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November 14th, 2021 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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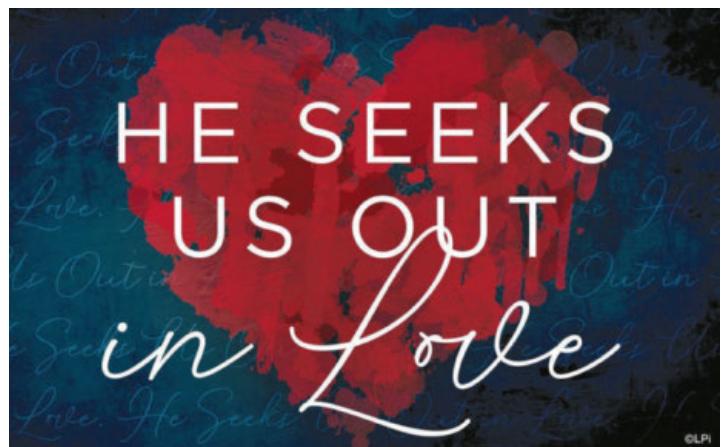
Just a reminder... Shibli will be visiting our parish next weekend. Hand carved Olivewood items of all sizes will be available for purchase.

Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving will be Wednesday evening November 24th at 7 p.m. No matter how difficult life may be, there is much to be thankful for. Please come and invite others to join you here at church.

A few weeks ago, the biannual meeting of Detroit priests took place. Former Auxiliary Bishop Flores was the main speaker. Currently, he is bishop in Brownsville Texas, the most southern diocese in the United States. He has about as many Catholics in his diocese as we do in ours. I was blessed to have worked with him on several occasions while he was here in Detroit. I had since forgotten how much of a deep thinker he is. It was enjoyable to listen to him once again. For those willing to attend, he offered an extra afternoon session. In it, he offered his perspective on southern border crisis. About 25 of us were in attendance. He spoke non-stop for an hour and fifteen minutes. Providing a much fuller perspective, he outlined many important things that are never covered by the news. He said that the crisis at the border is a humanitarian one and is not just an American thing. It is world-wide. People have a right to live at home. They tend to stay, enduring hardship. They do not leave unless it is absolutely necessary. People flee for two reasons: 1. Famine. 2. Violence. In either case, circumstances must be very severe before people move away from their homes. Cartel violence is a huge problem. In Latin America, many of them have more money than the government. Thus, making them more powerful than the government. Those who leave home seek safety and are willing to risk the dangers to come here. A significant percentage of those who begin such journeys never reach their destination. A number are robbed, beaten, raped, and murdered. Teenage boys and girls are abducted and trafficked in the sex trades. Others are kidnapped, and killed, their organs harvested for sale on the black market. Many other dynamics of the crisis are in play and were spoken to.

Having no other place to take them, every evening the government drops off busloads of refugees at the Cathedral Church. As many as 1500 a night. In response, the diocese bought a shopping center across the street from the Cathedral and converted it into an intake center. There, the refugees, all of whom are hungry, are given a hot meal. They are then tested for Covid, if needed given medical attention, a shower, clean clothes, and the proper paperwork and instruction to begin application for asylum status. Since almost all of them have family here in the U.S., arrangements are made to send them on their way. They are also provided the contact information needed to appear in the court of their locality. The refugees are given a place to sleep for the night. Breakfast in the morning. And then they move on. The intake center is cleaned and prepared for the arrival of the government buses later in the evening. With the newcomers, the process starts all over again. This happens night after night after night.

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"But they're Illegal!" Bishop Flores says he hears that all the time. He responds: "And they are hungry!" He says he takes the gospel account of the last judgement very seriously. He does not want to be held accountable before God because he did not feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless or care for the sick. He makes a very good point.

Previously, some in our parish have inquired whether anything in our diocese is being done to help. As far as I can see, no. I've been directing such inquiries to the Diocese of El Paso: The Border Refugee Assistance Fund. Bishop Flores said they too take donations and are always looking for more volunteers. To donate you can write a check. Put 'Refugee Assistance' on the memo line and send to the diocesan offices. Your donation will be directed to the right place. The address for the Brownsville and the El Paso diocese is below.

Catholic Diocese of Brownsville
1910 University Blvd.
P.O. Box 2279
Brownsville, Texas 78522-2279

Diocese of El Paso
Border Refugee Fund
499 St. Matthews St
El Paso, TX 79907

Take Care. Be Well,
Fr. Wayne

Sweatshirt Collection

Dear Parishioners and Brother Knights,
The Knights of Columbus will once again be collecting for Holy Cross Services from Oct. 30th through Nov. 21st. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. This year we are collecting:



NEW Sweatshirts (any College logoed or Professional Sports Teams – Adult Sizes L, XL, XXL, & XXXL). **Sweatshirts must be in Christmas boxes** (Robe boxes from the Dollar Store work great). Please do NOT wrap the boxes.

