. Ed Prisby

community:

Anne Barrow Charlie Elizabeth Owens Jackie Henderson Keith Dyess Korina Cassidy Mary Glorioso Noah Besvold Rhonda Scott Thomas Lang Trey Campbell

\$206.00 If you have a loved one that is sick or battling an illness, please call the church office to let us know \$5,015.50 so that we may include them in our list of praver.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Let's pray for those who are sick in our Holy Spirit

\$1,375.00 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.





FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER



Christmas and New Year Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES <u>Dec. 24, 2023, Sunday</u> 5:00pm - with Children's Christmas play 7:00pm 9:30pm - Christmas Cantata

CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS Dec. 24, 2023, Sunday 10:00pm - Adult Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES Dec. 25, 2023, Monday 9:00am - Folk Choir 11:00am - Children's Choir

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS Dec. 31, 2023, Sunday 5:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES Jan. 1, 2024, Monday 10:00am

SUNDAY OBLIGATION AND 2023/2024 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS MASSES

Our Christmas Eve and New Years Masses fall on Sundays this year. **These evening Masses** <u>**DO NOT</u> count as your Sunday obligation**; the evening Masses listed above count for *Christmas* and New Years (Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary), respectively.</u>

The Sunday Obligation on December 24 celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Advent during the day. Our regular Mass times on Saturday (Dec. 23) 5PM, Sunday (Dec. 24) 8:30AM and Sunday (Dec. 24) 11AM will count for this obligation. These Masses count for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and **NOT** for Christmas.

The Sunday Obligation on December 31 celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family during the day. Our regular Mass times on Saturday (Dec. 30) 5PM, Sunday (Dec. 31) 8:30AM and Sunday (Dec. 31) 11AM will count for this obligation. These Masses count for the Feast of the Holy Family and **NOT** for New Years Day (Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

YOUR GIFT IS TRULY A BLESSING!

To our generous donors,

Thank you for the very generous donation to our Family Life Center Debt Reduction Campaign. Our Parishioners have opened their hearts and given what they could to help achieve the goal of making the Family Life Center ours. This will allow us to focus our attention on other anticipated facility needs.

If you have not already paid your pledge in full, I humbly request that you give as much as you can by the end of 2023, so that we can meet our 2024 goal.

Again, thank you for the support of our Family Life Center, as well as my pastoral work here at Holy Spirit Church.

In Christ, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. John fite but, MSrs

Fr. John Peter Arul, MSFS "Be who you are and be that well". (Saint Francis De Sales)

FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

TOTALS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2023

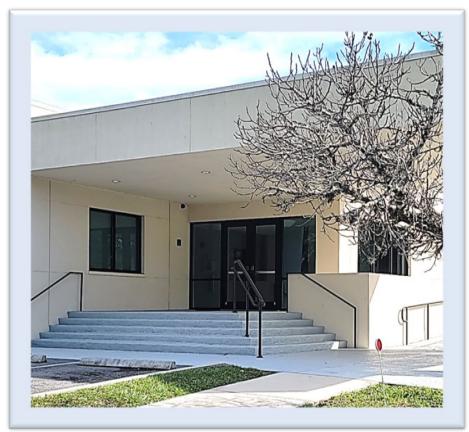
Total Pledges: \$346,658

Total Payments: \$153,700

Loan Balance: \$342,810

Principle Reduction from Pledge Drive: \$130,000

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

"He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him." Jn 1:7

In today's Gospel we hear again a clear, certain, and firm statement repeatedly that he is not the Messiah and that he gives testimony to the light, but he is not the light.

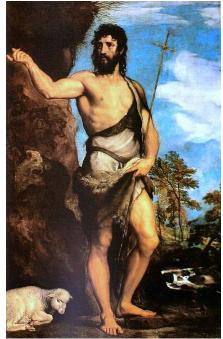
St. John the Baptist renounces the titles of Messiah, Elijah, and the prophets. He defers to Christ. This

theme is present in the servant song in the first reading from Isaiah which has richly influenced the Christology of the New Testament and the ministry of Jesus.

St. Francis de Sales considers St. John the Baptist to be one of the greatest saints because his life and mission were not to draw the attention of people to himself but to point to another. In his Sermon, the Doctor of Love - in speaking of St. John the Baptist - states,

"He did not want to draw disciples to himself, but only to his teacher, to whose school he now sends them so that they might be instructed personally by Him." (The Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Advent and Christmas).

In this holy season of Hope and Expectation, we can focus our attention on the model of St John the Baptist who pointed the way to Christ. On our daily "earthly pilgrimage" to the fullness of the Kingdom, our lives and witness to Christ should not draw attention to ourselves but lead others to come to know and to encounter Christ. Like John, we are His messengers and ambassadors. Today, in a spirit



of humility, may we recognize that God uses each of us as His instruments to proclaim the Good News to others.

> Be positive, think positive, and speak the language of hope! Be a remarkable sign of hope for the world!

