

Perhaps it is important to remember that while the image of Christ as King has been known throughout Christianity, this feast was founded in 1925 as a reaction and a response to growing secularism, communism, and atheism that were becoming prevalent after World War I. If we pull back the lens even further, we will remember that throughout history there has seldom been a peaceful time in the Christian world. The Holy Land itself has frequently been a battle ground. There have been schisms and divisions in the history of the church itself, and every church council was convened to try to correct some mistaken notion, world event, or church heresy. Nor has church leadership always had clean hands, and there have been wars, genocides, and insurrections "in the name of Christ." Today, when more and more people are leaving organized religion altogether, and people identify themselves as "spiritual but not religious" or "nones," the need for Christ as leader and ruler and guide is more pressing than ever.

INHERIT THE KINGDOM

The world in which we live is complex. We are a diverse, global society and there are many issues and opinions rang-

ing from climate change to politics to creed. Sometimes we try and sort it all out, and it is hard to know who and what to believe. One can find multiple takes on the same news story, and social media can easily sway us. Yet when we focus on the Gospel story, it seems very simple indeed. We do not have to know it all or figure it all out. We are not the one on the throne during the Last Judgment. When God starts separating the sheep from the goats, the formula is a simple rule of thumb. "When did you see Christ in others? When did you respond accordingly?" It does not ask if you are Catholic or even Christian; whether you had a police record or an incurable disease; whether you had a PhD or a fifth-grade education, or what languages you spoke. The call is to remember that "Whatsoever you did to the least you did for me." And then there will be the invitation, "Come you who are blessed. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Today's Readings: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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PERMANENT DEACON:

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Sat., 5:00PM & Sun., 9:00AM
Tues. - Fri. 9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

Tues. & Wed., 9:00 - 10:00AM
9:30-10:30

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday: 45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six (6) months prior to the anticipated date 903-769-3235

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Welcome Visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Paul Adams. Jess Corrigan, Karla Haney. Molly Dunn. Richard Schuetz. Regina Davies. Jo Hoffman. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Elayne Hayes. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Frankie Durst. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, 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; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17)

Psalms: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading: As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel: Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day (suggested): Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 11/21 Charles Snodgrass+ (Knights of Columbus)

Sun 11/22 Cooper Anderson+ (Ruddie Anderson)

Tue 11/24 Rev. Victor Hamon (Daughters of Divine Mercy)

Wed 11/25 Deacon Jim Burkel (Daughters of Divine Mercy)

Thurs 11/26 Giving Thanks

Fri. 11/27 NO MASS

Sat. 11/28 Deacon Loren Seily (Daughters of Divine Mercy)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through Oct. 31, 2020:

Expenditures (excluding parking lot repairs) \$ 3,712

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,703

Attendance 11/14 Sat. 41 & 11/15 Sun. 46

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

We expect to be delivering food to 20 families this year. This drive is above and beyond our weekly food distribution. Below is a list of always needed items.

Canned yams, pumpkin, cranberry sauce, vegetables & fruit, soups (especially hearty soups). Peanut butter. Biscuit & roll mix, powder gravy mixes, instant potatoes, pudding, jello & fruit cups.

Thank you for your generous donations for the thanksgiving holiday boxes and for your continued support for this food drive and our weekly food baskets. Please place donations in the K/C box just before you enter the Parish Hall on or before **12/17/2020**.

If you are unable to deliver your donations, please call or text **Robert Mailliard at 503-559-6022**

We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the food boxes on **12/21/2020**.

MANY BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS
FOR THIS PROJECT

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

Marie Hansen will provide Christmas Cards with pictures of past Christmas decorations of our Church with envelopes. They sell for the price of 10 for \$10.00 with all money donated to Holy Spirit Catholic Church. **Orders must be in by the 29th of November** and will be **delivered to Church December 5th**.

Email Marie Hansen at sisters39802@gmail.com or call 214-282-5349.



