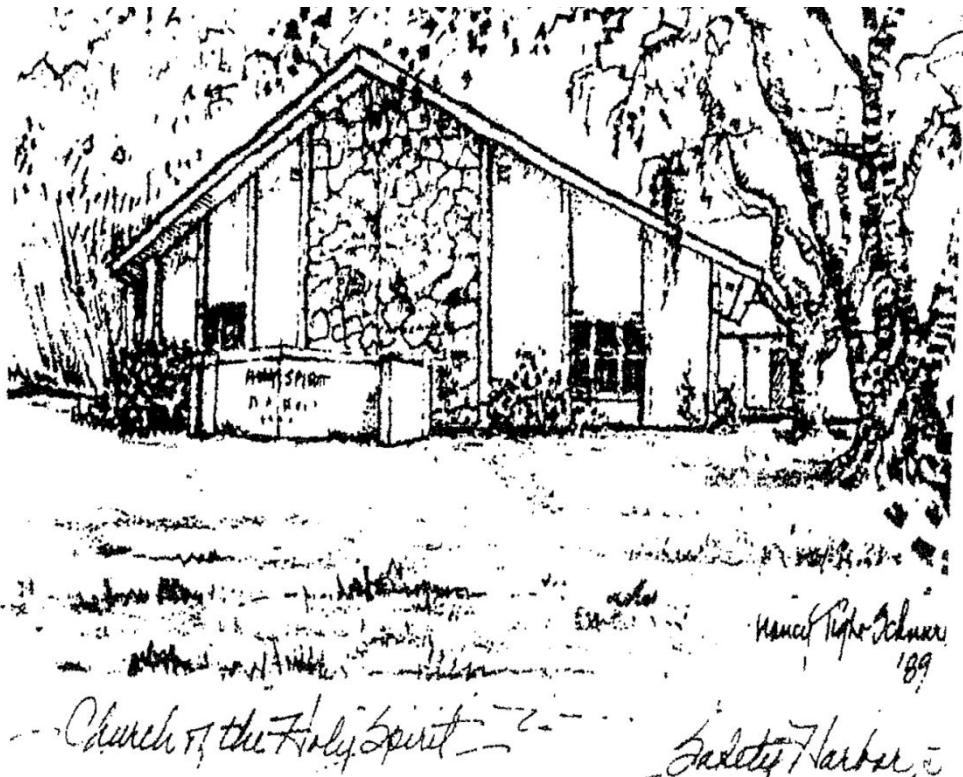


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## The Mission of Our Diocese

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

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**2 CHRISTMAS**

**JANUARY 4, 2026**

## Holy Communion—Rite II

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Gloria

Prayer Book 356

The Collect

Prayer Book 357

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Old Testament**

### **First Lesson**

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 84**

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
    by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
    they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
    whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
    for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
    and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
    hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
    and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- [9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
    and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
    than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
    he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
    from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
    happy are they who put their trust in you!]

Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

## **The Epistle**

### **Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel**

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

## **Matthew 2:13-15,19-23**

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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. Barry Kubler**

Prayer Book 358

Prayer Book 387

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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, Eva, Kirby, Terry, Marge, Nida, Marcelo, Gordy, Phil, Bill, James, Debra, 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 Everett and Greg.**

