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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



Parish News

April 5, 2024

Parish Schedule

Mass Times

Monday to Saturday: 9 am

Wednesday: 7 pm

Saturday: 5 pm, 7 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 9 am, 11 am and 7 pm

Confession Times

Fridays: 9:30 am (after morning Mass)

Saturdays: 1 pm - 2 pm (Fr. Joe) / 2 pm - 3 pm (Fr. David)

6 pm - 6:45 pm (Spanish)

Confessions are also available by appointment (English only)

April Mass Intentions

Contact us

Parish Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

(Lunch break 1:00pm - 1:30pm)

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Deacon Carlos Lozano

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**** Emergency only ****

Please call Parish Office for inquiries.

From the desk of Fr. David

The feast of Divine Mercy is a new feast in the Catholic Church. It was declared Divine Mercy Sunday by St John Paul II in the year 2000. At the same celebration he declared St. Faustina to be a saint, the first saint of the new millennium.

St. Faustina is the saint who received numerous visions of Jesus as the Divine Mercy. She was a religious sister in Poland who received these visions beginning in 1931.

Sister Faustina was born August 25, 1905 in Glogowiec, Poland. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy in Warsaw in 1924. St. Faustina was instructed to keep a diary of all her mystical experiences. The diary eventually was published as a book entitled "Divine Mercy in my Soul."

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and instructed her to have some artists paint some images of Divine Mercy. The famous first image is today in the Church of St. Michael Archangel in Vilnius, Lithuania. The second famous image is today at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Cracow, Poland.

Sister Faustina lived in a number of convents of her congregation in Poland and Lithuania. Until 1939 parts of Lithuania were in Poland.

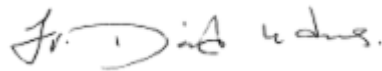
Jesus informed Sister Faustina of His desire to have a feast declared in honor of His Divine Mercy on the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Under the direction of her

diary was written down in a number of little notebooks, often without punctuation or proper grammar or spelling. Sister Faustina died October 5, 1938 at the age of 33.

In the 1950's copies of the diary were quickly made and translated into Italian and released to the public. Many complaints arose about its content and Rome banned the diary from being promoted in 1958. For the next 20 years the book was banned. During this time the bishop of the diocese of Cracow, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, worked for many years to have the ban lifted. In early 1978 the ban was finally lifted, and on October 16 of the same year, Cardinal Wojtyla was elected pope; Pope John Paul II.

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II declared Divine Mercy Sunday (the 2nd Sunday of Easter) to be a new feast for the entire Roman Catholic Church.

On August 17, 2002 (just days after World Youth Day in Toronto) at the new basilica of Divine Mercy in Cracow Pope John Paul II entrusted the whole world to Divine Mercy.