NEW Hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for men and women.

NEW twin bed sheets.

\$10 gift cards from Meijer, Target and Walmart.

Please place your donation in the large holiday wrapped box that will be located in the vestibule.

Family Prayer

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Amen.

Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, November 15

Office Open 9am-3pm
11am-AA
7pm-Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, November 16

Office Open 9am-3pm
10am-Women's Prayer Group
12pm-Adult Faith Formation
5:10pm-Elementary FF
6:30pm-Middle School FF

Wednesday, November 17

Office Open 9am-3pm
NO MORNING MASS
10am-Adult Faith Formation
6:30pm-Elementary FF
6:30pm-8th Grade FF

Thursday, November 18

Office Open 9am-3pm
NO MORNING MASS
10am-SAGS Thanksgiving

Friday, November 19

NO MORNING MASS

Saturday, November 20

Shibli Olivewood Carvings
5pm-Mass

Sunday, November 21

Shibli Olivewood Carvings
9am-Mass
11am-Mass

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Vision: To Be Christ to All.

Our Mission Statement: Led by the Holy Spirit, we accompany others to encounter Jesus, to give witness to Him, and to grow as missionary disciples.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for this Sunday are apocalyptic in the most literal sense of that term. They speak of a great calamity, a genuine apocalypse in which suffering and persecution are severe and the whole world is turned upside down. In religious terms, most people associate this kind of event with the "end times," when the world as we know it passes away and, for Christians, when Jesus returns to earth again. The modern tendency, then, is to approach apocalyptic literature with trepidation, based on the assumption that it is predicting an ominous future where, as Daniel explains, "some shall live forever, [but] others shall be in everlasting horror and disgrace."

The modern sensibility, however, reads apocalyptic literature wrong. The real intent of today's readings is not to condemn, or even to warn, but rather to offer a source of renewed hope. The reason we typically miss this positive vision, however, is that we fail to appreciate the way context shapes a message. It is the difference between looking at a picture of the coast guard rescuing a lost boater from a raging storm and being the person adrift at sea when the helicopter arrives. An aloof viewer sees the waves and fears nature's ferocious power. The struggling swimmer, on the other hand, will focus all his or her energy on the approaching first responder, because this is the only way to survive. Whereas one sees a threat, the other sees salvation, despite the fact that both look upon the same scene.

The problem with the modern approach to apocalyptic literature is thus that contemporary audiences—particularly those in a secure society like the United States—read these biblical texts as outside observers. Fortunate enough to live in a time of relative peace, we hear descriptions of "tribulation," when "the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light," and imagine a frightening contrast to our everyday existence. As a result, we fixate on the turbulent seas, so to speak, and hear only that "it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress." The original audiences of the Book of Daniel and the Gospel of Mark, however, were intimately familiar with the raging storms of religious persecution and social upheaval. To them, the descriptions of horrifying events were merely a point of credibility, demonstrating the authors' relevance to their own lives. Instead of being shocked by these depictions, they were able to gloss over them in order to arrive at the real point: the pain and suffering will not last forever. In fact, "this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place." Their darkness was about to reach its end; the long dark night was about to shatter with the dawn.

In order to appreciate what today's readings are trying to convey, we must therefore approach them not as external viewers, but as actors in the drama itself. If we can imagine the despair of being surrounded by political authorities doggedly trying to disrupt our religious observances and destroy our lives, then we can suddenly see how the message of Daniel is not that things will be disappointing (because they already are), but rather that "at that time your people shall escape. Likewise, we can realize that Jesus' words are less about the agony of affliction, and more about the guarantee that some will finally see "'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory . . . [to] gather his elect from the four winds." The Letter to the Hebrews is simply designed to strengthen confidence in the fulfillment of this guarantee, for the second reading presents all that Jesus has already done for us to intervene in our darkness and to free us from our sins.

Ultimately, this final reminder from the Letter to the Hebrews holds the key to reading these apocalyptic texts faithfully. The emphasis on how Jesus has saved us from our sins highlights the broken nature of our fallen world. It reveals the true state of affairs, the one wherein we regularly reject the responsibilities of our relationship with God and deny our neighbors the love they deserve. By recognizing our part in that world, we can suspend our familiarity with comfort and put ourselves in a position to look for our rescuer with all the expectation and heartfelt hope of a sailor lost at sea. And then, from this more realistic vantage point, we will finally realize that the waves were just a distraction. Our Savior was there the whole time, reaching out, and simply asking us to hold on so that we could be transported to a better life beyond the storm.

