Divine Mercy Sunday

The Pastor's corner PASTOR'S CORNER

What is one of the greatest desires of the human heart?

Certainly, it must be this: to be known and acknowledged as good. We want to be accepted by others and thereby be affirmed in our identity. When we are seeking this from other people, it can take a lot of work. Think of the athlete who is trying to impress the coach or the student working extra hard to impress a teacher. Children want to be accepted by their parents. In each of these cases, it takes focus and attention on another person to be accepted and affirmed by them. But sometimes, this desire goes too far as we become "people pleasers." We slowly become depended on others liking and praising us for our own contentment with who we are. All our focus is on those around us and what they think of us: Do they think I am praiseworthy? Will they affirm me in my goodness?

In this process, it is easy to become "nobody," so to speak if you repeat this nonsense: "It does not matter what you believe so long as you are a good person!" or "Ignorance is bliss." But keep in mind what someone once said: "Adultery always smells the same." It is a very interesting remark, because it reminds us that when we think in this way, we will always fail to concentrate on God. Our focus becomes so divided among everyone around us as we try to please them that we do not hear the one person who made us good to begin with. From whom else should we seek praise save the one who created man in his own image and likeness and who said, "It is very good"? The only one who affirms you in who you are is Jesus Christ. He gives you an identity and, in doing so, brings peace to your heart to help you recognize your own worth and goodness. It goes without saying that our spiritual wisdom begins in the silence of that intensely beautiful moment of faith, hope and love, particularly as we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In the words of St. John Paul II, "This heavenly moment is a powerful reminder that in giving us His flesh and blood in Holy Communion, time and again, Jesus demonstrates that - if this were necessary for our redemption and salvation - He would be willing to climb back on the Cross to suffer and die all over again for each one of us."

P.S. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Try to remember this fact, particularly this afternoon at 3 p.m. Do you know why?

April 27th, 2025



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord" - (Psalm 33.5) Let us spread this goodness by reaching out to those who depend on us for the basic and material needs. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul relies totally on the generosity of benefactors like YOU in their mission to help our neighbor-in-need get their basic needs.

Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the Church. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!



Parish Summer Camp Grade 1—8 July 7-11 and July 14-18 from 9 am to 3 pm. More information to follow

2026 Photo Album for Holy Spirit's 70th Anniversary

Holy Spirit Church will be celebrating it's 70th Anniversary in 2026!! As was done 10 years ago, Holy Spirit will be creating a Photo Album/ Directory FREE of charge for those parishioners who sign up to have their portrait taken. Single, couples and families are encourage to sign up at church entrance before or after Mass on the weekend. To date, we have a total of 150 time slots filled in an Holy Spirit is looking to increase the number to 200. Please help to make this 2026 photo album for our 70th Anniversary a success!

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.



Tuesday, April 29, 2025

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Shirley Lam Shook Yee

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Connor Hanly req. By Bridget Murphy.

<u> Thursday, May 1, 2025</u>

9 a.m. Private Intentions

Friday, May 2, 2025

9 a.m. Repsoe of the soul of Antonietta Macri req. By her son

Saturday, May 3, 2025

4:30p.m. Intentions of all Parishioners

Sunday, December 8

9 a.m. Intentions of Trevor and Jennifer Gomes on their wedding anniversary

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Alvin Salvador req. By Carri Salvador



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL Wednesday, April 30, 2025 Everyone welcome



Come pray the 2,000 Hail Mary Saturday, May 4, 2025 6:00 am until 3:00 pm