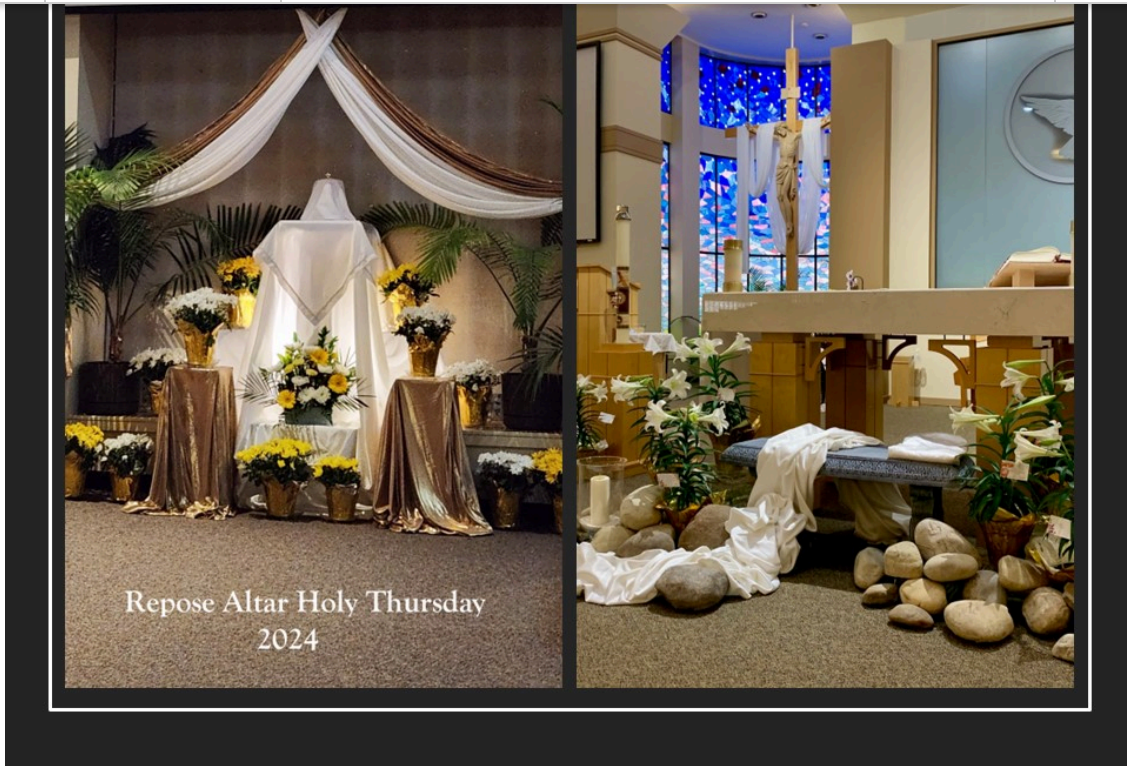
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Dietrich".

“Preach the Truth as if you had a million voices.

It is silence that kills the world.”

St. Catherine of Siena

Happy Easter!



Wishing the Easter season fills all of you with the love and mercy of our risen Lord.

Thank you to all our volunteers who put the time and effort during the Holy Week, all the celebrations were flawless and our church looked beautiful, we couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you all!



50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

This year, 2024 we celebrate 50 years as a parish!

The parish began in 1974 at St Benedict School. Holy Spirit Church opened in 1988.

On Pentecost Sunday this year, May 19, we will begin a year of parish celebrations. Bishop William McGrattan will be here on Sunday May 19 at the 11 am Mass to commence this special year.

Soon we will be giving the parishioners more information on the Parish Renewal Program in the Diocese of Calgary and also in the parish. A number of special events will soon be announced.

40 Hours Devotion at Holy Spirit - April 5 - 6



In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to pray for vocations: “*The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest*” (Matt. 9:37-38).

Come and pray with us at the upcoming 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations:

Adoration will begin on **Friday, April 5 at 7 am** and will close with **Benediction on Saturday, April 6 at 11 pm**.

Please note that there will be no overnight Eucharistic Adoration on April 6/7 due to the 40 hours Eucharistic Adoration.

Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter.

This Sunday April 7, we will have a Holy Hour in the Church from 3 pm - 4 pm.

Included will be the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Divine Praises, Adoration, Reflection and Benediction.

CWL Spring Plant Fundraiser



Spring is in the air and CWL is pleased to offer you our Spring Plant Fundraiser again, featuring high quality bedding plants, hanging baskets, planters, herbs and veggie plants grown in a Southern Alberta greenhouse. They are available for purchase online at Growing Smiles until May 10, with pickup on May 25 at Holy Spirit Parish.

Not only will your purchase be supporting a local greenhouse, it also helps CWL to continue supporting local and global initiatives, such as Homes for Heroes, Chalice and scholarships. Thank you for your purchase and support.

To order click on <https://holyspiritcwl.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>



COME HOLY SPIRIT
Preparing for Pentecost
Holy Spirit parish

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 3RD. Following
7PM Mass.
Come Holy Spirit**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 17TH.
Following 7PM Mass
I came that you might have
life Jn 10:10**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST. Following
7PM Mass.
Ask and you will receive.
Gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 15TH. Following
the 7PM Mass
Releasing the graces of our
Baptism & Confirmation.**

**PRESENTER
Peter Thompson**
Peter is a member of Holy Spirit
Parish and has served extensively
giving missions and teaching the
Catholic Faith
in many parts
of the world,
primarily in
Africa.



