



What does it mean to love God with all our heart, being, strength, and mind? We turn our hearts to God in prayer, quiet moments of reflection, and participation in the Mass and sacraments. Our whole being may turn to the Lord in trust in the midst of troubled times or when we need courage. We find strength to live as Christ's people, even when faced with the questions, doubts, and derision of others. We may turn to the Lord with our mind as we prayerfully read sacred scripture and learn more fully the teaching of the Church. All of these things point to a singular desire to know God deeply. The love we have for God is, after all, a reflection of the great love God has for each of us.

LOVE NEIGHBOR

Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan points to the impact our love of God is to have in our lives. The priest and Levite were more concerned with observing

the letter of the law rather than living its essence. The Samaritan found himself unable to pass by without coming to the traveler's aid. Who are the travelers whom we meet? What is our response? Are we so filled with the love of God that we cannot ignore the suffering of hunger or homelessness, the needs of the lonely and sick? Loving God necessitates loving our neighbor. We cannot have one without the other. Jesus shows us that the love we are to share is selfless, sacrificial. The Samaritan not only cared for the traveler's wounds, but took him to find shelter and paid for his care. He went the extra mile on the journey of faith. Who is your neighbor today? How will you love him or her?

Today's Readings: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

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 Sunday: 9:00 AM
 Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

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 45 minutes before Mass

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 (6) months prior to the
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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!*

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Patsy Pregeant. Kelly Barber. John & Carol Komis. Jean Quinn. Pat Gallardo. Joe Fazzio. David & Tammy Winfrey. Melinda Hlavenka. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Doug Lawson. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Ken Davis. Mary Langhoff. Russell Jackson. Jim Hickey. Doris Hoffman. Yolanda & Eldon Boyd. Wanda & George Duke. Lonnie & Tammy McClung. Jean Hamilton. Randy & Louise Beard. Kathleen Fleming. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jacob Stephens. Elise Sugg. Avery Boultinghouse. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Bob Quinn (husband of Jean Quinn) Home Address: 160 Stephanie St., Hawkins, Tx 75765.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community: Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT 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. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great 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 Eamma). 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).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Benedict

Wednesday: St. Henry

Thursday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Friday: St. Bonaventure

Saturday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Blessed Virgin Mary

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading: Heed the voice of the LORD. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts; you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

Psalm: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or Psalm 19.

Second Reading: All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).

Gospel: To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

Mass—Intentions

Saturday 7/09 Wanda Stephens+

Sun 7/10 Bob Quinn+ (M/M Laudts)

Tue 7/12 Rev. Ignatius Nwankwocha (Mother Susan Catherine)

Wed 7/13 Mary Rose Yeager+ (M/M Todd)

Thursday 7/14 Sarah Daggett

Friday 7/15 Barbara Eamma (K of C)

Saturday 7/16 Charles Kay+ (M/M Laudt)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,666

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,799

Attendance: 7/02 Saturday: 72 7/03 Sunday: 87

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

Pope's Intention for July:



For the elderly. We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Reflection question:

How do I live up to being called Christian?

Are there ways that I can do better?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

Our God is about relationships. In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that the laws, which are already in their hearts, keep them in right relationship with the God who loves them so much that they always find forgiveness. Centuries later, along comes Jesus, whom Paul describes to the Colossians as "the image of the invisible God," the very embodiment of this God of love. In his parable about the good Samaritan, Jesus explains how the law of love overrules the letter of the law. Instead of answering the question "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus demonstrates that it is not about who is worthy of being loved, but rather loving as God loves—about being neighbor, about being the good Samaritan. Jesus wants us to continue his work as images of this God of love by loving all people, even those who seem to be our enemies.

JULY NEWS & EVENTS

NO DONUTS OR COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS DURING JULY

Tues., July 12th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm.

Wed.—Fri. July 13th—15th: 9:00am Mass

Wed., July 13th: 9:00am Mass. Cenacle of Life devotion 3:00—4:00pm. 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.

Tues., July 19th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm.

Wed., July 20th: 9:00am Mass. Cenacle of Life devotion 3:00—4:00pm. 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.

Thurs., July 21st: Communion Service at 9:00am.

Fri., July 22nd: 9:00am Mass

Tues., July 26th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm.

Wed., July 27th: 9:00am Mass. Cenacle of Life devotion 3:00—4:00pm. 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.

Wed., - Fri., July 27th—July 29th: 9:00am Mass

July Second Collections
23rd & 24th: "Church in Africa."

Legion of Mary— Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: **Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953** or **Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749**. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church welcomes our new parishioners. Please take a few moments to fill out a Registration Form. They are available on the table in front of parish office, or online at www.holyspirithollylake.com, click on About Us, then forms and downloads click on registration form.

WELCOME!

All visitors to our beautiful East Texas community of Holly Lake Ranch are welcome to visit our Prayer Garden directly behind our parish hall to pray and worship with us.

If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist.

If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing.

Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord call us.

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Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net
Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

A little timeline: The American Revolutionary War, (<https://worldhistory.com/us-war-independence-declaration-of-independence/>) ...

Causes – Tensions between colonists and the British government had been rising for more than 10 years prior to the start of the American Revolution in 1775. The Stamp Act of 1765, the Townshend Acts of 1767, and the Tea Act of 1773, 3 attempts by the British government to raise money by taxing the colonies, were met with vehement opposition from many colonists who resented their lack of representation in Parliament and demanded the same rights as other British subjects. When British soldiers opened fire on a mob of colonists in what is known as the Boston Massacre, five men were killed. ... the Boston Tea Party occurred in December 1773, ... Parliament passed a number of laws (known as the Intolerable, or Coercive Acts), intended to reassert imperial power in Massachusetts. Hundreds of British soldiers marched from Boston to nearby Concord, Massachusetts on the evening of April 18, 1775, in order to raid an arsenal. As a result of the alarm being raised by Paul Revere and others, colonial militiamen assembled to stop Redcoats. The War began on April 19 in Massachusetts with the Battles of Lexington and Concord, where local militiamen engaged British troops.

