



Annual Impact Report 2026

OUR MISSION

As parishioners of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, we are called by God to serve the Gospel of Jesus Christ by forming Eucharistic disciples in prayer, penance, evangelization, and works of mercy. Devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we call upon her prayerful intercession and consecrate our mission, ourselves, and each of our parish families to Her Immaculate Heart.

A Year in the Life of Our Parish

2025-2026



Walking Together in the Holy Spirit

Introducing Our Pastoral Plan 2026–2030

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with gratitude for our past and hope in our future that I am pleased to present the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastoral Plan spanning 2026–2030.

The prayer, “Prophets of a Future Not Our Own,” beautifully expresses the spirit of this pastoral plan: *“We plant the seeds that one day will grow.”* The mission of the Church is always greater than any one person, ministry, program, or generation. We faithfully do what God asks of us today, trusting that the Holy Spirit will bring our work to fulfillment in God’s time.

Our pastoral plan is not simply a list of programs or goals. It is an invitation to listen to the Holy Spirit and discern our walk together as one parish family. It calls us to celebrate and recognize what God has already accomplished among us and to ask where the Holy Spirit is leading us next.

Holy Spirit Parish began in 1973 with approximately fifty people gathering for Mass in the drama room of Marcos de Niza High School. From those humble beginnings, generations of parishioners, pastors, clergy, religious, staff members, and volunteers planted the seeds of faith. Through their prayers, generosity, sacrifice, and self-gift, they built our church, established ministries, welcomed new families, cared for those in need, and passed on the Catholic faith.

Over the years, our parish has continued to grow. Our worship and sacramental life were strengthened, Eucharistic devotion deepened, and ministries developed. In 2014, the Thanh Linh Vietnamese Catholic community became an important part of our parish family, further enriching our life and the universality of our Catholic faith. Today, Holy Spirit is blessed to be a vibrant and diverse community where people of all ages, cultures, and languages worship and serve together.

We stand upon the foundations laid by those who came before us. We enjoy the shade of trees planted by people whose names we may never know and reap the fruit from seeds we did not plant. We honor their legacy with gratitude and accept the responsibility of carrying it forward.

The Pastoral Plan 2026–2030 is our response to this moment of grace. It will guide us in enriching our worship and sacramental life, intensifying faith formation, building a promising, welcoming and united community, through caring for those who are vulnerable, and forming missionary disciples who carry the love of Christ beyond the walls of our church.

Our vision is that, by 2030, Holy Spirit will become an increasingly vibrant, intercultural, and missionary parish—a spiritual home where all people are welcomed and encounter Jesus Christ, growing in faith, discovering their gifts, and sent forth to joyfully serve.

This vision cannot be accomplished by the pastor, staff, or parish leaders alone. It requires the prayerful active participation of our entire parish family. Every parishioner has a part to play on this journey. Every prayer matters. Every gift is needed. Every act of service helps build the Kingdom of God here at Holy Spirit Church.

Therefore, I personally invite every member of our parish to receive this pastoral plan not simply as a document to read and dismiss, but rather as a personal mission to embrace and take ownership. Reflect in prayer on how your gifts can contribute to our parish’s revitalization and renewal.

With Jesus Christ at the center, Mother Mary accompanying us, and the Holy Spirit’s guidance, we will walk forward together as prophets of a future not our own.

Come, Holy Spirit. Renew our parish, guide our journey, and make us faithful witnesses of the Gospel.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Long Nguyen, SVD

PASTOR

Prophets of a Future Not Our Own

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Written for Cardinal Dearden by Bishop Ken Untener (1979) · quoted by Pope Francis (2015)

See link for digital prayer: <https://shorturl.at/VfvJt>

Our Parish at a Glance

3,400

registered families

11

Masses each week, in English and Vietnamese

860

seats in our church · 350 in the parish hall

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	7:00 · 9:00 · 11:00 AM
Sunday (Vietnamese)	5:30 PM
Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
Daily, Mon–Sat	8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Mon–Friday	8:45–10:30 AM
Saturday	3:00–4:15 PM
Sunday	4:30 - 5:15 PM

Offered in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese



PARTICIPATION IN PARISH LIFE

Sacrament of Penance	74%
Holy Days of Obligation	68%
Easter Sunday & Vigil	53%
Sunday Mass	38%



Eucharistic adoration, communal reconciliation in Advent, Lent, and on Divine Mercy Sunday, and the Liturgy of the Hours are celebrated with the faithful throughout the year.

A Year of Sacraments

84

Baptisms

from infants to adults, welcomed into the Body of Christ

85

First Communions

received Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time

89

Confirmations

sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit

24

Marriages

couples united in the Sacrament of Matrimony

6

Welcomed Home

adults received into the Catholic Church

72

Anointings

strengthened by the Anointing of the Sick

BAPTISMS BY AGE

Under 1 year		37
1–6 years		15
7–14 years		14
15–19 years		4
20 and over		14

Adults entering the Church: 3 received full initiation through OCIA and 3 baptized Christians were received into full communion.



PREPARING HEARTS

Behind every number is a catechist, a sponsor, and a family. This year **14 catechists** walked with children and adults in faith formation, and **25 couples** completed marriage preparation.



28

parishioners entered eternal life this year. We remember them, and their families, in our prayers.



PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Communion calls brought the Eucharist to the sick and homebound this year — more than eight visits every single day, carried out by our priests and 28 pastoral care ministers.



3,112

Communion calls brought the Eucharist to the sick and homebound



72

received the Anointing of the Sick



5

nursing homes visited 4–5 times each month



28

trained pastoral care ministers

ACCOMPANYING ONE ANOTHER

Communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are held regularly, and the Sacraments are always available to the homebound upon request. Our bereavement support group and Mental Health Ministry accompany families through grief and difficulty, offering prayer, presence, and referrals to trusted care.