Jesus told the Apostles to wait and pray following His Ascension. That they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. We also will prepare for Pentecost following Easter and His glorious Resurrection.

Preparing for Pentecost

Four evenings to help us to understand and embrace more fully the graces of our baptism and confirmation.

April 17 - I Came that you might have life Jn.10:10

May 1 - Ask and you will receive. Gifts of the Holy Spirit

May 15 - Releasing the Graces of our Baptism and Confirmation

Presenter: Peter Thompson

Peter is a member of Holy Spirit Parish and has served extensively giving missions and teaching in many countries primarily Africa.



*Ever wondered about joining
our Pastoral Care Team
at Holy Spirit?*

Here is an opportunity to come and see what we do and who we are.

- **When: Saturday April 6 commencing at 9:30 am**
- **Where: Mark Room at Holy Spirit**
- **Who: All present and potential members of Pastoral Care and anyone in the Parish who is curious about our ministry.**

Join us for food, refreshments and a guest speaker.
RSVP to susaneduckett@gmail.com

Pastoral Care

MINISTRY TRAINING

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry. This Pastoral Care Training is designed for those who wish to support the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved members of their community. Whether you're a new minister or someone with prior training in Pastoral Care Ministry, this workshop warmly welcomes you.

Session 1

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024
9 am to 4 pm

Session 2

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
9 am to 4 pm

WHERE

Catholic Pastoral Centre
120 17 Ave SW, Calgary

COST

\$70.00

REGISTER



Register by April 15,
2024

ONLINE
CATHOLICYC.CA/
PASTORALCARE

PHONE 403-218-5521

EMAIL monica.warman@calgarydiocese.ca

NOTES

- To ensure eligibility, please seek approval from your Pastor and/or Pastoral Care Coordinator. Connect with your parish for screening requirements.
- During both sessions, we're delighted to offer a delicious lunch. Additionally, enjoy a selection of coffee, tea, water, and snacks, throughout the training.
- Upon successfully completing and attending the entire course, participants will be awarded Certificates of Completion.
- Mass will be celebrated at noon on both Saturdays

OVERVIEW

SESSION 1

- The Meaning of Your Ministry
- Serving as a Minister of Care

SESSION 2

- Suffering
- End of Life



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- Sessions: **Saturday, April 20th and Saturday, May 4** at Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW)
- Deadline to register: April 15, 2024

Knights of Columbus Grocery Cards Fundraiser



In person sales with credit/debit machine available:

April 6 - after 5 pm Mass

April 7 - after 9 am and 11 am Masses

Online purchase is an active program. It is available anytime!

[Instructions to purchase grocery cards online](#)

Randy Saunders is our new Maintenance Coordinator at Holy Spirit. He is a member of our parish. You may have noticed him doing odd jobs here and there. Make sure to introduce yourself and say hello.

Welcome Randy!

CCCRS prayer meeting is next Thursday April 11 at Holy Spirit Parish. Meeting starts at 7 pm.

Come join us. All are welcome to worship our Lord and Saviour!

Couples Retreat at St. Luke's Parish - April 13

keep my words"
Jn 14.15

Couples

RETREAT

Saturday, April 13

Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

Talks, Mass,
confession, Q&A for
couples and more!

