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HOLY SPIRIT ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Order of Our Liturgy

Prelude: Healing River #564

Welcome and "Good News" Announcements: (Christine Warner)

Gathering Song: How Can I Keep from Singing #596

Penitential Litany: Kyrie-Mass of Light #221

Opening Prayer

Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46 (David Martinez)

Psalm Response: Psalm 32 #912

*R. I turn to you, O Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 (Wayne Clark)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia-Mass of Light #223 verse 1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 (Bp. Steve)

Homily

Profession of Faith:

V. We believe in one God, (The assembly joins in the Nicene Creed.)

*R. the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit*

He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.*

With the Father and the Son She is worshiped and glorified.

She has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

*We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Intercessions:

R. Heal and restore us to You! (Sharon Mucci)

Blessing of Couples in honor of Saint Valentine, priest and martyr

Kiss of Peace

Preparation of Our Gifts: Hands of Healing #845

Eucharistic Prayer: Mass of Light #226, 228, 230

Please refer to page 6 in "Order of the Liturgy" in your pew.

Lord's Prayer: Evensong #15

Fractioning Litany: Lamb of God-Mass of Light #231

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Hamilton, Terry Carbone, Carol Gransky

Communion Procession: Behold the Lamb #824

Song of Praise: Healer of Our Every Ill #854

Prayer after Communion

Sending Song: Amazing Grace #586

**ALL ARE WELCOMED HERE
IN THIS PLACE!**

Welcome to Holy Spirit Ecumenical Catholic Church!

Thank you for choosing to celebrate Sunday Mass with us.

We are blessed and delighted by your presence. We invite you to please sign "Our Community Cares" booklet that will be passed at the start of today's Liturgy. Thank you.

**OUR CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE
AND LOVE**

Happy Birthday to:

Nanette Nardello (2/12)

Lena Betancourt/Sullivan (3/1)

Cathy Porter (3/2)

Joe Hebert (3/4)

Elizabeth Tremblay-Cox (3/4)

Sonny Griner (3/6)

Kathy Jablonicky (3/8)

Diane Percy (3/15)

Mike Hankinson (3/20)

Louise Fichter (3/22)

Lee Weigman (3/27)

Brandon Brooks (3/29)

Happy Anniversary to:

Ed G. & Victor B. (2/14)

John & Chi Rehg (2/19)

Bill & Chris Daniels (2/24)

Michael F. & John W. (3/30)

*May the brilliance of
the Light of Christ
continue to shine in you,
in your living
and your loving!*

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When We

Gather Next...

Sunday February 19, 10:30am
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Bring a Friend Sunday"

Isaiah 43:18-19, 20-22, 24-25

Psalm 41

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Mark 2:1-12

Greeters:

D. & F. Beggs, & M. Meier

Councilor Welcome: L. Ritchie

Acolyte: B. Stein

Lectors:

D. Percy (1) & G. Earle (2)

Presider and Homilist: Bishop Steve

Intercessions: M. Meier

Altar Bread Baking: J. Warner

Eucharistic Ministers:

G. Resler, P. Canale;

J. Treston

Offering Counters:

J. Boykin and W. Rettke

Social Treats and Clean-up:

**Mardi Gras "Pig Roast & Sun-
daes Potluck"**

*Thank you for your
generous care & service!*

From Where I Stand...bp. Steve

Good morning, Friends!

Today's sacred scriptures seem to focus on a literally unknown disease in our modern world: leprosy. Putting the texts into historical context we can quickly see that their was great fear, misunderstanding and thus demonizing phobia surrounding this affliction.

Our community response to such intolerance and discrimination is simply radical hospitality for others.

In his book *The Company of Strangers*, Parker Palmer deals with the question of how the Church can ever be truly hospitable. He asserts: "The essence of hospitality—and of the public life—is that we let our differences, our mutual strangeness, be as they are, while still acknowledging the unity that lies beneath them." Palmer argues that openness to the stranger and letting the stranger be is resisted by the basic dynamics of community formation. An intimate community is formed oddly enough by an act of exclusion: "We" are in

and "they" are out! To have a sense of community suggests that we have drawn a boundary around ourselves and that we see ourselves as different from the surrounding world. The stranger can threaten the very foundation of such a community by blurring the boundary. Therefore, the stranger must either be kept out or made to become like us.

But Palmer offers a solution. "When a community's identity is rooted in the truth that we are all members of one another—that our deepest identity is in our commonality in God—then it can embrace the stranger with grace and ease." His own experience fortified this when he worked in a soup kitchen in New York. He found it a place of hospitality where he felt the unity which ran beneath the vast and tragic differences between him and the clients who came for soup.

Practice the presence of God and listen to our voices change. From division *to* healing; from self-protection *to* vulnerability; from criticism *to* compliment!

May our prayer and good works together this week be as such a community:

Jesus, you welcomed
the stranger,
the despised,
the foreigner,
the sinner
into your compassionate
and healing love.

Free my cluttered heart
that I might truly follow
your way of welcome.

Open me
to look into the eyes
of the poor and the lonely
to sit with
the troubled and grieving,
to listen to
sinner and saint alike,
as I yield to your Spirit
of divine welcome. Amen!

A blessed and restful Sunday
and a passionate and loving
feast of Saint Valentine!

