

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Paula Pruet. Belcher Family. Diane Stanley. Jimmy Johnson. Barbara Quesada. Wilburn Roberts. George Bruner. Chase Larsson. Jeff Gibbons. Eric Gray. Myles Acosta. Elise Sugg. Jacob Stephens. Fr. John Lydon. Fr. Joseph Nasser. Fr. Christopher Ruggles. Fr. Tim Kelly. Fr. Steven Duyka. Msgr. Gerald Priest. Jim & Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Dominic Sosta. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Elleana Fritz. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Fr. Peter McGrath has been placed in hospice care. Please pray for peace and serenity for him and his family as they enter into a very difficult time.

Please pray for the men and women active military service

from our parish community: Jay Guajardo Navy Boot Camp (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Airman First Class Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army(Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lcpl Mike Buchanan(Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3RJames Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the "punch line" of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture's way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus' teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

DESTROYING ONE'S ENEMIES

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?
—Abraham Lincoln

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 2/23 5:00pm Mass—Lisa Ferrara+ (M/M Ferrara)

Sun 2/24 9:30am Mass—Elise Marsh+ (Bob Mailliard)

Tue 2/26 NO MASS 9:00am Communion Service/Adoration

Wed 2/27 NO MASS

Thurs 2/28 NO MASS

Fri 3/01 NO MASS

Sat 3/02 5:00pm Mass—A.W. Pettiette+ (Verna Sloan)

Fr. Mike attending the Priests Retreat

Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm

Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am

PARISH SUPPORT

2/16 & 2/17

Required Weekly Funds Offerings

**\$ 3,962 Sat. Sun.
\$ 3,014 82 70**

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



Please remember Holy Spirit Parish in your Will.



For free information on making a will, finding a lawyer or making a bequest to our parish, please call Mark Henry at the East Texas Catholic Foundation @ 903-534-1077 X 200 or visit www.etclegacy.org.

EVENTS AND NEWS

MARCH 2019 Second Collections: 2nd & 3rd: "Building & Maintenance Fund." 16th & 17th: "Easter Flowers." 30th & 31st: "Catholic Relief Services."

Religious Education

GRADES 1—8

"Faith and Family Life" Grades 1 – 8 Class

Wed., Feb. 27th 4:00-4:55pm

GRADES 9—12

**HSY "Holy Spirit Youth" Group Class on Sun., Feb. 24th
After 9:30am Mass**

HSY YOUTH LEADERS: Randy & Shirley Munoz

Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm

"I am not in an audience with our Holy Father, not am I in the presence of a saint from heaven, not with some distinguished personality. Before me, dear Jesus, You are present under the frail appearance of the host. I believe, dear Jesus, that You are truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the most Blessed Sacrament." - John J. Cardinal Carberry.

Mark your calendar Saturday, May 11, 2019. Deacon Sam and Nancy Retirement Celebration. Anyone interested with this special celebration, please sign-up in the Narthex. More info will be forthcoming in the near future.

Fr. Mike is in need of your palms from last year, BEFORE Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Please drop them off in the basket located in the Narthex.

A mighty big "**Thanks**" to all our "**Worker Bees**" and our knight's ladies — We had another successful fish fry!!!!

ROSARY MAKERS GARAGE SALE—COMING THIS JUNE!

This spring start cleaning out your house, garage and storage, save the items for the garage sale.

If you have questions call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868
Please NO electronics or clothes

A bit of history:

Our very first Mass was held on Holly Lake property, February 28, 1999.

February 2019 News/Events

Feb 23rd & 24th: While Fr. Mike is out of town for the weekend. **Welcome !!!!! Fr. Ron Demski**

Sun., Feb. 24th: Christian Initiation with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. "**HSY**" **After 9:30am Mass in a classroom. Mon. Feb.**

Feb. 25th—Fri., Mar. 1st: No Weekday Masses. Fr. Mike attending Diocese of Tyler Priests Retreat. **Tues, Feb. 20th 9:00am Communion Service/Adoration.**

Wed., Feb. 27th: Rel. Ed: Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—5:00PM. No 5:00PM Mass.

March 2019 News/Events

Sun., Mar. 3rd: Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) Education Weekend. **K of C Breakfast. Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam "**HSY**" **These three of these begin after the 9:30am Mass.**

Wed., Mar. 6th: Rel. Ed. Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55PM. **Ash Wednesday.** Fast & Abstinence. Mass at 5:00PM with ashes.

Fri., Mar. 8th: Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 4:00PM followed by the **Stations of the Cross** approx. 4:15PM.

Sun., Mar. 10th: Daylight Savings Time Begins—Spring forward one hour. Christian Initiation with Deacon Sam. And **Apologetics** for those interested in the knowledge of our faith, begins after 9:30am Mass. "**HSY**" **After 9:30am Mass in a classroom. Miracles of the Eucharistic at 12:00 Noon—Parish Hall.**

Wed., Mar. 13th: No Rel. Ed for grades 1—8. 5:00pm Mass

Fri., Mar. 15th: Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 4:00PM followed by the **Stations of the Cross** approx. 4:15PM.

K of C Fish Fry 5:00—6:30PM

Sun., Mar. 17th: Christian Initiation with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. "**HSY**" **after 9:30am Mass in a classroom.**

Mon., Mar. 18th: Fundraiser Meeting @ 6:00PM.

Wed., Mar. 20th: Rel. Ed. Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55PM. 5:00PM Mass

Fri., Mar. 22nd: Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 4:00PM followed by the **Stations of the Cross** approx. 4:15PM.

Sun., Mar. 24th: Christian Initiation with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. "**HSY**" **after 9:30am Mass in a classroom.**

Wed., Mar. 27th: Rel. Ed. Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55PM. 5:00PM Mass

Fri., Mar. 29th: Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 4:00PM followed by the **Stations of the Cross** approx. 4:15PM.

Sun., Mar. 31st: Christian Initiation with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. "**HSY**" **after 9:30am Mass in a classroom.**

BOARDING PASS VIVA LAS VEGAS		ADMIT ONE
Holy Spirit's 9th Annual Dinner & Casino Night		YOUR TABLE #
WELCOME Viva Las Vegas		SAVE THE DATE:
Doors Open at 6:00 PM Dinner Served at 6:30 PM Gaming Tables Open After Dinner \$35 per person (non-refundable) Includes \$1500 in chips		Saturday
DATE TIME LOCATION		Apr. 27th
SATURDAY, APRIL 27 2 0 1 9	Doors Open at 6:00 PM *Limited Seating*	Holy Spirit Catholic Church 1612 FM2869 Hawkins, TX 75765 Viva Las Vegas

**In order to make this a huge success for our parish.
We need help with this fundraising event!**

Please pick up your Raffle Tickets in the Narthex or we will have to mail it to you.

Dinner/Casino Tickets are going fast. Limited Seating. Sign-up sheets for donations and volunteers to help out are all located in the Narthex.

Questions, call the church office.