

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



PASTOR'S CORNER

What captures the imagination of many these days? It goes without saying that this must be a very short but powerful word: *fear*. *This emotion is a fundamental feature of our life, and it cannot be eradicated. Basically, fear anticipates something and is not experienced directly; in other words, it is an anxiety about what might happen. This is why fear often leads to failure. Someone once said that fear is Satan's press secretary. It is a very interesting remark, because it reminds us that fear will try to convince us of all kinds of lies about God, others, and ourselves. But this is spiritually toxic news, for wherever we go, we will find that what we are running from is there ahead of us.*

Certainly, this uncontrollable dread of the future is sometimes justified, but be wary: it wants to kidnap your present moment with God and yourself. So sit with your fear and listen to the whisper of Jesus in your restless heart: *"Satan's promises are the best at first, but their true fulfilment is always the worst. He promises pleasure that always ends with pain. He promises profit that usually ends with loss. He promises life and pays with death."* With Jesus on your side, you are not captive to your fear. You are simply free to carry it like a costly treasure to the empty tomb to be among those who marvel with a contemplative gaze of amazement on Easter Sunday. Basically, this is what Lent is really all about if you are truly serious about your own gift of faith, hope and trust, for as someone metaphorically said, *"In order to rise from its own ashes, a phoenix first must be burned."* So when we do find the courage to overcome our fears, is it not true that we often look back and say to ourselves, *"Why was I so worried about this or that?"*

P.S. "Be not afraid." Do you know how many times this phrase appears in the Bible? 365 times. So what is God trying to tell us? Perhaps this: *"You are too blessed to be stressed."*

Fr. Slawek

APRIL 6, 2025

The Divine Mercy Novena

Good Friday April 18 – Saturday April 26, 2025



Day 1 - Good Friday After the 3:00 p.m. Service
Day 2 – Holy Saturday After the 7:30 p.m. Mass
Day 3 – Easter Sunday After 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass
Day 4 – Monday 10:15 a.m. (In Church Basement)
Day 5 – Tuesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Day 6 - Wednesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Day 7 – Thursday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Day 8 - Friday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Day 9: Saturday 3:45 p.m. – Before Evening Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 8

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving for Francis DeAbreu.

Wednesday, April 9

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving..

Thursday, April 10

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Friday, April 11

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving.

Saturday, April 12

4:30p.m Intentions of all Parishioners.

Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday

9 a.m. Intentions for all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Intentions for all Parishioners.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Holy Spirit Conference

We visit single mothers – We visit the elderly – We visit the working poor as well as those on social assistance or disability allowance -- We visit those who have suddenly fallen on hard financial times as well as those struggling over a longer period -- We visit people of any faith or race -- Quite simply, we visit anyone who is in need and request our assistance.

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

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

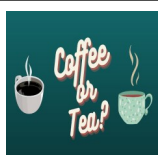
Pre-Authorized Giving Plan—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

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.

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 115 time slots filled in an Holy Spirit is looking to increase the number to 150. Please help to make this 2026 photo album for our 70th Anniversary a success!



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL
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Wednesday, April 9, 2025



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.

