

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Celebration of the Mass (Apr. 11 to Apr. 17)

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Monday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am
Friday 9:00 am

Adoration

Tuesday
9:45 am - 12:30 pm
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Reconciliation

Tuesday 9:45 - 12:30 pm
Saturday 4:30 - 4:45 pm
(or by appt.)
Sunday Upon request
Weekdays Upon request

Sacrament of the Sick

Offered at first Friday
Mass upon request.

Marriage or Baptism

Contact the parish office
six (6) months prior to the
anticipated date.

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Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 12, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
ACTS 2 : 42 - 47

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 118 : 2 - 4 ; 13 - 15 ;
22 - 24

2ND READING:
I PT 1 : 3 - 9

GOSPEL:
JOHN 20 : 19 - 31



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it in my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

John 20:27

Sunday of Divine Mercy



Pope Leo's April Intention

For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Church Organizations

Financial Council	Charlie Clymer
Pastoral Council	John Rigney
Knights of Columbus	Jerry Hauck
4th Degree Knights	Gary Laudt
Legion of Mary	Marge Clymer
	Jane Bidlack
Food Pantry	Bob Mailliard
Rosary Makers/Prayer Blankets	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacles of Life	Vicki Hauck
Funeral Preparations	Deacon John Erdag

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 4/3 FRI: 76
Collections from 4/3:
 Good Friday - Holy Land \$ 828.00

Attendance: 4/4 SAT: 79 4/5 SUN: 152
Collections from 4/4 - 4/5
 Offertory \$ 4,249.23
 Votive Candles \$ 14.00
 Holy Spirit Food Pantry \$ 445.00
 Building & Maintenance \$ 1,177.00

APRIL SECOND COLLECTIONS

4/3: Good Friday for the Holy Land
 4/4 & 4/5: Building and Maintenance Fund
 4/11 & 4/12: Caring for the Priests
 4/25 & 4/26: Catholic Home Missions

Thank you for your generous contributions.
 Please remember Holy Spirit Catholic Church in your Will.



Mass Intentions

Sat 4/11	+Joseph & +Ann Pericak (Mary Catalano)
Sun 4/12	Mass for the People of Holy Spirit Parish
	+John McGrane (Nitja McGrane)
Tue 4/14	Edward Baker (Knights of Columbus)
Wed 4/15	Jess Corrigan (Knights of Columbus)
Thur 4/16	Jeff Leingang (Knights of Columbus)
Fri 4/17	Lex Forster (Knights of Columbus)
Sat 4/18	Candi & LC Dodson (Linda & Eric Hur-



Remember the sick of our parish: Mark Edwards; Deidra Hatcher; Shepard Gartin; Erin Sine; Joe Fazzio; Dr. Steve Boswank; Charles McCloskey; Deanie DeLee; Sharon Ryan; Marge & Charlie Clymer; Mary Langhoff; Lillian Speights; Rebecca Niebrugge; Claire Sullivan; Kirk Wilder; David Barber; Elaine Arellano; Marissa Cowles; Judy Terry; Randy Munoz; Jess & Eva Corrigan; Elaine March & Rosemary Seltzer; Maureen Tucker; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; Elmer Mulhollon, Roland & Pat Schmeier, Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Emyl Walker; Joe Bonneville; Juan & Barbara Delgado; Avery Boultinghouse; Jo & Doris Hoffman; Roy Marchak; David Borel; Verna Sloan; Mike Stephens; Kathy Bowers; Msgr. Ron Diegel; Chris & Dave Paape; Richard Schuetz; Jodie Woods; Jean Hamilton; Kathleen Fleming; Jaye Anderson; Karee Haney; Charlie Parker; Jacob Stephens.



Remember the active military of our parish:

Senior Chief Petty Officer, James Nichols, (Nephew of Dcn John & Cindy Sue Erdag). Cody Mitchell, LTJG Navy (Son-in-law of Stan & Terrie Evans). Ben Clymer, Sr Airman USAF (Grandson of Charlie & Marge). Captain Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno AMT 2nd Class (Grandson of Kathy Boman).