RAFFLE

Since the Covid virus required us to eventually cancel the Casino Night fundraising event, we had several very nice prizes ready to be won by some lucky Casino winners which, unfortunately, most have expiration dates. The fund raising committee has decided that the fairest way to handle the situation would be to have another raffle with a very limited number of tickets available to give ticket purchasers an unbelievably good chance of winning one of the prizes. The raffle is being timed to allow those winners to utilize the prizes as Christmas gifts, if they wish.

Only 100 raffle tickets will be sold at a cost of \$10.00 per ticket. This will allow an additional \$1000.00 to go to the Church, assuming we sell all of the raffle tickets. There will be no expenses since we will be printing the tickets in-house.

The tickets will be available after Mass **starting Saturday, November 28th** and also in the **Church office from Tuesday, December 1st through Friday December 4th. Also, after Mass December 5th and 6th.** Please call the office before coming to the church office on the weekdays 903-769-3235 to make sure tickets are available. Remember only 100 tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Drawing will be December 6, 2020, immediately after the 9:00 AM Mass.

The prizes are:

1. Southwest Airlines

Four one-way passes (expires April 22, 2021)
Total value: \$800.00

2. Margaritaville Resort Casino, Bossier City, LA

Two-night stay and dinner for two the the World Tour Buffet (expires April 24, 2021)
Value \$300.00

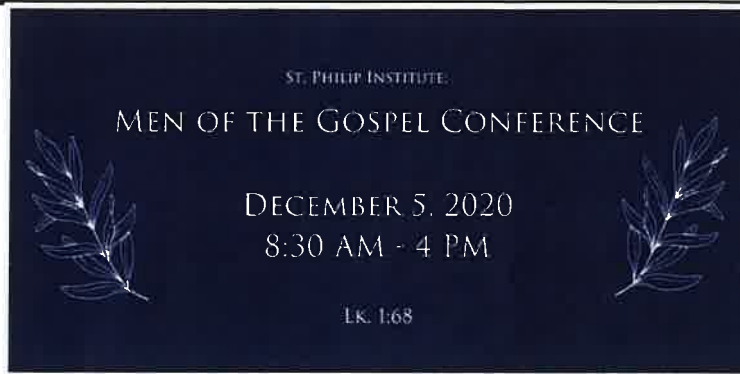
3. James Avery jewelry

Sterling Silver Heart Drop 18inch Necklace and matching Heart Drop, hoop earrings
Value \$250.00

4. Kiepersol Texas Wine Farm, Tyler, Texas

Guided "Tour and Tasting" for up to six people (expires April 25, 2021)
Value \$120.00

Remember **all** of the proceeds of this raffle go to the Church, so we expect to sell all 100 tickets very quickly. When they are gone, they are gone.



I am writing to share this information about our first men's conference, which will be hosted on December 5th. There is limited seating available in Tyler as well as a live-stream option. Thanks for sharing and for all the work you do for the Diocese!

In the New Testament, the narration of the birth of Jesus centers around three figures which all serve, in their own ways, as icons of authentic masculine spirituality: St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. Zechariah, and St. Joseph.

This Advent, the St. Philip Institute will sponsor our first men's conference, dedicated to exploring the theme of what it means to be a man of the Gospel. Talks will center on these three figures and how we can learn from their example to become living witnesses of Christ in an era of confusion and doubt.

Join us in Tyler (limited in-person tickets available) or via live stream for talks by Jesse Romero, Doug Barry, and the Papal Ninja, Sean Bryan. Register on line at <https://stphilipinstitute.org/>

God Bless!

Luke Arredondo, PhD

Director of Faith Formation

St. Philip Institute of Catechesis and Evangelization

So, do you ever wish God would just talk to you sometimes?

You do? Great! Let's get together and talk about it. (He already talks to you, you know. One way is through our Bibles.)

We would like to offer a weekly, on-ongoing course of Scripture Study for men only; women only or co-ed. And we need your input to determine exactly how, what, and when we will make this available to you. Please fill out the mini form below and drop it into the collection basket or email me (email address below). Please do not fill out the form unless you are serious about participating. After we tabulate and collate the information you provide for us, we will report our finding and offer suggestions for the "preferred" Scripture Study. The sooner we receive your input, the sooner we can announce your preferences and our plan to accommodate them. If you require any additional information please feel free to contact randymunoz80@hotmail.com.