Family Nativity "show and tell" and raffle

Does your family have a special Nativity set on display during the Christmas season? Perhaps it was purchased on a special trip, or handed down from a favorite relative. Is it something your children made in elementary school, or you purchased at a craft show? We'd like to see it! Tables will be set in the Gathering area **the weekend of December 4/5** to display your family Nativity set. Let us celebrate the history and diversity of our individual cherished sacramental decorations. In addition, we will offer \$2 raffle tickets for a lovely 19 piece Nativity set. Proceeds of the raffle will fund the 2022 Confirmation Class bench project. Contact Jillian Peck 248-887-1634 to save a spot.

Adult Faith Formation Advent Studies

Once again, we will offer "Little Blue Books" for individual reflection during Advent. One book per family please.

We will also have a number of "**Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story**" personal study books.

For those who would like to gather together during the weeks of Advent, we will begin a 4 week study the weeks of November 22 – December 13 "**Who Needs Christmas**". Taking a look at: 1. The Story behind the Story. 2. The Author of Life. 3. The Message of Christmas. 4. Ready or Not...He is Coming. There is a \$10 fee for the study guide. Register with Jillian jillian@holyspirithighland.com or 248-887-1634 NOW!

A Bench for Caps

Yes, we are still collecting **Clean, Plastic, Caps**. Our 2022 Confirmation class has been sorting and weighing all donations. They would like to donate a bench to a local organization – possibly a Senior Living Community. We supply the raw materials and need to come up with \$300 for manufacturing. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. In addition to benches, Greentree Plastics now offers raised garden beds. We are thinking of expanding our vegetable garden next spring and would like to purchase those too. If you would like further information or would like to get involved, contact Jillian Peck 248-887-1634

Please continue to save your plastic caps and ink cartridges.



Christian Service Corner

We are in need of the following items:

Laundry Detergent, Mayo, Toilet Paper, 2qt Juice
All Purpose Cleaner (spray bottle), Paper Towel

**Due to COVID we can no longer take plastic or paper bags and we cannot accept expired food.*

Explore the Gospel



The Coming of the Son of Man and
The Lesson of the Fig Tree
Mk 13:24-32
Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Please Prayerfully Consider Adoring in Our Chapel

Hours needing to be immediately filled.

Sunday	3-4AM
Monday	9-10AM
Tuesday	8-9PM
Wednesday	2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 3-4PM
Thursday	3-4AM, 4-5AM, 5-6PM
Saturday	5-6AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

Children's Hour - Monday's 11AM-Noon

COVID Cleaning Schedule

Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers.
Please call, Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623
Or Autumn Woodcox 248-872-6607

Meditations for November 14

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin. (Hebrews 10:18)

In just a few verses, the author of Hebrews makes quite a bold claim. He tells us that the centuries-old practice of offering sacrifices to God has been fulfilled. The entire Temple apparatus—its feasts and fasts, its priests and practices, its liturgies and legalities—is no longer necessary. No more sin offerings. No more bulls or goats or rams or turtledoves.

Why? Because one single sacrifice of much greater power and effect has taken place: the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. This sacrifice has done far more than any priestly sacrifice ever could. Whereas the ancient sacrifices obtained a cleansing from the sin of the past year and so had to be reenacted over and over again, Jesus' sacrifice of his life has washed away all sins for all time. Every sin, from the sin of Adam to the final sin before the Second Coming, has been atoned for. Now anyone who turns to Jesus can be cleansed and receive the pledge of eternal salvation.

This is the true heart of the gospel. Christ has done for you what you could never do for yourself. His perfect sacrifice has opened the gates of heaven—to you—forever. No matter who you are or what you have done, you can “confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help” (Hebrews 4:16).

Keep this magnificent truth in the forefront of your mind, especially when you start to feel discouraged by your sin or if you begin to feel the pangs of guilt for sins you've already confessed. Jesus is seated “forever at the right hand of God,” and all his enemies—especially sin—are being made his footstool (Hebrews 10:12, 13). He is also standing by your side, assuring you of his mercy and salvation. Take some time right now to silence your heart and listen to him.

“All praise to you, Jesus! You are my salvation!”

