

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

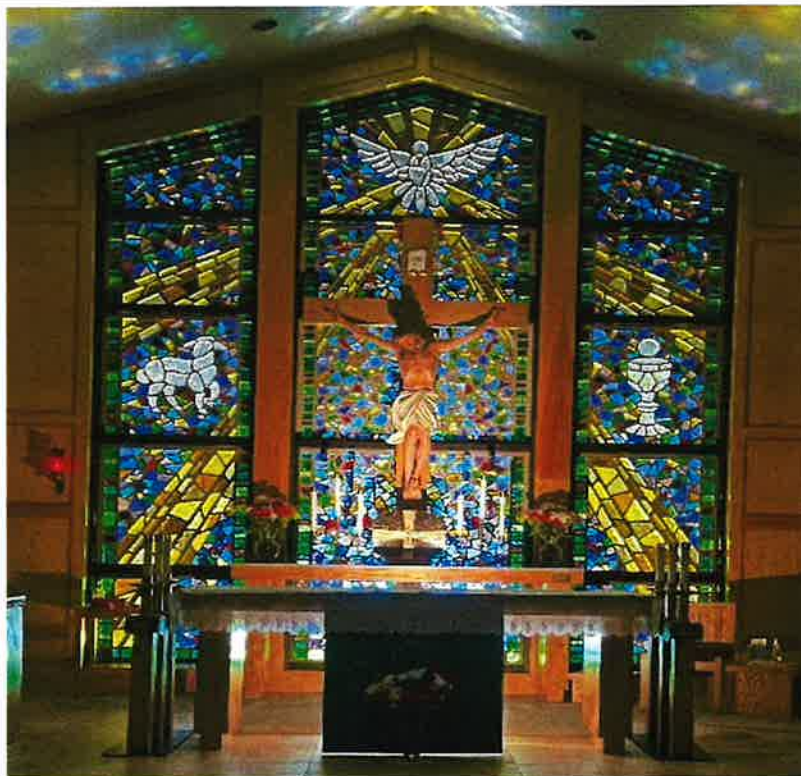
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Celebration of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 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

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Sunday 8:00 - 8:45 am

Sacrament of the Sick

Offered the first Friday
of the month after 9:00 am
& 6:00 pm Mass.

Marriage or Baptism

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

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
JOS 24 : 1 - 2A; 15 - 17; 18B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 34 : 2 - 3; 16 - 21

2ND READING:
EPH 5 : 21 - 32

GOSPEL:
JN 6 : 60 - 69

*Simon Peter answered him,
"Master, to whom shall
we go? You have the words
of eternal life."*



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Church Organizations

Parochial Administrator	Fr. John Gomez
Financial Council	Charlie Clymer
Pastoral Council	John Rigney
Virtus	Justin Mahaffey
Knights of Columbus	Jerry Hauck
4th Degree Knights	Gary Laudt
Legion of Mary	Marge Clymer
	Jane Bidlack
Food Pantry	Bryan Todd
Music Ministry	Lou Masferrer
Rosary Makers	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Welcome	Anna Parker
Bereavement	Eva/Jess Corrigan
Altar Flowers	

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 8/17 SAT: 68 8/18 SUN: 101

Collections from 8/17 - 8/18:

Offertory	\$ 3,974.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 500.00

AUGUST SECOND COLLECTIONS

3rd & 4th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"

17th & 18th: Diocesan Special Collection for Ukraine & Middle East
25th (19th): "Holy Spirit Faith Formation"

AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 8/24: 5:00 pm Mass

Sun 8/25: 9:00 am Mass

Mon 8/26: 9:00 am Communion Service

Tues 8/27: 9:00 am Mass
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wed 8/28: 9:30 am Rosary for John Ott
10:00 am Funeral Mass for John Ott

Thurs 8/29: 9:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting

Fri 8/30: 9:00 am Mass

Sat 8/31: 5:00 pm Mass
Fundraiser Raffle Tickets go on sale

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 9/1: 9:00 am Mass
Fundraiser Raffle Tickets go on sale

Mon 9/2: 9:00 am Communion Service
Diocesan Offices Closed
Parish Office Closed

Tues 9/3: 9:00 am Mass
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wed 9/4: 9:00 am Mass

Thurs 9/5: 9:00 am Mass

Fri 9/6: 9:00 am Mass



Pope's August Intention



For the political leaders. We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



