

Nineteenth

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds
vigilant on his arrival.**

Luke 12:37

DILIGENCE

Today Jesus proposes an attitude universally countercultural: vigilance. Whatever our other differences, we moderns dread delay; we hate to wait! All three readings call us to faith-filled vigilance, "focused" waiting, holy patience. In communion with our ancestors across the centuries—those to whom Wisdom and Hebrews were addressed—we, recalling the Rich Fool's sudden demise, must work, witness, and worship in this world with our hearts set on the future that God has prepared for us, the fulfillment of bold and beautiful promises: deliverance from threats without and burdens within, a heavenly homeland, a city yet to come. Well might all of us called to spiritual vigilance also spare a thought for those who work while others sleep—police, firefighters, first responders—making our own the night prayer attributed to Saint Augustine: "Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen."

Our watchfulness is to be not only prayerful but service-oriented, that active-contemplative balance so often proposed by Luke's Jesus. Though ignorance of the master's wishes may win some a reprieve, Jesus presumes that we who are listening to him now will not qualify for such mitigation. Using Luke's favorite image of table fellowship, Jesus depicts the master "girding" himself, just as the disciples have been told to do, and serving the servants who persevered in their service of watching and working. How often we brush off a thank-you from others by saying, "It was the least I could do!" And, sadly, how often we do the least we can! But true discipleship, in Luke's perspective, is not settling for the least we can get away with until our master's return, but getting ready by always being ready for his kingdom to come.

Today's Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22;
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

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Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

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Contact the parish office six
(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!*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Anna & Bob Parker. Rosemary Seltzer. Patsy Pregeant. Kelly & David Barber. Carol Komis. Jean Quinn. Pat Gallardo. David & Tammy Winfrey. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Doug Lawson. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Carolyn Davis. 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.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REMOVE OR ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYERS OF THE SICK.

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

community: Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). 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 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).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Dominic

Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Wednesday: St. Lawrence

Thursday: St. Clare

Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Saturday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading: Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel: Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 8/06 John Sullivan+ (Marie Hansen)

Sun. 8/07 Parishioners

Tues. 8/09 NO MASS OR ADORATION

Wed. 8/10 Deacon Len Sanchez+ (Eloise Sanchez)

Thurs. 8/11 Rev. Benedict Comisky+

Fri. 8/12 Cooper Anderson+ (Ruddie Anderson)

Sat. 8/13 John Kominis+ (M/M Laudt)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,666

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,799

Attendance: 7/30 Saturday: 73 7/31 Sunday: 88

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

Pope's Intention for August:



For small businesses. We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

Reflection question:

What does it mean to be an adopted son or daughter of the Father?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
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.

FAITH

Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God's initiative of love, together with God's promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that "your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom," before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent. God's promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God's partners in fulfilling these divine promises.

AUGUST NEWS & EVENTS

NO DONUTS OR COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS DURING AUGUST

Sat., Aug. 6th: 9:00am Mass of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart & Patriotic Rosary

Tues., Aug. 9th: NO MASS OR ADORATION TODAY

Wed., Aug. 10th: 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. Aug. 11th—Fri. Aug. 12th: 9:00am Mass

Tues., Aug. 16th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm.

Wed., Aug. 17th: 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. Aug. 18th—Fri. Aug. 19th: 9:00am Mass

Tues., Aug. 23rd: NO MASS OR ADORATION TODAY

Wed., Aug. 24th: 9:00am Communion Service. 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. Aug. 25th—Fri. Aug. 26th: 9:00am Mass

Sun., Aug. 28th: "Sweet Sunday" from 2:00-4:00 St. Jude's Hall. Everyone Welcome!

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

Wed., Aug. 31st: 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.

ETHICS TRAINING FOR HOLY SPIRIT PARISHIONER VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Rachel's Corner

"And he that sat on the throne, said: Behold, I make all things new." Rev. 21:5

Consider looking at the darkness you feel inside of you since your abortion decision, as in invitation into the light again. God has not abandoned you and wants to be that dawn for which you yearn so desperately, after a very long night. Join us for a One-day "He Makes All Things New" Retreat or our support group and allow His mercy to put you back together again.

Adopt a Seminarian

With the blessing of the Vocations Office, the Faithful of the Diocese of Tyler have started an "Adopt a Seminarian" program.

Our seminarians need our prayers and support when they go off to seminary this fall. Please consider "adopting" one of the great men discerning the priesthood here in the Diocese of Tyler.

For details & to sign up: <https://bit.ly/vocationstyler>

August Second Collections:

6th & 7th: "Building & Maintenance."
20th & 21st: "Holy Spirit Faith Formation."

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 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 about us, forms and downloads, then 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.

We're excited! **FORMED** subscription is coming soon to our parish. Up and running the third week of August. Watch the bulletin for further instructions.

