



33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 November 2021

## WELCOME!

Are you seeking...to belong to a community of faith to provide you with something deeper? A place to be oneself, warts and all? A place to taste diversity? A place to weep? A place to sing? A place to weep while singing? A place to feel the depth of life? A place to know God? We welcome you and yours home. Christ's peace be with you!



## CELEBRATIONS of LIFE and LOVE..



### *Happy Birthday to*

David B. 11/14, Mthr. Fran 11/14,  
Mary Ellen D. 11/17, Donna C.  
11/22, John G. 11/28, Anita V.  
11/29, Tyler C. 11/30, John S.  
12/5, JoAnn S. 12/9, Kim J.

12/14, Luca G. 12/15, David V. 12/16, Wayne C. 12/21, Chad J. 12/23,  
Francisco C. 12/26.

*Happy Anniversary to* Tawnya and Debra 11/27, Benny and  
John 12/25, Stan and Jay 12/29, Cindy and Diane 12/31.

# When We Gather Next...

Last Sunday in Ordinary Sunday, 21 November 2021



*Daniel 7:13-14*  
*Psalms 93:1-2, 5*  
*Revelation 1:5-8*  
*John 18:33b-37*

Presider: *Bp. Steve*

Homilist: *Bp. Steve*

Greeters: *Bob L. and Mark S.*

Councilor Welcome: *Michael H.*

Acolyte: *Karen E.*

Lectors: 1-*Dick B.* 2-*Joanne D.*

Cantor: *Corey S.*

Intercessions: *Dcn. Jan*

Coffee Social: *Parishioners' Last Names B-D*

*Thank YOU for your faithful and loving service at the altar of the Lord.  
You bless us!*

## O LORD, Hear Our Prayer!

*“Always pray in the Spirit, with all your prayers and petitions.*

*Pray constantly and attentively for all God’s holy people.” (Ephesians 6:18)*

•Rosalia M., *healing and strength* •Nicole L., *healing and good health*  
•Wally, *healing from cancer surgery*. •Eugene L. *hospice care*. •Mary  
Ellen D. *health challenges*. •Carter’s parents, *health challenges &*  
*healing*. •Ann-Lis W. *surgery healing*. •Steve, brother of Mark S.,  
*recurring breast cancer*. •For vocations to ministry and consecrated  
life among us. •Our parishioners and families experiencing new  
symptoms, *for their safe and healthy recovery*. •For the repose of the  
souls of: †Robert Percy, 11/04/21. †Paul Tarantino, 09/11/2021.  
†Theresa Fico-Hashtak, 09/01/21. †Masuko Harada Swick,  
08/16/21. †Daniel Jagielski 07/01/21. †Ellen Mascia 11/29/20. †All  
victims of gun violence. †The victims of Covid-19. †For our  
deceased clergy and parishioners.

**Grow as a Disciple:** Some folks read the obituaries regularly. Others avoid them. They don't like to think about death, and the same can be said for some references to the end times, particularly those like we hear in the Book of Daniel: "Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." Give me a comforting psalm any day! However, in today's Gospel, Jesus assures us that we who believe need not fear the Second Coming, for at that time the Son of Man shall "gather his elect." Yes, "heaven and earth will pass away," but the words of Jesus never shall. It is true, we don't know the time or the hour of his return and so we prepare for it by remaining focused on Jesus' words and turning our lives over to Christ in and through the sacramental life of the church. Strive to live well on earth, following the path to eternal life that our loving and merciful Savior has paved for us.

**Go Evangelize:** It's easy to become complacent in that striving. I notice that tendency in everyday life – taking my spouse for granted, not being mindful of how what I say and do serves as an example (either good or bad!) for another. It's like moving through the day with blinders on. In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about his return in glory, and how those who follow him will be able to sense its approach. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near." In other words, "pay attention; be observant" – the opposite of complacency. To counter this within ourselves, we can ask God to open our eyes to the signs of his love all around us – our spouses and dear friends, our families, and all the gifts we have been given. Just as importantly, we can accompany one another as we seek to grow in holiness and prepare for the day we meet Jesus, living as an example in word and deed. As the Book of Daniel so eloquently tells us, "The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

**Witness and Invite** Read the obituaries! Many of them contain inspiring examples of lives well lived. Take a moment in this month of November to pray for all who have died. Make a conscious effort to be a specific example to another of Christ's love in the world that they, too, might be better prepared for Christ's return.



# Today's Sacred Liturgy

Today's Intention: *For Our Deceased Inscribed in Our Hearts*

Prelude Practice: Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me) **WN 52**

Welcome and Announcements *Michael H.*

**Gathering Song:** People, Look East **GC2 337**

**Introductory Rite:** Mass of Remembrance **GC2 209**

**Glory to God:** Mass of Remembrance **GC2 210**

Opening Prayer *Mthr. Sharon*

Reading I: *Daniel 12:1-3* *Sr. Linda*

**Psalm Response:** *Psalm 16* **GC2 19, ref. III, Wayne C.**

Reading II: *Hebrews 10:11-14,18* *Michael H.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Mass of Remembrance **GC2 211**