Be Still Moment – Allow yourself to be still for a moment! Be still with others in moments of doubts, fears and anxieties and just be a friend. Silence is often a good answer and sometimes the best.

Salesian Moment – A moment with St. Francis de Sales He or she who lives but for God seeks only God, and since God is with him or her in adversity as well as in prosperity, he or she dwells in peace amid tribulation.

Be faithful to your calling. All you do may not be successful in your eyes or in the eyes of others. The real success lies in your fidelity to who you are and what you have come to know as your calling. Just be faithful and be joyful!

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope" ~ Pope Benedict XVI

AROUND OUR PARISH & SCHOOL



THANK YOU!

The Men's Club want to thank all of you for your donations in supporting our Families at Christmas Project. Through your generous donations we were able to assist multiple families and children again for the 16th year.

Merry Christmas to all!

ADORATION NOTICE

For the holiday season, there will be NO adoration from December 21, 2023—January 3, 2024. The regular adoration schedule will resume on Thursday, January 4, 2024.

Thank you for your understanding and have a safe and blessed Advent and Christmas Season!





CHURCH OFFICE NOTICE

The church office will close early on Friday, December 22 @ 12PM. The office will also be closed on Monday, December 25.

Thank you for your understanding and Merry Christmas!

MSFS MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

If you would like to offer a Mass Intention for a family member or friend in celebration of a:

Birthday, Wedding, Wedding Anniversary, Death, or Death Anniversary

then you could do so with the **Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales** and the donation goes toward the support of the order. These intention are available even when the Holy Spirit Mass Intention schedule is full. Please note that these Mass intentions will be celebrated by the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales at their mission churches and not necessarily here at Holy Spirit.



Contact the church office for more details.



COFFEE & DONUTS NOTICE

There will be no Coffee & Donuts on December 24th and 31st. Thank you for your understanding and enjoy this Christmas time with you family and friends! 

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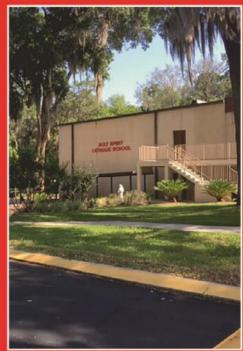
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AROUND THE PARISH



Dear Church Family,

It's time for a new directory!

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For each portrait sitting completed, You will receive:

- One (1) FREE 8x10 "Directory Pose" and
- One (1) FREE directory per sitting AND

• One ticket to win **\$1000 cash** (thanks to an anonymous and very generous member of our church family!)

Additional photos, packages, and/or retouches to your photos are available for an additional cost but purchase is not obligated or required to receive your free 8x10 or directory.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church PICTURE DIRECTORY PROJECT CALL FOR A CALL FOR A A CALL FOR A A CALL FOR A A CALL FOR A A CALL FOR ACCOUNT A

ALTAR SERVERS

Please refer to the bulletin board and the emailed schedules for upcoming holiday season schedules
 Please talk to Mrs. Cabrey, Mrs. DeLeon or Armon before Masses to make sure you know the candle and sitting changes

STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS COLLECTION MONEY USED FOR?

By: Rev. Msgr. William J. King from https://www.simplycatholic.com/what-is-collection-money-used-for/

There is a serious obligation for a pastor to report each year on how the offerings or tithings of parishioners and other donors have been used. The Code of Canon Law urges pastors and other administrators of the Church's goods to be "good householders," and lists some resulting obligations (see Canon 1284). Among these is the responsibility to "draw up a report of the administration at the end of each year." Transparency in financial administration and accountability to donors are important values in the administration of Church goods. Canon 1287 requires that this annual report be given to the "local ordinary" (in most dioceses, the diocesan bishop) and also to the parishioners. This canon could not be more explicit about this: "Administrators are to render an account to the faithful concerning the goods offered by the faithful to the Church."

Expenses can vary according to the size of a parish, its ministries — whether it has a parish school, for instance — and location. That having been said, in almost every parish, as in most not-for-profit organizations, the largest single set of expenses is staff: wages and benefits for parish employees. Typically, the second largest set of expenses is funding for Catholic education: support for schools and programs of religious education for children and adults.

In many dioceses, a percentage of parish income is taxed by the diocese as a means of providing operating funds for the central offices and ministries of the bishop. Let's not forget that it also costs money to turn on the lights; to operate heating and air conditioning; to keep water flowing; to maintain the buildings, grounds, and parking lots; to insure the parish property, pay any state or local taxes that are assessed; and even to provide hosts and wine for Mass.

Many parishes also use a portion of the weekly tithing or offering for charitable assistance outside of the parish. This is sometimes called "tithing the tithe" and takes the form of direct assistance to a mission project, or to another parish in need, or to a Catholic social service agency, whether nearby or far away.

It is also good stewardship for a parish to maintain savings in case of unplanned events — a leaky roof or equipment failure, for instance. Many parishes, if possible, try to put a bit of money away each year in savings for this purpose.





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