



# Holy Spirit

## OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH

**XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**01 September 2024**

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### 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 now welcome you home. Christ's peace be with you!



### Celebrating Life and Love...

Please, be sure to stop in the parish center  
to sign and send your love in our Greeting Cards!

**Happy Birthday to:** Gordon M. 09/02, Brian R. 09/07, Ken S. 09/08, Bp. Steve 09/13, Stan K. 09/14, Elizabeth D. 09/16.

**Happy Anniversary to:** Steve and Fr. Daniel 09/04, Chris and Pat 09/19, Wayne and Bro. Walt 09/26.

## When We Gather Next...

Next Sunday, 08 September 2024, 10:30am  
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*Isaiah 35:4-7a*

*Psalm 146:7-10*

*James 2:1-5*

*Mark 7:31-37.*

*Presider: Mthr. Sharon*

*Homilist: Mthr. Sharon*

*Greeters: Cindy K. & Ken S.*

*Welcome: Mary Jo G.*

*Acolyte: Bro. David*

*Intercessions: Mary M.*

*Lectors: (1) Ralph L. (2) Mary M.*

*Altar Bread Baker: Bro. David*

*Ministers of the Cup: Bp. Steven, Bro. David & Bro. Will*

*Coffee Social Hosts: Parishioner Last Names S-W*

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

### **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)*

- For deepened faith, love for the Eucharist, and active charity in our living. ✠David Milchan, father of Bonnie B., R.I.P. 07/22/24.
- Lucy, *advancing dementia*, Diane P.'s mother. •Tony O., *surgery healing*
- Daryl, *aggressive prostate cancer*, friend of Bro. David. •Greg, *aggressive cancer*, friend of Bro. David. •Valerie, *3<sup>rd</sup> cancer episode*, Diane P.'s friend.
- For peace in Palestine, Ukraine and throughout our world
- For our parish community: *our growth and faith*
- Ken S., *healing*
- For all who struggle with mental health in our community and families
- For those deeply impacted by severe weather
- For vocations to ministry and consecrated life from among us. †All victims of war. †For our deceased clergy and parishioners. †For the victims of gun violence.

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

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

-Alcoholics Anonymous, Thursdays, 7pm, social hall.

**MUSIC MINISTRY PRACTICE** -Thursdays, 09/12 and 09/26 at 7pm, chapel.

### **“All Things SALAD” POTLUCK,**

-Today, September 1<sup>st</sup> following our Sunday Liturgy. Enjoy some favorite vegetable, pasta or fruit salad with your church family and friends.

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY,** Tomorrow, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**SEPTEMBER SHARING SUNDAY, NEXT Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** we continue our focus in prayer and generous giving to benefit our youth, in particular the young people who are troubled or have runaway from home and are being served by **Safe Place 2B** in Pinellas County. Our focus items are **t-shirts, underwear and socks** for youth, both genders, ages 10-17.

**OES FRANCISCAN GATHERING,** Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, conference room. All are welcome to join in.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,**

-Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, conference room.

### **DIOCESAN ACOLYTE FORMATION,**

-Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm, lunch follows, social hall.

### **“All Things SOUP” POTLUCK,**

-October 6<sup>th</sup> following our Sunday Liturgy.

## **Pastoral Perpenderings**

**to perpender, verb.** *“to weigh carefully in the mind.”*

Good Sunday morning, dearest Community and Friends!

In our Gospel reading the Pharisees continue to scrutinize Jesus' preaching and his behavior. Today they observe that some of Jesus' disciples did not observe the purification ritual that was required before eating any meal. For the Pharisees, this gave them the perfect opportunity to once again criticize Jesus. For the Pharisees, the law always reigned supreme.

They came to Jesus and asked him: “Why don't you and your followers observe the proper purification rites? They are eating their meal with unclean hands.” Jesus responds to them by quoting the prophet Isaiah: “This people honors me with their lips but their hearts are far from me. In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrine what are human traditions and precepts.” Then Jesus bluntly tells them: “You disregard God's commandments and cling to human tradition.”