Remember the sick of our parish: Suzanne DiCarlo; Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Mary Ott; Emily Walker; Elizabeth Egan; Cindy Sue Erdag; Emeress Aiwohi; Jean Kelly; Fr. Ariel Cortes; Jeanette Sterner. Joe Bonneville; Wauneta Winton; Joe Fazzio; Sharon Kroll; Jeri Garfield; Ethan Cowles; Lupe Leal; Jason McCormick; Eloise Sanchez; Linda Hedgecock; Juan & Barbara Delgado; John Buchanan; Dale Boman; Avery Boultinghouse; Bishop Joseph Strickland; Rosemary Seltzer; Elaine March; Libby Paladino; Jo & Doris Hoffman; Roy Marchak; David Borel; Verna Sloan; Mike Stephens; Kathy Bowers; John McGrane; Msgr. Ron Diegel; Chris & Dave Paape; Richard & Dottie Schuetz; John Fabitz; Jodie Woods; George Duke; Jean Hamilton; Kathleen Fleming; Jaye Anderson; Greg Mooney; Karee Haney; Charlie Parker; Jacob Stephens. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.



Remember our parishioners who have recently died: John Ott (husband of Mary Ott) and GL Wood (former Parishioner). Billy Minatrea (Uncle of Randy Munoz)



Remember the active military of our parish: Mitchell, LTJG Navy (Son-in-law of Stan & Terrie Evans). Ben Clymer, Air Force (Grandson of Charlie & Marge). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). CPI Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). Staff Sergeant, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).



Mass Intentions

Sat 8/24	Helen & John Kowalewski+ (Mary Catalano)
Sun 8/25	Carlos Godinez+ (Lou Masferrer)
Tues 8/27	Cupertino Pereira+ (M/M Evans)
Fri 8/30	Page Sugg+ (M/M Nunley)



Special Observances

Tuesday: St. Monica, Prayerful Wife and Mother (Born in Tagaste in Roman Africa; after 30 years of prayer, she obtained the conversion of her dissolute pagan husband; under the guidance of St. Ambrose, she won the conversion of her eldest son, St. Augustine; patroness of mothers.)

Wednesday: St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of Church (Born in Tagaste, North Africa; after a dissolute life, he received baptism at age 33 from St. Ambrose; elected bishop of Hippo Regius; combatted Manichees, the Donatists, and Pelagius; most noted for his "Confessions" and "City of God" over 500 homilies are extant; considered a founder of monastic life in the West, his Rule is observed by some 100 religious communities today; considered the founder of the Order of St. Augustine (today numbering some 2500 religious); one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; called the "Doctor of grace".)

Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist (Today's Memorial originates in the celebration of the dedication, perhaps on this day, of the church of St. John at Sebaste (Samaria) where, according to tradition, John the Baptists was buried by his disciples.)

Fundraising

Holy Spirit's 12th Annual Dinner & Casino Night is quickly coming upon us. Our *Wild Wild West* themed evening is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th. Drawing tickets for 5 chances to win \$500 Visa Gift Cards will go on sale next weekend.

Saddle up, Cowboys and Cowgirls!!!!



Holy Spirit Food Ministry

We are preparing for our holiday season. Please help us acquire the following items:

boxed cake mixes; cans of cake frosting; 16 oz jars of peanut butter; jars of jams and jellies; boxes of cereal; and instant potatoes. We also like to provide \$20 gift cards from Walmart or Brookshire's so that families can add "famous family recipes" to their holiday meals. Finally, we need Holiday Boxes to deliver the donations. Any help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or are interested in helping us distribute the Holiday Boxes, please contact Bob Maillard (503-559-6022) or Bryan Todd (972-672-4218).

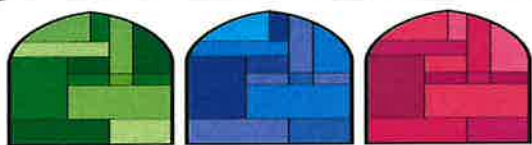


Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come sing with us. If interested, please call Lou Masferrer (214-663-8608).

Office Closures



*In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, both The Diocesan and Parish offices will be closed on:
Monday, September 2, 2024.*



Special Parish Announcements

Funeral information:

John Ott - Wednesday, August 28th at 9:30 am Rosary, followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:00 am; co-celebrants, Fr. Mike Snider and Fr. Ariel Cortes.

Other special prayer request:

Please keep Fr. Ariel and Bridget Rich in your prayers this week.

Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, must be compliant on your Ethics and Integrity training with VIRTUS.

To sign up for training, please notify our contact person:
Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or
email him at: justin.mahaffey@icloud.com

From the desk of: Fr. Ariel Cortes

Just a friendly reminder the following feast days are Holy Days of Obligation. Holy Spirit Catholic Church provides two Masses to celebrate these days.

