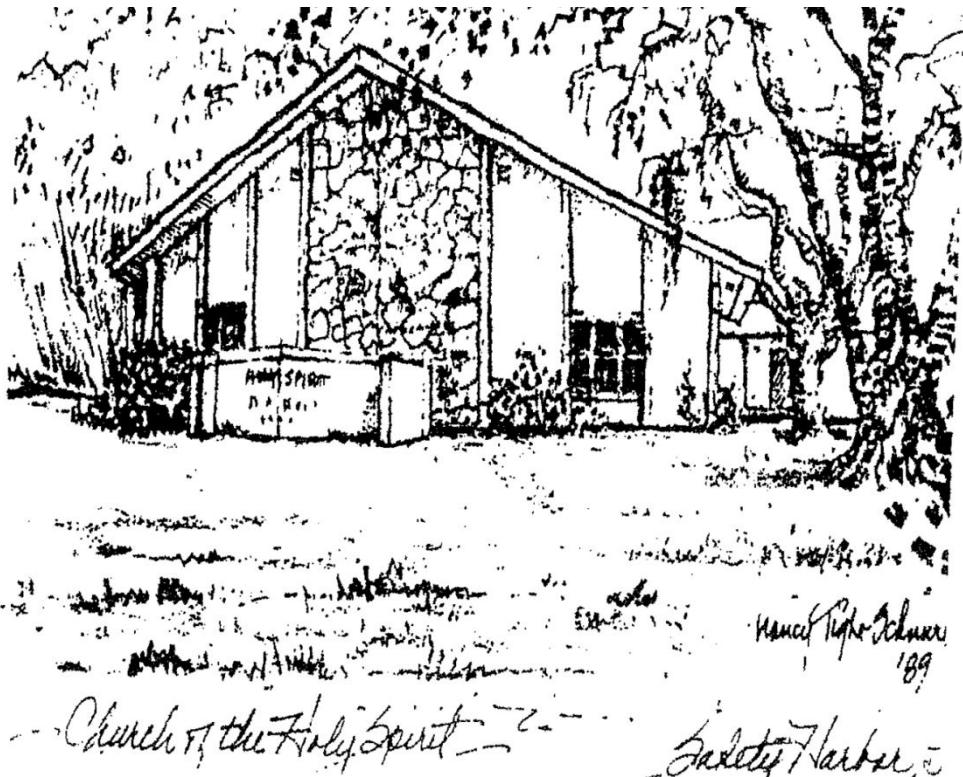


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The Mission of Our Diocese

Honor our Tradition, Build for the Future, Mercy in Mission

The Vision of Our Parish

To be the Body of Christ here and now—reaching out to welcome all, witnessing to God's love in our lives, and sharing that love with others.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Reverend Raynald S. Bonoan, Rector

The Reverend Joseph H. Diaz, Assisting Priest

The Reverend Barry P. Kubler, Assisting Priest

1 CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28, 2025

Holy Communion—Rite II

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Gloria

Prayer Book 356

The Collect

Prayer Book 357

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 147 or 147:13-21

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

 how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *

 he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *

 and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *

 and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *

 there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
 but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
 make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
 and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
 and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
 and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
 he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
 in those who await his gracious favor.]

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Epistle

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,

crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People—Form III

Confession, Absolution and Peace

Announcements and Blessings

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving—Prayer A

Salutation

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Invitation of Communion (All baptized persons are invited)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Joseph Diaz

Prayer Book 358

Prayer Book 387

Prayer Book 360

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PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE! OR CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR GIVING ON-LINE.

Intercessions: (*Urgent needs this week*): especially Dennis, Sharon, Scott, Margaret, John, Tammy, Bruce, Manolo, Constante, Tucker, Kaylee, Cindy, Linda, Felix, Larry, Christina, Sany, Janie, Heidi, Isabella, Peggy, Eva, Kirby, Alicia, Terry, Marge, Nida, Marcelo, Gordy, Phil, Bill, for the people of the Ukraine and Russia, the Holy Land, and the Middle East, for all first responders, health care workers, and military personnel, for The Coalition Against Human Trafficking, the Victims of Human Trafficking, for the migrant workers, for all hostages in the world, all innocent victims of violence, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Haiti, and Honduras. Pray for Justice and Peace.

We pray for those who have died. Pray for their families and friends.

Prayer For our Country: Almighty God, who has given us this good land: We ask that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion us into one united people. Fill us and the authority of government with the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace at home and among all nations. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries especially Bella, and Fr. Joe's Ordination Anniversary.