Child care available

St. Luke's Parish

1566 Northmount Dr NW

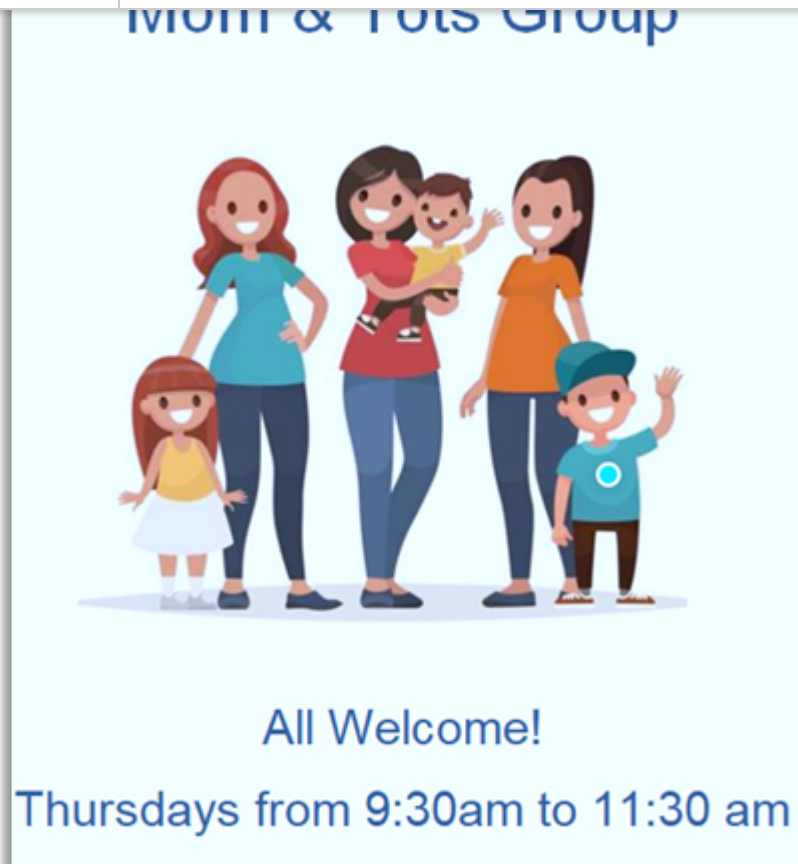
More info:

(587) 892-9673



SIGN UP





This ministry gathers every Thursday morning after morning mass (around 9:30am). We welcome women of all ages, who are parenting (grandparenting) children between the ages of 0-5.

Kids learn to make the sign of the cross, praying the responses, offer prayers of petition and lead the Our Father. We have time for quiet prayer and story for the children. Fellowship follows in one of the meeting rooms. This ministry has been part of Holy Spirit Parish for the past 30 years. If you are at home Thursday mornings looking after little ones, you may want to grow in your faith through this ministry.

For more information, please call the parish office at 403-251-3381.



An Easter Message
FROM BISHOP MCGRATTAN

Read Bishop McGrattan's Easter message as we enter the Easter season. "Easter calls us to renew the witness of our faith through the living testimony of our lives. It calls us to move beyond the tomb of human emptiness by sharing with conviction the good news of the Resurrection." [Read now](#)

Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2024

For the role of women

April 2024



April 2024 Prayer intention: Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

[Watch the video](#)

Calgary priest to represent Canada in Rome



Congratulations to Fr. Fabio DeSouza, who has been selected as one of three priests to represent Canada at the World Meeting of Priests in Rome from April 28 to May 2, 2024.

This selection was made by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in response to a request from the Holy See for priests actively

Vancouver and Rev. Daniel Ouellet from the Diocese of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière. Let's keep Fr. Fabio and his fellow brother priests in our prayers for a fruitful meeting that inspires and guides their continued ministry. [Read statement](#)



COME FOLLOW ME

MASS | LUNCH | KEYNOTES | VOCATIONS PANEL AND Q&A



FRANCESCA AMBROSINO
MC & PANEL HOST



KEELIN KENNEDY
MC



DR. RYAN TOPPING
PRESENTING "MET OLD MEN PRIESTS' REPORT"



FR. CRISTINO BOUVETTE
KEYNOTE "VOCATIONS"



CEDRIC & GRETA DE SOUZA
"MARRIAGE AND THE CHILDREN'S VOCATION"



SEEDS OF THE WORD
KEYNOTE "DISCERNMENT"