Special Diocesan Announcement

Bishop Kelly requests that the following announcement be placed in the parish bulletin. This is for parishes where (Fr.) Ariel served in the last few years. If you have any question, please contact Fr. Gomez. Thank you

Bishop Kelly wishes to inform your community that Ariel Cortes voluntarily requested a dispensation from Holy Orders, and the Holy See has granted that request. While he is no longer a priest, he is in good standing as a lay person in the Church.

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 4/11:	5:00 pm Divine Mercy Sunday	
Sun 4/12:	8:30 am Divine Mercy Sunday Knights of Columbus Breakfast	
Mon 4/13:	9:00 am Communion Service 6:00 pm OCIA	
Tues 4/14:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration	
Wed 4/15:	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life	
Thurs 4/16:	9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Legion of Mary	
Fri 4/17:	9:00 am Mass 3:00 pm Divine Mercy & Rosary Hour 5:00 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry	
Sat 4/18:	5:00 pm Mass	
Sun 4/19:	8:30 am Mass	
Mon 4/20:	9:00 am Communion Service 6:00 pm OCIA	
Tues 4/21:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration	
Wed 4/22:	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life	
Thurs 4/23:	9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Legion of Mary	
Fri 4/24:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Makers	

Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Due to increased costs of groceries, the Food Ministry is in need of non-perishable food donations. If you can contribute, place donations in the box outside the church office. Or, for monetary donations, use a Food Ministry Donation Envelope, available in the basket in the narthex. All contributions are greatly appreciated and serve to help people in need at HLR and its surrounding community. Additionally, we are, once again, in need of plastic grocery bags.

If you of a resident in need, please obtain their name and phone number. Please provide their information to: Bob Mailliard (503-559-6022).



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Martin I Pope, Martyr (As a deacon served the imperial court in Constantinople; combated emperor Constant II over Monothelite belief that Jesus had only a divine will and so was not truly human; as pope, forced from Rome to Constantinople where he was tried for treason; later exiled to Crimea where he died of starvation and ill-treatment; last pope to be martyred.)



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where everyone speaks with God”*

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Upcoming Retreat Schedule

**Our Retreats Fill up Fast!
Register Soon!**

3-Day Women's Retreat #14	April 9-12, 2026
3-Day Women's Retreat #53	April 30-May 3, 2026
2-Day Open Retreat for Men, Women & Couples #26	May 6-10, 2026
2-Day Hispanic Retreat for Men, Women & Couples #36	May 15-17, 2026
3-Day Women's Retreat #17	May 28-31, 2026
3-Day Men's Retreat #20	June 4-7, 2026
5 or 8 Day Summer Directed Retreats	June 14, 2026
3-Day Hispanic Retreat for Women #32	June 25-28, 2026
3-Day Women's Retreat #17	July 9-12, 2026



Special Announcements

- After Sunday's Mass, come join us for the Knights of Columbus's "Best Breakfast in Town". Adults (18 and over) eat for \$5 and everyone else is free.
- Next Friday, April 17th, the Knights of Columbus will host its last Fish Fry for the 2026 Lenten Season (see attached flyer).
- Next Sunday, April 19, we welcome back **DONUT SUNDAY!**



As you leave Mass on this Divine Mercy weekend, please pick up an image of Jesus' Divine Mercy from the narthex and hang it up somewhere in your home.

Try to adopt the habit of praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day.



Knights' Korner

Divine Mercy:

Following Divine Mercy Sunday this weekend and the completion of the novena, join the Knights at 3 pm, April 17, in Church to pray the Divine Mercy and the Rosary in its entirety reinforcing the graces of the Blessed Sacrament through public prayer.

Eats:

Our next fish fry is April 17. Tell your friends and neighbors that we've added another US raised catfish dinner to savor! It's our joy to serve the Parish and the community with this great food, fellowship and fun event with all proceeds being donated to charity. Please mark your calendars and join us one more time this year!

Our next breakfast is on May 3rd.

2026 Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower:

The Holy Spirit Council will host their 10th Baby Shower, again supporting the Building Blocks, Living Alternatives Ministry. This program helps new moms and dads in need through an earn-while-you-learn system, where parents earn points by attending doctor appointments, parenting classes, and mentoring sessions.

Items such as diapers, baby wipes, bath supplies, clothes, bedding, car seats, toys, and monetary donations can be placed in the portable playpen in St. Jude's Hall. Donations will be accepted from April 11 through April 26.