“I was sick and you visited me.” — Matthew 25:36



HELPING HANDS YEARLY DISTRIBUTIONS

From May 2025 to June 2026 we provided food for 124 families and 270 sets of bags, and raised **\$14,797**.



Building for the Future



Your generosity today strengthens our parish and builds a legacy of faith for generations to come.



Capital Improvements

Your generosity through the Parish Improvement Campaign and CIF made these accomplishments possible.



Repaired the roof



Replaced the Digital Kiosk



Added three new air conditioners



Remodeled four restrooms



Ongoing Support

Annual income sources that sustain our parish mission and ministries.

Plate	\$1,171,554
Craft Fair	\$20,486
TET Festival	\$37,718
Thanh Linh Gala	\$37,320
Hall Rental	\$87,941



\$241,768

Parish Improvement Campaign / CIF Combined

What's Next



A new designated adoration chapel



Enhancements to the sanctuary



An improved children's play area with turf



LOOKING FORWARD

Our Pastoral Plan 2026–2030

Rooted in prayer and shaped by parish-wide listening sessions, this plan charts our course for the next three years across three goals: worship, community, and mission.

OUR VISION FOR 2030

By 2030, Holy Spirit Church will be a vibrant, intercultural, and missionary parish where all people encounter Christ deeply in the Sacraments; experience genuine intercultural community, welcome, and belonging; and are formed as missionary disciples who joyfully serve, evangelize, and live the Gospel.

A

Worship & Sacramental Life

B

Community & Belonging

C

Service & Mission

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GOAL A



Worship & Sacramental Life

Strengthen and expand opportunities for a deeper encounter with Christ through the sacraments, prayer, and devotions.



Why it matters: A strong sacramental life nourishes every aspect of parish ministry and forms disciples rooted in Christ.

Objective 1 · Enhance accessibility and frequency of sacramental opportunities

- Review and strengthen schedules for Mass, confession, and adoration to meet the spiritual needs of parishioners
- Offer additional sacramental and devotional opportunities during liturgical seasons (Lent, Advent, Marian feasts, and other significant devotions)
- Support and strengthen catechesis ministries (religious education, sacrament preparation)

Objective 2 · Deepen parish understanding and love of the Eucharist

- Offer Eucharistic catechesis series and workshops
- Promote Eucharistic adoration through teaching, testimonies, and parish-wide invitations
- Establish Eucharistic devotions: Benediction, processions, Holy Hours, and celebrations centered on the Real Presence of Christ

Objective 3 · Expand devotional life and spiritual renewal opportunities

- Promote First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Third Friday devotion to the Holy Spirit
- Offer regular opportunities for Bible study, Lectio Divina, and the Liturgy of the Hours
- Encourage daily personal and family prayer through workshops, prayer guides, and small faith-formation groups

GOAL B

B Community & Belonging

Build a faith-filled intercultural parish where everyone feels seen, welcomed, and connected.



Why it matters: A sense of belonging strengthens discipleship, increases engagement, and fosters parish unity.

Objective 1 • Strengthen the ministry of hospitality

- Provide ongoing formation and training for greeters, ushers, and hospitality volunteers to foster a warm, attentive, and intentional welcome environment
- Establish a “Welcome Center” for new and returning parishioners
- Develop a follow-up and mentorship process to help new parish families
- Support hospitality ministries such as the Donut Ministry, Goodwill Ambassadors, and Catholic Men’s Fellowship

Objective 2 • Foster community-building events and relationships

- Organize quarterly parish social events that encourage fellowship and strengthen relationships among parishioners
- Strengthen long-standing parish traditions (Lunar New Year, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and feast day celebrations)
- Expand small groups, intergenerational gatherings, and family-based community-building activities

Objective 3 • Support ministries that engage all ages and demographics

- Strengthen support for young families through parish groups and childcare support at events
- Provide youth and young adults with formation, community, and service opportunities
- Expand opportunities for seniors to participate in fellowship, prayer groups, and service roles
- Offer yearly parish missions or retreats in conjunction with diocesan and global events such as World Youth Day

C Service & Mission

Foster a parish that looks outward, living the Gospel through service, evangelization, and outreach to the wider community.



Why it matters: Service deepens personal faith, builds community, and brings the Gospel to those most in need.

Objective 1 · Strengthen parish outreach to the poor and vulnerable

- Expand the Helping Hands Food Pantry and increase parishioner volunteer support
- Strengthen partnerships with local organizations such as the Aid to Women Center and St. Vincent de Paul
- Provide accompaniment, referrals, and emergency support for families in need
- Increase awareness of local resources and parish outreach services available to those in need

Objective 2 · Form parishioners as missionary disciples

- Offer catechesis formation focused on evangelization, discipleship, and living the Gospel in daily life
- Establish evangelization teams for parish and neighborhood outreach
- Provide training in testimony sharing, accompaniment, and spiritual conversations
- Promote awareness and discernment of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, marriage, and lay ecclesial ministry

Objective 3 · Create opportunities for parish-wide mission and service engagement

- Organize annual parish service days and community-impact projects
- Strengthen bereavement support groups and pastoral care ministries
- Develop a pilgrimage program — local, national, and international — including a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2031 for the 500th anniversary of her apparition
- Encourage collaboration among parish ministries, cultural communities, and age groups in service and outreach initiatives

Through strengthened worship, deeper community, outward-focused service, and responsible stewardship, Holy Spirit Church will continue to grow in holiness, unity, and missionary vitality.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Renew our parish, guide our journey, and make us faithful witnesses of the Gospel.

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