Solemnity of All Saints - Friday, November 1

Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary - Monday, December 9

Christmas - Wednesday, December 25

The Passion of John the Baptist <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/august-29the-beheading-of-st-john-the-baptist/> August 29: Patron Saint of baptism, bird dealers, converts, monastic life, motorways, printers, tailors, lambs, and prisoners. Invoked against epilepsy, convulsions, hailstorms, and spasms.

Read Matthew 14:3–12

Reflection: John, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, was born approximately 6 months before the Savior of the World. He was likely born in the small, rural Jewish town of Ein Karem, located in the hill country about five miles west of Jerusalem. The surrounding land would have been utilized for agriculture and herding, centered around a town hub and water well. Uniquely, John was blessed with the presence of both the Son of God and the Mother of God at his birth. Many Catholic theologians, including ... St Thomas Aquinas, believe that while John was conceived in Original Sin, he was sanctified in the womb immediately after the Blessed Virgin Mary greeted his mother Elizabeth, several months prior to John's birth. "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb..." (Luke 1:41). This leap in the womb has been interpreted as John's sanctification by grace before he was born. Jesus would later say of John, "Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11:11).

Not much is known about John's childhood other than what is stated in the Bible, "The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel" (Luke 1:80). Though he would have been raised devoutly in the Jewish faith by his parents in their hometown, John eventually entered the desert, about 20 miles east of his hometown, to live as a hermit, praying, practicing penance, and preparing for his mission. John's 1st mission was to serve as the precursor of the Lord. As the last of the Old Testament prophets and the 1st of the New Testament prophets, he bridges the gap to Christ. John's mission was to precede Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord" (Luke 1:17). Sometime between the years 27–29, John received inspiration from God in the Judean desert and started to gather disciples whom he taught, called to repentance, and baptized with water. John's preaching was fierce, branding some a "brood of vipers" and demanding evidence of their conversion. He called tax collectors, soldiers, religious leaders, the average townspeople, and even Herod to repent. Many responded. John's life reached its earthly climax when he saw Jesus, the Son of God, approaching him in the desert while he was baptizing. John immediately exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel... Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:29–31; 34). John reluctantly baptized Jesus, after which the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in a visible form and the Voice of the Father thundered, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). With that, John's life began to recede into the background, "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

On August 29th, the Church commemorates ... the Memorial of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Just as John preceded Jesus in birth, preaching, and baptizing, so too did he precede Jesus in death, dying as a prefiguration of the one who would give His life sacrificially on the Cross. John's death resulted from his bold proclamation of the truth. His call to repentance extended to everyone, including Herod Antipas, the tetrarch, ruler of Galilee and Perea. Though it appears the area where John was preaching (the Jordan Valley) was not directly governed by Herod, Herod was well aware of John's preaching and his condemnation of him. As a result, He was able to have John arrested and imprisoned. John was most likely imprisoned in a fortress constructed by Herod Antipas' father, Herod the Great, named Machaerus, NW of the Dead Sea, in modern-day Jordan. Alternatively, he might have been imprisoned in the Herodium, another palace under Herod's control just south of Jerusalem.

2 of the Gospels narrate the story of John's death: Matthew 14:1–12 and Mark 6:14–29. John's criticism of Herod was specific. He condemned Herod's unlawful marriage to his brother's wife, Herodias. Though Herod seemed to fear John and his disciples because of John's popularity and the power of his words, he decided to appease Herodias' hatred of John for condemning her and Herod. On Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter, Salome, performed a dance for Herod and his guests that so pleased him that he promised her anything she asked of him, up to half of his kingdom. Her mother saw her opportunity for revenge and convinced her daughter to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. In his weakness, Herod complied. After John's death, the Bible tells us that "His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus" (Matthew 14:12). The news caused Jesus to withdraw alone in a boat to a deserted place to pray. Jesus not only grieved with human sorrow over the death of his cousin, but he also came face-to-face with the reality of His own fate. Thus, His time of prayer was a period in which He perfectly renewed His fidelity to the Mission on which He was sent, to give His life for the salvation of souls. Traditionally, it is believed that John's body was buried in the town of Sebaste, about 50 miles north of Jerusalem. Various traditions have evolved over the centuries about what happened to his head. Some say Herodias buried it in a dung heap to hide it from his followers and it was later discovered, buried in the Mount of Olives, and today is preserved in the Church of San Silvestro in Capite, Rome, Italy. This tradition, among many others, is impossible to confirm. ...