BSP. WILLIAM MCCRATTAN
CLOSING KEYNOTE

VOCATION PANELISTS



SR. MICHAEL FERRAS, OFM



SR. CAROL FORHAN, SPB



FR. FRANK SHAIRNA, OCS



SR. SIMON GROSICKI, OP



SR. AZENETTE TRONCCO, SP NOV



FR. DEREK BEHUS



PETER AN, SEMNARIAN

Hosted at St. Michael's Parish
800 85 ST SW, Calgary, AB



You are invited to the Diocesan Vocations Rally, co-hosted by the Benedict XVI Institute of Newman Theological College. It is an afternoon of formation, information, and fellowship on Vocations! Come learn how to build a culture of vocation, whether you are discerning a religious vocation or not. Through the grace of God, the future of the Church depends on us all. Bring as many people from your parish as you can. Lunch is on us. When: **Sun, Apr 21, from 11 am to 3:30 pm.**

More info & registration: catholicyyc.ca/vocations

Elizabeth House's Beach Carnival & Dodgeball Tournament

**Beach Carnival
Dodgeball
Tournament!**

Join us for some friendly competition
in support of a great cause!

SAT, APRIL 27, 2024
2:30 - 5:00 PM

THE BEACH YYC
3030, 2600 Portland St SE Calgary

GET TICKETS AT
elizabethhousecalgary.ca

All proceeds in support
of Elizabeth House

**Elizabeth
HOUSE**

YOU ARE CALLED
**YOU
matter**
YOU BELONG

Elizabeth House invites you to a Beach Dodgeball Tournament **at The Beach YYC** (3030, 2600 Portland St SE Calgary)! You can bring friends and family and

friends, class vs. teachers, parents vs. kids, let's have some fun for a good cause! All proceeds will go towards purchasing a new van for the Elizabeth House.

Maintenance Committee



If you notice any maintenance issue that requires attention like an uneven kneeler, or a sink that drips, take a picture and send a description of the problem to maintenance@holyspiritparish.net

Knights of Columbus - Fr. Joe Toole Council



community under our pillars of: Charity, Unity & Fraternity. Inquire to: **Grand Knight Paul Gerritsen** 403-607- 2075
Membership Director Rob Oswald
403- 650-3638.

[Instructions to purchase grocery cards here](#)



Our mission statement proclaims that:
"The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministries and service."

We welcome all Catholic women 18 years and older to share their gifts and make a difference.

For more information contact Brenda Kellington (President)
403-836-5256



Monday – Saturday 9:30 am – 4 pm

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration

First weekend of the month, from
Saturday 8:00 PM to Sunday 8:00 AM.

Please note that there will be no overnight Eucharistic Adoration on April 6/7 instead, we are having 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations from Friday, April 5 at 7 am to Saturday, April 6 at 11 pm.

Eucharistic adoration is spending time with Jesus who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. During adoration we open ourselves to His graces, Jesus draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

Please consider spending time with Our Lord, we do need adorers, especially for week days.

You can sign up using the sheets provided in the chapel or send an email to Pauline Jensen at fjensen@shaw.ca



Rosary & Prayer Group

On Zoom: Totus Tuus continues praying the Rosary daily at 10 am followed by The Divine Mercy Chaplet. To receive a Zoom invitation, contact Marta Toltesi

totustuus@shaw.ca

Rosary in the Church: We gather to pray the Rosary in the Chapel, everyone is welcome.

- Monday to Saturday at 8:30 am

Four Mysteries of the Rosary are prayed every first Friday of the month at 4 pm in the Chapel.

Monday Prayer Group: One hour of prayer every Monday evening in the Chapel beginning at 7:15 pm. Our hour encompasses the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome. Contact Jeanne 403-281-3432.

Prayer requests: The Rosary Making Apostolate has an Intercessory Prayer Ministry with over 150 'prayer partners' interceding for the requests received. The CWL also prays for these intentions. To request prayers send an email to totustuus@shaw.ca.