When would you like to meet? (Check one day and one time)

Sunday _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____

Morning _____ Evening _____

Men only _____ Women only _____ Co-Ed _____

What would you prefer for a format?

Structured (specific scriptures and formal study guides – Little Rock, etc.) _____

Unstructured (pick a book and go) _____

Dispensation: The entire diocese of Tyler remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice.

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An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

**Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Tues. Dec. 8th at 9:00 AM**



**Mass of Anticipation:
Mon., Dec. 7th at 5:00 PM**



Thanksgiving Mass November 26th at 9:00 AM.

The Diocese office and our office will be closed, November 26th & 27th

CONFESSION Tues., Nov. 24h & Wed., Nov 25h. 9:30—10:30AM. If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.

**Period for Donations to Knights of Columbus
Baby Shower has been Extended**



The Knights of Columbus Council 15174 thanks all who have deposited items in the portable play pen. The project was scheduled to end on Sun., Nov. 8, but, due to the fact that access to the church is limited due to Covid 19, the project will be extended until Sun., Nov. 22.

The Building Blocks Ministry of Living Alternatives in Tyler, the organization receiving the baby items, offers practical help to young parents that encourages and renews hope for the future during and after periods of unplanned pregnancies. It is a unique earn-while-you-learn program where young moms and dads earn points for going to doctor appointments, attending parenting classes, and meeting with parenting mentors. The items you donate will not be given to them. They must use their accumulated points to purchase the items.

If making monetary contributions is more convenient for you, please make your checks payable to Living Alternatives, with Building Blocks in the Memo section of the check. You may deposit your check in the play pen or mail it to the church at 1612 S. FM 2869, Holly Lake Ranch TX 75765.

ANGEL TREE: Please choose an angel card or two from the tree located in the hallway at the entrance of the parish hall. Instructions will be on each angel card. Please wrap the gifts, place angel card on gifts and returned to the angel tree no later than Sunday, Dec. 6th by 9:30am. Questions call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868.



Thurs., Dec. 24th: 4:30pm Candle Light Music, follow by 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Fri., Dec. 25th: 8:30am Christmas Music, follow by 9:00am Mass Christmas Day

**New Year's Eve; Mass of Anticipation:
Thurs., Dec. 31st: 5:00pm**

**New Year's Day; Holy Day of Obligation
Fri., Jan. 1st: 9:00am Mass**

**Nov. Second Collections:
November 21st & 22nd:
"Catholic Charities—Diocese of Tyler."**

Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Sat., Nov. 21st at 5:00pm and Sun., Nov. 22nd at 9:00am.

Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Wear a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed. Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.
4. **Chairs** set-up 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS.**

The **Welcome Committee** thanks everyone who donated Halloween candy for the upcoming Holly Lake Ranch Christmas Golf Cart parade. Mark your calendar for the **parade on Saturday, Dec. 19th at 6pm.** More information to follow.

Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tues. — Fri. at 9:00am.

Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
2. **No socializing** in the Narthex. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
3. **In church alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
4. **Limited seating maximum 31.** In order for the households to maintain at least 6 feet separation.

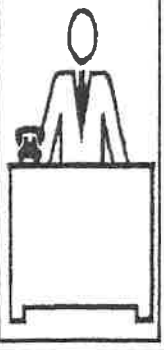
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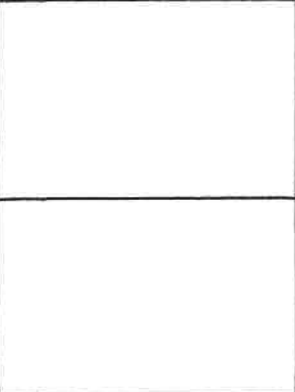
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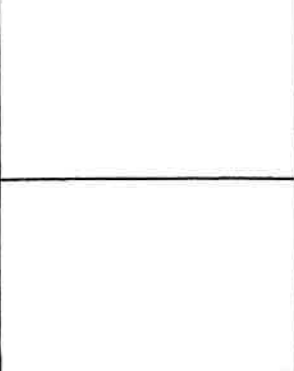
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