Holy Gospel: *Mark 13:24-32* *Dcn. Jan*

Homily *Mthr. Sharon*

Profession of Faith: **Nicene Creed**

*Please, refer to inside back cover of your hymnal.*

Intercessions: **✠. Christ, our life, hear us!** *Dcn. Jan*

Kiss of Peace

**Preparation of the Gifts:** Glorious Day(Living He Loved Me)**WN 52**

**Eucharistic Prayer:** Mass of Remembrance **GC2 212-219**

**Lord's Prayer:** Our Father **GC2 15**

**Lamb of God Litany:** Mass of Remembrance **GC2 220**

Invitation to Holy Communion *Dcn. Jan*

**Communion Procession:** Seek Ye First **GC2 600**

**Song of Praise:** You Are Near **GC2 590**

Prayer after Communion *Mthr. Sharon*

Blessing and Sending

**Sending Song:** The King of Glory **GC2 494**

**Coffee Social:** *Parishioners' Last Names S-W*

# **The Road Ahead Together...**

## **TWELVE STEP MEETINGS at Holy Spirit:**

- Sex/Love Anonymous, Thursdays, 12PM, conference room.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Thursdays, 7PM, social hall.

## **PARISH COUNCIL – Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Your elected parish leaders gather and welcome you to the meeting in the parish center conference room.

## **ADVENT GIVING TREE is ready! - Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Our Sharing Sunday for December will be through our Giving Tree with gift tags for members of a family the parish adopts for Christmas. Please bring your gift, wrapped and tagged, back to the parish Giving Tree by Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **THANKSGIVING DAY – Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

## **ADVENT SEASON BEGINS! – Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

## **“OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS” ADVENT SERIES**

- Thursdays, 7pm, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom.

In this season of gifts, we discover, or even rediscover, the gifts we already have been given to empower us to be fully alive in Christ with love for others. Join Mike H., Dcn. Jan and Mthr. Sharon on these evenings to unwrap and rejoice in your gifts.

## **ADVENT RECONCILIATION with General Absolution**

– Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, during Mass.

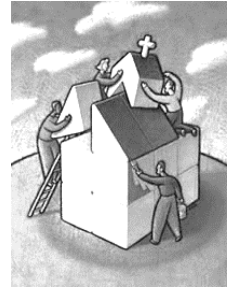
## **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT LITURGY**

– Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00pm.



Dearest Community and Friends,

I would like to thank each of you who made last Sunday so very special. Firstly, for your wonderfully generous outpouring of food items to benefit our friends at FEAST Food Pantry in Palm Harbor. Your plentiful sharing will go a long way to help those who are experiencing hard times as we prepare for Thanksgiving Day. Secondly, for your eager participation in our Annual Parish Meeting that followed last Sunday's Mass. Your presence, listening and voice all work to complete us and make us whole as an Old Catholic community. It was good to sit at table with so many of you are such a long time away from each other. Thank you to every household that was able to review and increase their electronic giving on behalf of the parish. No matter how great or how small, together we make a huge difference. Least but not last, thank you to all of our crock pot culinary experts. All of the food was both plentiful and very delicious. It was so good to share together what you lovingly prepared.



Silence is spoken here! Did you know that God's first language is silence? Let's try to recommit to keeping our chapel prayerfully quiet before the Liturgy so that all of us can settle in peacefully and quietly pray before the Lord. Use the time after Liturgy to rejoice happily in the company of one another with lively, loving conversation and laughter. Please and thank you!

Our Advent Giving Tree will be decorated with gift tags for a family we are sponsoring for Christmas through the Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center in Safety Harbor. Again your generous sharing allows others to have the hope of a blessed holiday. The tree will be decorated by br. Walt and Wayne and will be ready next Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please, bring your gifts, wrapped and tagged, back to the Giving Tree no later than Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> so that we can help St. Nicholas distribute the gifts in time for Christmas.

Thank you for being the love and goodness of God to so many!

# *A Prayer: Life is God's Gift*

Creating God of Love,  
life is Your gift to me.  
Through Baptism,  
You invite me to share  
the gift of my life in service to others.

Be with me as I choose each day  
to show Your Presence in our world.  
Give me the courage and generosity  
to respond to Your love, to Your call.

I pray especially  
for those who serve You generously  
within my church family, my community,  
Your Church.  
May I bear the "Good News" to those in need.

Keep us all close to You.  
Open the minds and hearts  
of many other men, women, and young people  
that they may accept Your challenge  
to build up the Body of Christ  
in our communities and our world.

For if not us, *who?*  
If not here, *where?*  
If not now, *when?*  
If not for Your Kingdom, *why?*

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# What are Spiritual Gifts?

Spiritual gifts are given to us by the Holy Spirit to help us be the hands and feet of Christ here on earth.

Spiritual gifts are many and varied, but all Christians have been given spiritual gifts.

Each person reading this has received more than one spiritual gift, although you may not yet be aware of what your unique gifts are.

You have received spiritual gifts both for your own good and for the good of the whole church. This year's Advent series, led by Mike H., Dcn. Jan, and Mthr. Sharon, is designed to help you identify your spiritual gifts and to ponder how you can use those gifts to serve God and others.

Save the dates and join together on Thursdays, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> via Zoom at 7:00 pm. The Zoom *Meeting ID* is: **879 3358 9383** and the Meeting *Passcode* is: **982060**.