-Bishop + Steve

Gathering with Grateful, Generous Hearts

Last Sunday, **February 5th, 58** people gathered as the Body of Christ to be nourished by the Body of Christ. In gratitude for our many blessings and gifts we gave \$1,097.00 to support the weekly budget of \$2,046 and strengthen the ministry and mission of our community, Holy Spirit Ecumenical Catholic Church.



In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

Your conscientious and consistent support of this your community of faith is an act of faith and trust in God and with one another **Thank you** also for choosing to use your **envelopes** or your **online giving**.



- For our Confirmation candidates: Michael Havener, Katy Clauer and Taffy Campbell.

- Bishop Peter Hickman *and his intentions*.

- Tamy Boyer, *Lee's sister, breast cancer challenges*.

- Donald Cady, *Mary Meier's nephew, renewed cancer struggles*.

- Jeff Witt, Dave Weaver and Sharon Davis, *friends of Larry Roush, cancer and health challenges*.

- Lynne Sullivan, *Mike's mother, respiratory health*

- Agnes Clark, *Wayne's mother, peace and health*

- Joseph Perry, *health and healing*,

-For Our Family and their needs, *by Joe and Joann Hebert; Frank and Dorothy Beggs*.

- Marilyn Harley, *Debbie's sister, complete recovery from surgery*

- Tom Waters, *health and wellness*

- Kolette Hansen, Bonnie Garra-mone, Bill Hartwig and George Earle, *cancer challenges and therapies*

- Diana, *friend of L. Michael Allen, Lupus challenges*.

- Carol Gransky, *back healing*

- Tricia Hogan's sister, daughter; and brother, *health and wellness*

- Lewis Alston's Mother, *her home*.

- Kip Harvison, *Jennifer's mother, cancer challenges*.

- Kristen, *Linda Ridenbour's daughter, relocating to Concord, MA*.

- Dot Clark, *Maggie's sister, cancer challenges*

- Melissa Contino, *Maggie's niece, Thanksgiving for cancer-free*

- Frank Beggs, *bone scan*

-Diane Percy, *back health & employment search opportunities*.

-Daniel Jagielski, *healthy complete healing from transplant*.

- Sharon Mucci, *seminary studies*

- Carmen Frates, *Michael's sister, health challenges*

- TJ, Mike S.' coworker & her

daughter Sarah, *cancer challenges*

- Paula Tomko, *peaceful spirit*

- Roy Branch, *friend of David Martinez*.

- Patrick Bruckner, *peaceful days and a holy death*

-For happy success for our FUN-Raisers: Corned Beef Dinner and Splash of Jazz Evening.

Have I told You today that I love You?

WHO wants to be CATHOLIC?

No, it's not a new game show, but an opportunity to continue to grow more deeply in your spiritual journey. Through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation a person becomes a fully initiated member of the universal Catholic household of faith, and in particular a part of our Ecumenical Catholic walk in faith.

Our preparation gatherings will begin soon. Please, sign up on the corridor bulletin board if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism and/or the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 7th.

We love you, we welcome you! God's peace is yours.

The Road Ahead

- **Choir Practice**, Sundays, 9:30am. All are welcome!
- **Parish Council Meeting**, Thursday, February 16th, 7pm, conference room.
- **Annual Mardi Gras Pig Roast Potluck and Sundaes!** NEXT Sunday, February 19th, 1:30pm-? at Barb and Maggie's home in New Port Richey. Come one, come all!
- **Ash Wednesday**, February 22nd, The holy season of Lent begins! Soup Supper, 5:30pm, Blessing and Reception of Ashes, 6:15pm; and Lenten Seminar, 7pm.
- **Lenten Seminar begins**, Wednesday, February 22nd. "Choosing Compassion: The Paradox of Power," six-sessions of videos and discussion. All are welcomed to join us Weds, 7-8:30pm.
- **Evening Prayer for Lent**, Wednesdays during Lent starting on February 29th, 6:30pm, Chapel.
- **March Sharing Sunday**, Sunday, March 4th. This month's focus items are **Infant and Toddler Diapers**.
- **Finance Ministry Meeting**, Wednesday, March 14th, 4:30pm, conference room.
- **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner FUN-Raiser!** Saint Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th, 5-7pm, parish center hall.

A NEW Prayer Resource

We have a limited quantity of sample copies of *Give Us This Day* to share in the social hall, courtesy of Liturgical Press.

This new monthly publication was created to help sustain your personal prayer practices with daily prayer for Morning and Evening, prayers and readings for Mass, along with a reflection on the Scriptures, and a daily profile of a saintly witness. If you'd like to know more, visit www.giveusthisday.org or fill out the subscription card in the back of the sample editions. God bless you.

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Fame and Love

Do you really want fame and fortune?

Do you shout out the great blessings

you believe are from God?

Jesus was a rock star of his time,

hiding outside of town and still being tracked down by worshipping fans hungry for spiritual life.

How little time

he must have had to himself, because others couldn't keep quiet.

How odd that today

it's not the one who shouts who draws people to God.

Instead, the more you dem-onstrate

God's love through action, rather than words, the more people are drawn to God.

Oh Lord and sacred one, through your blessings help me live a life of love.

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