Jesus then proclaims to the crowd: “Listen to me and hear me! Nothing that enters a person from outside can defile that person! It is what comes from within that defiles the individual.” Jesus then names fifteen emotions and acts that defile individuals.

Today may be a good day for us to ask ourselves: At times, do we judge or critique others because they are not following the law, be that the law of God or the law of the land? I assume we do. Many of our judgments are automatic. They may be leftovers from what we were taught as a child. Judgments simply are part of our human condition. And often we may not be fully aware that we are judging another person for breaking one of the laws or rules we consider to be important. Most all of us do not like it when another person

judges us. Yet at times, we automatically judge others when we may not have the complete picture. It is not our place to judge others. This is God's work to do.

If/when you find yourself beginning to judge another today, stop, breathe, and pray. Then go on about your day. You may find your day is lighter and brighter without so much judgment!

Please, be mindful of our troubled and runaway youth and let your heart guide you in responding. Next Sunday, we will remember, pray for and support these vulnerable young people with our gifts of **t-shirts, underwear, socks for ages 10-17, all genders**. We will share the gifts of our generosity with **A Safe Place 2b**, a shelter agency who works to serve these young people with understanding and compassion. Bring your gifts to Mass next Sunday t place before the altar as we pray for their safety and wellness.

Please, remember and pray for our parishioners, **Stephen McMurray and Michael Havener** who have both discerned the Lord's call to them to serve the church in **ordained ministry** as deacons and priests. They have begun their course formation work in preparation. Hold them in your prayer and Holy Communion for their perseverance. God bless you both on this journey.

May this Day of the Lord before you one of rest and relationships with family and friends.

With my love, prayer and blessing for you,

**Every Woman Who Has Walked  
with God Has a Story to Tell:**



*SARAH will tell you...  
Nothing is too hard for God.*

*HAGAR will tell you...  
God sees you.*

*HANNAH will tell you...  
God answers prayer.*

*RUTH will tell you...  
It's not over until God says it's over.*

*ESTHER will tell you...  
Trust God.  
He will exalt you in his timing.*

*RAHAB will tell you...  
Your past doesn't define you,  
God can and will use anyone.*

*MARY will tell you...  
Your "yes" is powerful and freeing.*

# Church Notes

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests

Songs

Verses

Sermon

All praise and glory be  
to the most holy and blessed Trinity,  
community of love and life!

## **This Morning's Sacred Liturgy**

Today's Intention: *For a Deeper Care for the Earth and Creation*

Prelude: **Lead Me, Guide Me** GC2 555

Welcome and Announcements Michael H.

**Gathering Song: Christ, Be Our Light** GC2 512

Kyrie Litany, plainchant Bp. Steven

Gloria: Mass of Creation GC2 138

Opening Prayer Bp. Steven

Reading I: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8* Dick B.

**Response: Psalm 15: They Who Do Justice** GC2 17

Reading II: *James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27* Michael H.

**Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Halle** GC2 261, v. 1

Holy Gospel: *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23* Bp. Steven

Homily Bp. Steven

Profession of Faith: **Nicene Creed** (*cf. hymnal inside back cover*)

**Intercessions: ☩ Christ, graciously hear us!** Michael H.

Kiss of Peace

**Preparation of the Gifts: Canticle of the Turning** GC2 527

**Eucharistic Prayer: Mass of Creation** GC2 147-149

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

**Lamb of God Litany: Mass of Creation** GC2 152

Invitation to Holy Communion

*Cup Ministers: Bro. David, Bro. Will & Mthr. Sharon*

**Communion Procession: Song of the Body of Christ** GC2 807

**Song of Praise: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace** GC2 721

Prayer after Communion Bp. Steven

Blessing and Sending

**Sending Song: Let All Things Now Living** GC2 551

**Potluck Social Hosts:**

*Parishioner Last Names M-R*