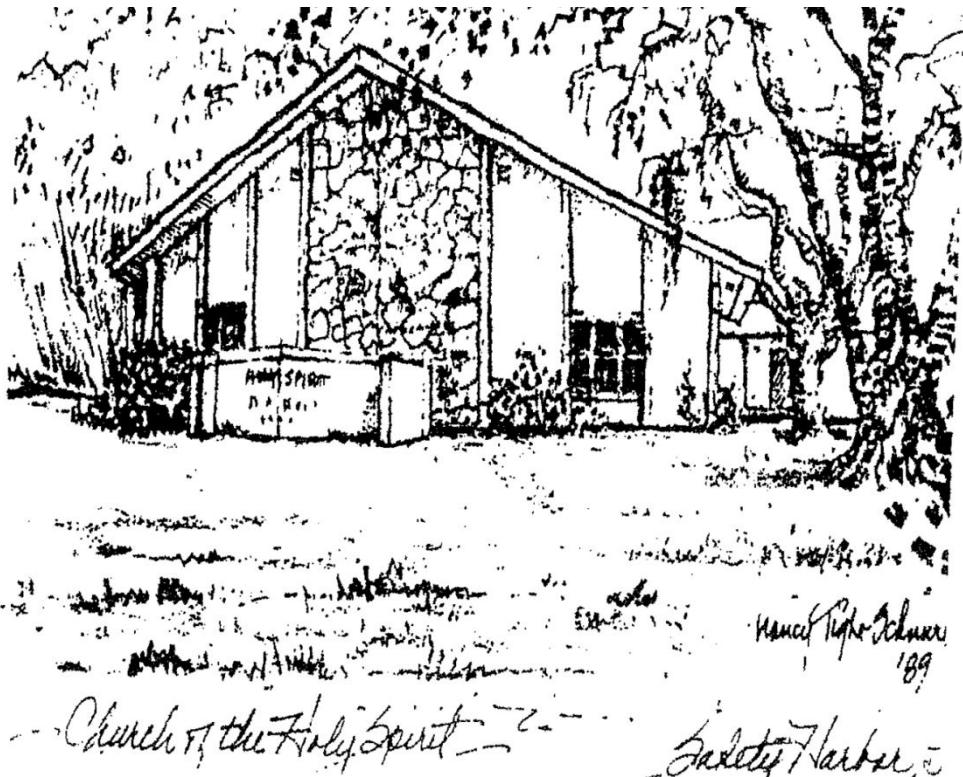


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## The Mission of Our Diocese

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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The Reverend Barry P. Kubler, Assisting Priest

**4 EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

## Holy Communion—Rite II

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Gloria

Prayer Book 356

The Collect

Prayer Book 357

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Old Testament**

### **First Lesson**

#### **Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does The LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 15**

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*

    who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*

    who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*

    he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

## **The Epistle**

### **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel**

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

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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. Raynald Bonoan**

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, Margaret, John, Tammy, Manolo, Constante, Tucker, Kaylee, Cindy, Linda, Felix, Larry, Christina, Sany, Janie, Heidi, Isabella, Eva, Kirby, Terry, Nida, Gordy, Phil, James, Tess, Oscar, 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, Peggy, and Greg and Daria.**