

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Dan Duke. John Kominis. Samantha & Ester Coronel. Paula Pruett. Belcher Family. Diane Stanley. Barbara Quesada. Wilburn Roberts. 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. Eleana 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:

Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). 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).

MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm: "When there are two roads which will bring me to some place, I take the one with more churches so as to be nearer the Blessed Sacrament. When I see a place where my Jesus is, I could not be happier, and I say, "You are here, my God and my All." - Venerable J. J. Olier

Mass Times & Intentions

- Sat 3/23 5:00pm Mass—Arlina Smith+ (M/M Barber)**
- Sun 3/24 9:30am Mass—Parishioners**
- Tue 3/26 9:00am Mass/Adoration— Cardinal Daniel DiNardo Gal/Hou Metropolitan Archbishop—Diocese of Tyler**
- Wed 3/27 5:00pm Mass—Families of the New Zealand Massacres**
- Thurs 3/28 9:00am Mass—Victims of the Midwest Flooding**
- Fri 3/29 9:00am Mass—Victims of the Texas & Alabama Tornadoes**
- 4:00pm Vespers. 4:15pm Stations of the Cross
- Sat 3/30 5:00pm Mass—Arlina Smith+ (M/M Barber)**
- Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm**
- Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am**

PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>3/16 & 3/17</u>
Required Weekly Funds	\$ 3,962 Sat. Sun.
Offerings	\$ 3,584 80 110

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or Psalm 95.*

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday:Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday:Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday:Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday:Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday:Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday:Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

HURDLING

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.—Anonymous



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: 30th & 31st: "Catholic Relief Services."

Religious Education
GRADES 1—8 "Faith and Family Life"
Wed., Mar. 27th 4:00—4:55pm

GRADES 9—12 HSY "Holy Spirit Youth" Group
Class on Sun., Mar. 24th after 9:30am Mass
HSY YOUTH LEADERS: Randy & Shirley Munoz

Welcome Committee News: Fr. Mike asks each weekend for those visiting our parish to identify themselves so that each family may be given a special memento gift. This gift consists of a placard showing a picture of our church plus specific info. about Mass times & our parish. Also included is a rosary made by the Holy Spirit Rosary Makers plus the insert of "How to Pray the Rosary." **This gift as well as all of the parishioners who approach them with handshakes and friendly greetings convey what a welcoming parish Holy Spirit is and one that we hope they will return to.** In this **past year approx. 250** of these memento gifts have been distributed by the ushers. What an incredible number of individuals & families we have welcomed to our parish! *The Welcome Committee* appreciates all individuals & organizations who have helped so much in this endeavor.

Mark your calendar Saturday, May 11, 2019. Deacon Sam & Nancy Retirement Celebration. *Anyone interested with this special celebration, please sign-up in the Narthex.*

If you would like to lead the **Stations of the Cross** on Friday evening during **Lent**, please sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex or contact **Barbara Eamma @ 903-725-7691** or **baream@msn.com**

There are **Sign-up Sheets** in the Narthex for **Holy Week Ministry**. Volunteers from **all ministries** are needed; Lectors, EM's, Ushers & Servers; plus volunteers for **Washing of Feet** and **Adoration** on Holy Thursday. Please help if you can.

"Fr. **Joshua Neu**, Dir. of Faith Formation at the St. Philip's Institute, will present a **Lenten Retreat** entitled: **The Burden & Power of Forgiveness**", on Sat., Apr. 6th at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 203 Meadowbrook Dr., Mineola, TX.; beginning with Mass at 8:30am. Bring a sack lunch. **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend. Phone 903-763-4126. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary."

Thank you to all those **donating prizes** to our **Casino Night Fundraiser**. Please bring them to church **by Sat., Apr. 13th** so we can have time to put them in our program for that night. Questions, call Dianne Laudt or Melinda Hlavenka.

As of **Mar. 18th** we've only **collected \$3,295.00 in raffle ticket** sales. **Please sell your tickets.** We're in this jointly...let's make this a successful fundraiser.

YOU could win \$2,000

Four Prizes **\$500, \$500, \$500, & \$500** Visa Gift Cards

Tickets: 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20 Drawing: Apr. 27th

March News/Events

Sun., Mar. 24th: Christian Initiation with Deacon Sam & "HSY" after 9:30am Mass in classrooms.

Wed., Mar. 27th: Rel. Ed. Grades 1—8 4:00—4:55pm. 5:00pm Mass. Following Mass the **Parish Council Mtg.**

Thurs., Mar. 28th: 6:00pm Lent Communal Confession

Fri., Mar. 29th: Vespers beginning 4:00pm followed by the **Stations of the Cross** approx. 4:15pm. Then "Soup Supper" provided in Parish Hall.

Sun., Mar. 31st: Christian Initiation with Deacon Sam & "HSY" after 9:30am Mass in classrooms.

April News/Events

Tues., Apr. 2nd: 9:00am Mass. Fr. Mike attending Deanery Mtg. in Gladewater.

Wed., Apr. 3rd: Rel. Ed. grades 1—8 4—4:55PM. 5:00PM Mass

Thurs., Apr. 4th: No Mass. Fr. Mike attending priests study day at the Chancery. **K of C Meeting.**

Fri., Apr. 5th: Vespers beginning 4:00pm followed by the **Stations of the Cross** approx. 4:15pm. Then "Soup Supper" provided in Parish Hall.

Sun., Apr. 7th: Christian Initiation with Deacon Sam & "HSY" classes begin after the 9:30am Mass. **K of C Breakfast.**

Wed., Apr. 10th: Rel. Ed. 1—8 grade 4—4:55pm. 5:00pm Mass

Thurs., Apr. 11th: K of C Meeting

Fri., Apr. 12th: Vespers beginning 4:00pm followed by the **Stations of the Cross** approx. 4:15pm. **K of C Fish Fry 5—6:30pm**

Palm Sun., Apr. 14th: **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam. **Apologetics & "HSY" after 9:30am Mass in classrooms.**

Mon., Apr. 15th: Ice Cream Social Meeting @ 9:00am. Fund-raiser Meeting @ 6:00pm

Tues., Apr. 16th: No am Mass. **Chrim Mass @ 11am Cathedral**

Wed., Apr. 17th: Rel. Ed. grades 1—8 4—4:55pm. 5:00pm Mass

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thurs. Apr. 18th: 7:00pm Mass of our Lord's Supper, with the Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet.

Good Fri. Apr. 19th: Church open from noon—3:00pm.

3:00pm Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross & Communion.

Sat. Apr. 20th: 8:30pm *Vigil Mass*

Easter Sun., Apr. 21st: 9:30am Mass of Resurrection

Wed., Apr. 24th: Rel. Ed. 1—8 grade 4—4:55pm. 5:00pm Mass

Sat., Apr. 27th: Casino/Dinner/Raffle Doors open 6pm. Dinner 6:30pm.

Sun., Apr. 28th: Last Christian Initiation with Deacon Sam & "HSY" after 9:30am Mass in classrooms.

We need your help for Fundraiser: Sign-up sheets for **donations (orange board) & volunteers (table)** are all located in the Narthex. Questions, call the church office.