Joining the Knights of Columbus:

Scan this QR code with your smart phone. It will bring up the Knights of Columbus website



Today we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, the day that the “very depths of Christ’s mercy are opened to all souls, especially the poor sinners”. This feast day is always the first Sunday after Easter to help emphasize the tremendous depths of His love that He showed in His death and resurrection.

And there’s probably a lot of people who think that this is wrong. Jesus was killed but now He’s come back to life. Mercy? He should be getting revenge! But that’s not how Jesus rolls. No, He’s a God of Love. Of Divine Mercy. And that’s what today’s Gospel reading is about. His tremendous mercy for us.

First, we see Jesus’s Divine Mercy in His initial reaction to His Apostles – His closest friends who, three days before, abandoned Him in His most difficult hour. But Jesus does not abandon them. Despite locked doors to the upper room, and amidst all their fears and guilt and confusion, He appears to them. He’s not angry with them. Or disappointed in them. No animosity. In fact, the first thing He says is, “Peace be with you.” He shows them His wounds. They rejoice that He isn’t dead, and that He’s come back to them. Then He reaffirms His confidence in them, again reassuring His love for them in the mission He has given them, “As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” This is His mercy to them.

To the Sanhedrin and Pilate and all the men who had tortured him, and to the crowds who shouted, “Crucify Him”, and to the people who lost faith in Him, we see His Divine Mercy in His reaction to them. He doesn’t react to them with revenge. Instead, right there in the upper room, Jesus reveals His mercy to those people as He delegates to his Apostles His divine power to forgive sins: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

He forgives the people of this sinful world. He bestows upon us sinners the Sacrament of Confession, the Sacrament in which the vastness of His infinite mercy overwhelms our guilt and misery of sin to be replaced with love and gratitude. This is a remarkable showing of His Divine Mercy.

Then we see His mercy to each one of us individually. Thomas was absent that first Easter night. It doesn’t say why he was missing; quite probably he was upset over Christ’s crucifixion. His confidence in Jesus as the Messiah that he expected didn’t pan out. He was brooding about it in solitude. And what happens we we’re separated from Church for a while? Away from the support of others and the reassurance of Christ? Absorbed by negative thoughts?

Well, our faith can falter. This was happening to Thomas. So, when he finally heard the news of the Resurrection, he wouldn't accept it: "Unless I see the mark of the nails... I will not believe." A week later, on the second Sunday after the Resurrection (Divine Mercy Sunday), Thomas is with the other Apostles, still locked inside the room. Jesus comes through those locked doors once again and wishes them peace.

And He directly approaches Thomas and tells him to touch His wounds. “Do not be unbelieving but believe.” Can you see His mercy? He turns to this lone person, this one doubter, and says to him with infinite compassion and care, “Believe!” Jesus wasn’t offended by Thomas’ resistance. He was just eager to help him regain his faith. And Thomas sees Christ humbly lower Himself to his level and lets him feel His wounds. His real, physical presence. Thomas is overwhelmed as he falls to his knees and proclaims, "My Lord and my God."

At times in our lives, we are all Doubting Thomases; resisting God's action in our lives in one way or another. And it is absolutely in those moments that Jesus wants to give us His boundless mercy, come down to our level, and win back our faith. He always understands and will never give up on us; this God whose mercy and love are endless, persistent, and tireless. And then as we accept this most Divine Mercy, we bring the prayer that He taught to St Faustina into our hearts: “Jesus, I trust in you.”

Holy Saturday

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Ryker Park's Baptism



Christian Myers's Baptism



We, the parishioners of Holy Spirit Catholic Church - Holly Lake Ranch, will continue to pray for these two Neophytes in our parish community. All praise to the Holy Spirit for guiding them and for forming their hearts to the glory of Jesus Christ and his Church.

Congratulations!

**Please
join us**

Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry

April 17th

FRIED CATFISH W/ALL THE TRIMMINGS:

- French Fries
- Hush Puppies
- Beans
- Coleslaw
- Desserts
- Coffee/tea



**Dinner served from
5:00—6:30pm**

Tickets at the door
Carry-out available

Adults \$15
(Children 12 yrs. &
under free)

**Holy Spirit Catholic
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