



Holy Spirit

OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH

XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

08 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: Ken S. 09/08, Bp. Steve 09/13, Stan K. 09/14, Elizabeth D. 09/16, Ralph L. 10/03, Joanne D. 10/06, Catherine M. 10/10, Mark S. 10/13, Jay K. 10/17, Pete S. 10/27, Nicole L. 10/30.

Happy Anniversary to: Chris and Pat 09/19, Wayne and Bro. Walt 09/26, Francisco and Gerhy 10/04, Brian and Debbie 10/11, Andy and Michele 10/17.

When We Gather Next...

Next Sunday, 15 September 2024, 10:30am

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Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalms 116:1-6, 8-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35.

Presider: **Bp. Steven**

Greeters: **Pete S. & volunteer**

Acolyte: **Terry Z.**

Lectors: (1) **Steve M.** (2) **Sr. Linda**

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

Coffee Social Hosts: **Parishioner Last Names A-D**

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

Homilist: **Bp. Steven**

Welcome: **Bp. Steven**

Intercessions: **Sr. Linda**

Altar Bread Baker: **Bp. Steven**

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.
- For Dave, brother of Terry Z., cancer treatment
- ✠David Milchan, father of Bonnie B., R.I.P. 07/22/24.
- Lucy, advancing dementia, Diane P.'s mother.
- Greg, aggressive cancer, friend of Bro. David.
- Valerie, 3rd 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.

SEPTEMBER SHARING SUNDAY, Today, September 8th 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 11th, 7pm, conference room. All are welcome to join in.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,

-Wednesday, September 18th, 7pm, conference room.

DIOCESAN ACOLYTE FORMATION,

-Saturday, September 28th, 9am-12pm, social hall

Acolyte volunteers from our parishes will gather with Fr. Daniel for a healthy instructional and formation time together to serve as formally instituted acolytes for both their parishes and our diocese. Lunch follows.

OCTOBER Sharing Sunday, Sunday, October 6th to benefit the **Humane Society of Pinellas**, SR 590. Stay tuned for needs as they care for so many pets and animals.

“All Things SOUP” POTLUCK,

-October 6th following our Sunday Liturgy.

Pastoral Perpendiculars

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

Good Sunday morning, dearest Community and Friends!

Today's holy Gospel is another “healing” Gospel. The focus for today is a man who was deaf. Not only was he deaf, he also had a speech impediment. It was almost impossible for the man to communicate with anyone.

Notice: the man himself did not approach Jesus. It was the man's friends who brought him to Jesus and they begged Jesus to heal the man. Jesus does not immediately heal the man. Rather, He takes him away from the crowd. Perhaps Jesus realizes that the man does not want a “show.” And most likely, Jesus did not want to be a “showman.” Jesus was a man of love and compassion. He simply desired to make the man “whole” once again. And Jesus did so!

What is our impediment? What is it in our lives that we wish to have healed? What do we believe would make us “whole” again? Do we have the courage and the trust to bring our desire and longing to Jesus today? Do we believe that Jesus is healing us (even if we don't experience it)? Will we trust in Jesus today?

Thank you to all of the **kitchen divas and chefs** who graciously prepared and shared delicious salads this past Sunday for our potluck. We truly appreciated your time, skill and food contributed to our fellowship together. God bless you.

Thank you each for your generous gifts of t-shirts, underwear and socks for the kids at **Safe Place 2B** as they work through troubles and being away from their families and friends for all kinds of reasons and challenges. Your generous hearts make a big difference with small but important gifts.

Our new Liturgical Ministries Schedule will be coming your way in about four weeks time. We always have needs and opportunities for you to serve the Lord and this parish community as **an altar bread baker, a greeter, an acolyte, a lector, a cup minister, and member of our parish music ministry**. Don't be afraid to raise your hand, we will certainly help and guide you in acquiring the skills needed for these important ministries among us. If interested, please, let me know. Thanks for stretching yourself.

Also, we encourage our special ministers of holy Communion and you (as a family member or friend) to take **Holy Communion to someone who is ill, homebound or healing from a medical procedure**. Please, be kind to let Bro. David know before Mass so that he may prepare the appropriate number of pyxes for you to take the Blessed Sacraments to others. Thank you for your help with this.

As you know, our parish bank account was **debited \$11,000.00 without authorization**. We are diligently working to restore those funds to our account as soon as possible, however, it is taking much longer than expected. I ask you to consider helping your parish in our cash flow as we are caught short, though operational expenses continue. If you would pray and ask the Lord to guide you in **an extra cash gift** to Holy Spirit to help us keep our financial stress at bay and continue our mission and ministry as we have gratefully done these past 21 years. Please, talk to Michael H. or myself if you are interested and able to make a special gift to the parish. Thank you and God bless you.

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,

Prayer for Conscience and Courage

*“I AM the light of the world.
Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)*

God of light and God of darkness,
God of conscience and God of courage,
Lead us through this time
of spiritual confusion and public uncertainty.
Lead us beyond fear, apathy and defensiveness
to new hope in You and to hearts full of faith.

Give us the conscience it takes
to comprehend what we're facing,
to see what we're looking at and to say what we see
so that others, hearing us, may also brave the pressure
that comes with being out of public step.

Give us the courage we need to confront those things
that compromise our consciences or threaten our integrity.

Give us, most of all, the courage to follow those before us
Who challenged wrong and changed it,
whatever the cost to themselves. Amen!



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 Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.*

Prelude: **Seek Ye First** GC2 600

Welcome and Announcements Mary Jo G.

Gathering Song: City of God GC2 663

Kyrie Litany, plainchant Mthr. Sharon

Gloria: Mass of Creation GC2 138

Opening Prayer Mthr. Sharon

Reading I: *Isaiah 35:4-7a* Ralph L.

Response: Psalm 146

**✠ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, my soul;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!**

Reading II: *James 2:1-5* Mary M.

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Halle GC2 261, v. 3

Holy Gospel: *Mark 7:31-37* Mthr. Sharon

Homily Mthr. Sharon

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

Intercessions: ✠ Christ, graciously hear us! Mary M.

Kiss of Peace

Preparation of the Gifts: Hands of Healing GC2 845

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 & Bp. Steven

Communion Procession: One Bread, One Body GC2 813

Song of Praise: Open My Eyes GC2 569

Prayer after Communion Mthr. Sharon

Blessing and Sending

Sending Song: We Walk by Faith GC2 583

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