The US Declaration of Independence – Delegates, including newly elected members Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, decided to establish a Continental Army with Washington serving as its commander in chief when the 2nd Continental Congress met in Philadelphia.

Washington's soldiers battled to contain the British in Boston throughout that fall and winter, but in the late winter, artillery taken from Fort Ticonderoga in New York helped tip the scales. In order to prepare for a large attack of New York, the British abandoned the city in March 1776, with Howe and his forces fleeing to Canada. By June 1776, with the War in full swing, the colonies' support for independence from Britain had grown to a majority. The Continental Congress decided to ratify the US Declaration of Independence on July 4. Howe's Redcoats destroyed the Continental Army on Long Island in August, forcing Washington to withdraw his forces from New York City by September. Having been pushed over the Delaware River, Washington fought back on Christmas Eve with a surprise attack at Trenton, New Jersey, and another success at Princeton ... before establishing winter quarters in Morristown. ...

US War of Independence Timeline

Nathan Hale executed, 1776 – American Captain Nathan Hale was taken prisoner by the British on September 21, 1776, when he breached the British defenses on Long Island to gather intelligence. The next day, he was executed by hanging without a trial. Hale is supposed to have exclaimed, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country," ...

Washington Forces crossed Delaware, 1776 – George Washington and the Continental Army retaliated against the British after they had forced them to leave New York City. They drove them across New Jersey on Christmas Eve by sneaking across the ice-strewn Delaware River, surprising the Hessian garrison at Trenton and taking about 900 prisoners. The victories ... at Trenton and the Battle of Princeton (January 3, 1777) energized the young nation ...

Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga, 1777 – Two primary lines of assault were used by the British in 1777 to try to cut off New England. Here the revolt had the strongest popular support from the other colonies. General John Burgoyne's army moved south from Canada. In preparation for a scheduled encounter with Howe's soldiers on the Hudson River. The Americans suffered a defeat in July when Burgoyne's forces retook Fort Ticonderoga. Howe made the decision to send his troops from New York to meet Washington's army close to the Chesapeake Bay. On September 11, the British overcame the Americans at Brandywine Creek, Pennsylvania, and on September 25, they arrived in Philadelphia. Early in October, Washington recovered and attacked Germantown before retreating to winter quarters close to Valley Forge. The British experienced the repercussions of Howe's maneuver on September 19. When an American force led by General Horatio Gates beat them at Freeman's Farm in the first Battle of Saratoga. Burgoyne's army had been left exposed ... Burgoyne gave up his soldiers after losing the Second Battle of Saratoga on October 7 at Bemis Heights. The American victory at Saratoga would prove to be a turning moment ... It led France, which had been supporting the rebels since 1776, to publicly join the American side of the conflict. France would not legally declare war on Great Britain until June 1778. The American Revolution started as a civil war between Britain and its colonies, it quickly escalated into a global fight.

Washington winters at Valley Forge, 1777-1778 – 11,000 regulars built winter quarters at Valley Forge, ... 22 miles northwest of British-occupied Philadelphia, after suffering defeats at the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown. The Continental Army was reassembled the next June and emerged as a disciplined and potent fighting force; despite the fact that widespread disease, semi-starvation, and harsh cold had killed off the majority of its soldiers.

France and the United States form an alliance, 1778 – Since 1776, the French had been giving the Americans covert financial and material support. The Franco-American alliance was formally established with the signing of the Treaties of Amity, Commerce and Alliance in Paris. However, France did not legally declare war on Britain until June 1778. After which it started assembling fleets and soldiers to join the conflict.

Benedict Arnold turns traitor, 1780 – American General Benedict Arnold put up heroic fights in a series of prior engagements, then plotted with the British to hand control of the fort at West Point, New York. Arnold sought refuge with the British ...

Ratification of Articles of Confederation, 1781 – The Articles of Confederation were drafted in 1776–1777 and approved by the Congress on November 15, 1777. They functioned as a transitional document. Documents between the Continental Congress's original form of government and the federal government established by the U.S. Constitution of 1787. The states did not fully ratify the articles until March 1, 1781.

Siege of Yorktown, 1781 – Lord Cornwallis invaded Virginia to join other British troops. After earning a victory at Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina, on March 15, 1781, he established a base at Yorktown. Yorktown was besieged by Washington and a force led by French Count de Rochambeau. On October 19, 1781, Cornwallis handed ... more than 7,000 soldiers.

Treaty of Paris and end of US war of Independence, 1783 – By the end of 1781, Greene's American forces had succeeded in compelling Cornwallis and his troops to flee ... to the Yorktown peninsula in Virginia ... A fleet of 36 French vessels offshore blocked British reinforcement or evacuation. Washington advanced on Yorktown with a force of around 14,000 troops. On October 19, Cornwallis was compelled to hand over his whole army ... The British general dispatched Charles O'Hara, one of his deputies, to surrender on the pretext of sickness. ... Commentators at the time did not yet view it as the final victory. The potent main army of the British Empire still lived in New York. When the British pulled out of Charleston and Savannah in late 1782, this signaled the end of the war. ...



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