Readings for Sunday, November 21

Dn 7:13-14 | Rv 1:5-8 | Jn 18:33b-37

Prayer REQUESTS

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

Debbie Adams	Ruthie Glover	Keri Mueller
Greg Azzoli	Lisa Grunwald	Jeff Mummery
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Loren Bloetcher	Juliann Heidt	Don Owens
Jerry Bretz	Scott Hoensheid	Aalyhi Phelps
Brooklyn Bridson	Carol Johnson	Josephine Polcyn
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Kevin Burger	Jim Kelly	Michael Pino Jr.
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David Crockett	Bob Kotulak	Betty & Ken Simmons
Ed Deaton	Rick Kowal	Phil Thomas
Gene Demey	Marty Levin	Courtney Thompson
Steve Demey	Pete Lillemoen	Tom Torode
Sue Deming	Maurie Luther	Martin Tufts
John Dickey	Roberta Luther	Linda Tudman
Nancy Duzzi	Tom Mitch	Howard Zimmerman
Kathy Edwards	Robin Motley	
Richard Fish	Ed Meyer	



Weekly Offertory Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
10/31	\$ 15,987	\$ 10,200	\$ 5,787
Y-T-D	\$180,161	\$193,800	(\$13,639)

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children's collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who give weekly and are consistent contributors.

Mass Intentions**Lector Schedule****Monday, November 15**

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 | Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 16

2 Mc 6:18-31 | Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 17

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 | Lk 19:11-28

No Morning Mass

Thursday, November 18

1 Mc 2:15-29 | Lk 19:41-44

No Morning Mass

Friday, November 19

No Morning Mass

Saturday, November 20

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Holy Spirit Staff

5:00 p.m. +Helen Hill

5:00 p.m. +Richard Moon

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
Spampinato & Chenier Families**Sunday, November 21**

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Holy Spirit Staff

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Howard Zimmerman

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Holy Spirit Staff

11:00 a.m. +Derek Lintol

11:00 a.m. +John Grego

Saturday, November 20

5:00 p.m. - Joyce Lucas

Sunday, November 21

9:00 a.m. - Mike Perrera

11:00 a.m. - Cindie Audia



Shibli Olivewood Carvings

After ALL Masses

Saturday, Nov, 20th

Sunday, Nov, 21st

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Rev. Wayne Ureel, Pastor
Michael Somervell, Deacon

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESIONS - Saturday, 4pm or by Appointment

Parish Offices

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Director of Faith Formation:

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Youth Ministry & SAGS

Julie Owens.....248-887-0027

Jojo Kind.....248-887-0027

Email.....TAG@holyspirithighland.com

Minister of Music

David Popovits - Music@holyspirithighland.com...810-629-8807

Pastoral Council

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Baptisms

Contact Deacon Mike at 248-887-8813

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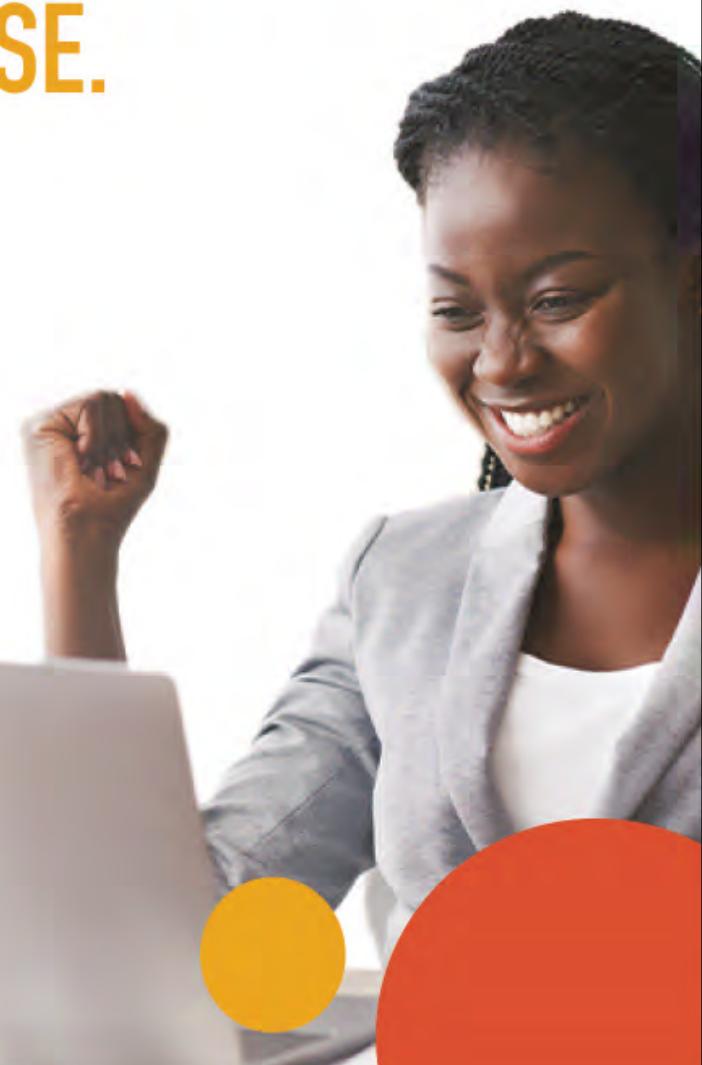


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