Resources for Children

The Kids' Bulletin

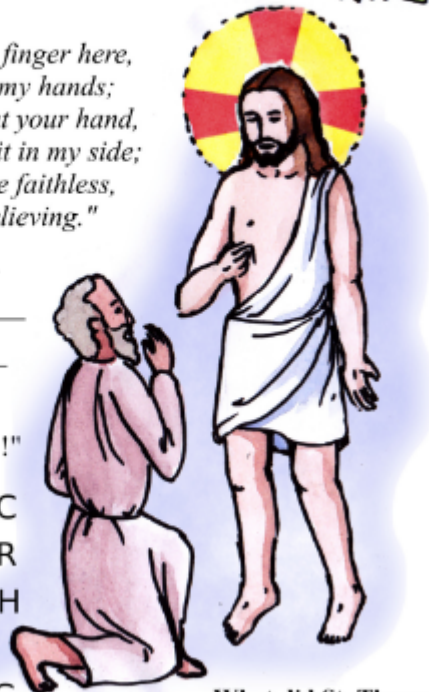
*Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 7th, 2024*

*"Put your finger here,
and see my hands;
and put out your hand,
and place it in my side;
do not be faithless,
but believing."*

" M _ _

_____!"

A M B Y C
L D O E R
F D G A H
N I D J
M K Y L G
M O N D O



What did St. Thomas reply to Jesus? Use every second letter to fill in the blanks!

- [Sunday Connection this Sunday \(Gr. 1-8\)](#)
- [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)

News from the Diocese of Calgary

- **Come & See | Mass & Healing Service**

CCCRS invites you to the Holy Eucharist and Healing Service on **Friday, April 12 at 6:30 pm to 9 pm** - at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Calgary with speakers from the Charismatic Renewal Services of Canada (CRSC): Brian Sullivan and team. All are welcome! [More info](#)

- **Men's Retreat: Life Compass Workshop**

Men: Here is an invitation for you to join the "Life Compass" Workshop Retreat at St. Anthony's, Calgary. Ideal for men seeking a deeper sense of identity, purpose, or those feeling lost about their next step. Experience fellowship, spiritual growth, personal value clarification, and goal setting. Includes a full day of activities, follow-up mastermind, prayer time, sacraments, materials, snacks, coffee, and a hot lunch. Empower yourself to create a guiding LifeCompass. **When: Sat, Apr 13 from 8 am to 4 pm.** Register at: buildmylifecompass.com/calgary.

- **ABLAZE - Youth Ministry**

This is an invitation for all youth in Gr. 9 to 12 throughout the diocese to join ABLAZE Youth Ministry Formation with Father Troy. When: **Friday, Apr. 12 from 7 pm to 9 pm** at St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary. [More info](#)

- **A Day with the Sisters**

For new Catholics: Join the Sisters of Divine Mercy in a welcome home retreat! Partake in sacraments, time to reflect, and time to share. When: **Sat, Apr. 27 from 10:30 am to 4 pm** at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Twp. Rd. 262, Calgary). More info at www.sistersofdivinemeracy.org

- **Young Adults: Hope on the Horizon Summer Mission in Downtown Vancouver**

| Join the "Hope on the Horizon" Summer Mission from **August 6-21, 2024** hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Catholic Street Missionaries. This event, for

to the homeless, alongside training and recreational activities. Food and accommodation included. For details and registration, visit: catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon.



Our parish relies on your Sunday offerings for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. We are accepting debit/credit cards and online donations. If you are interested in this way of helping, please contact the Parish Office or [click here to register](#).

To make a one-time donation [click here](#)

E-transfers now accepted

To transfer the money use the email address:

donations@holyspiritparish.net

Please include name, address, and where you would like the funds to go in the transfer message. This account is registered for Auto deposit, there is no need for a security question. Please note this is being offered as an option for one-time donation, it is not intended to take the place of regular weekly/ monthly donations.

Catholic Links

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St. Jude School

Click on the school logo to be redirected to the school website





Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

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