Forms for those interested in volunteering as ***Angels for our Gabriel Project Outreach*** are available in the **GABRIEL PROJECT** folder on the church office door. It was not required to attend the training at the Cathedral on July 9th to volunteer.

The forms also list other opportunities to support this very important outreach. Please complete the form and return in a sealed envelope marked Gabriel Project to the church office or to Nancy Mullen, Parish Coordinator. Questions: Contact Nancy @ 903-530-1426.

Our Welcome Committee is having a "Sweet Sunday" from 2:00—4:00pm on Sunday, August 28th in our St. Jude's Hall. Everyone Welcome! This is a good way to meet and get to know our parishioners. Watch the bulletin for more information coming next weekend.



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **Can meat, can vegetables, pasta sauce, 1 lb box of pasta, pudding cups, can fruit, peanut butter, and toilettries.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry.

Call or email Bob Mailliard at 503-559-6022 or theduckdude@att.net

Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

Ethics and Integrity in Ministry

The Diocese of Tyler expects all Church personnel – clergy, religious, paid personnel, seminarians, and volunteers who work with minors or vulnerable adults – to conduct their lives and ministry with ethics and integrity. Ethics

means acting consistently with the morals and teachings of the Catholic Church. Integrity is characterized by virtue, honesty, accountability, soundness of judgment, and sincerity of manner, without duplicity of any kind.

All Church personnel are to be committed to a life of ethics and integrity and must formally commit themselves to the *Code of Conduct of Church Personnel* in the Diocese of Tyler. Diocesan guidelines support our policy and clarify boundaries of acceptable and non-acceptable behaviors in the diocese. Tools like background checks, training of Church personnel, sound reporting mechanisms, and outreach to victims are critical in the process of reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse.

Diocese Partners with VIRTUS for Safe Environment

The Diocese of Tyler is pleased to announce a partnership with **VIRTUS®** to help train and educate Church personnel in the diocese about safe environments for minors and vulnerable adults.

VIRTUS' Protecting God's Children® training program will be incorporated into the Church Personnel Certification process, formerly known as the Acceptance Certificate for Service, which is required of all paid **personnel, clergy, seminarians, and volunteers** who work with minors or vulnerable adults in the diocese. The **VIRTUS** program helps makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and the steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse.

The Church Personnel Certification process for the diocese includes a criminal background check, commitment to the Code of Conduct for Church Personnel, and attendance at a facilitated in-person training/education session to review the **VIRTUS** components and other diocesan guidelines and expectations for acting ethically and with personal integrity. Church personnel must complete the certification process every three years to remain in good standing for ministry in the diocese. While special safeguards are in place for minors and vulnerable adults, the goal of the diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry program is to ensure that every person is treated with respect and dignity, just as Jesus Christ.

The diocese will also utilize the **VIRTUS** Online web-based platform that provides Church personnel and parishes with resources, tracking, and compliance functionality 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information about the Church Personnel Certification process or our safe environment efforts,

visit <https://www.dioceseoftyler.org/safeenvironment/>

About Virtus: **VIRTUS** is the brand name that identifies best practices programs designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote "rightdoing" within religious organizations. The **VIRTUS** programs empower organizations and people to better control risk and improve the lives of all those who interact with the Church.

The National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc. (National Catholic) created the programs. Monsignor Kevin McCoy, past board chairman of National Catholic, asked whether child sexual abuse could be prevented and, if so, how? In March of 1998, National Catholic invited prominent national experts—experts in many disciplines—to discuss these questions at a forum in Washington, D.C. From those discussions, the initiative for the **VIRTUS** programs was created.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH REQUIRES VIRTUS FOR PERSONNEL, CLERGY AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH

MINORS OR VULNERABLE ADULTS: This includes a background check, commitment to the Code of Conduct, and training/education in the diocese is valid for three years. If you are involved in any Ministry at our Parish, you will need to be compliant on your ethics and integrity training. If you had an online profile with the previous system, then you already have a profile on **VIRTUS**. If you are new to the parish and have never taken the ethics and integrity training, then you will need to set up an online profile on **VIRTUS**. You will be asked to acknowledge the Code of Conduct and to submit a background check to where you will be directed to Integrated Screening Partners. <http://www.virtus.org>

We will be holding a in person training session here at Holy Spirit for all those that need to renew or take for the first time training. We will announce the dates very soon. If you have any questions, please notify our church contact person Justin Mahaffey, 903-714-3649 or justin.mahaffey@icloud.com

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 3 August 2022 Edition
(Submission date: 29 July 2022) Submitted by Randy Munoz

Arc Angels Alex Brittan <https://www.catholic365.com/article/2094/the-catholic-teachings-on-the-angels-part-4-the-seven-archangels.html>

Continuing our subject of Archangels, we discover...

SAINT GABRIEL

Gabriel's name has many meanings: "Strength of God," "Hero of God," and "God has shown Himself Mightily". These variations can be summed up in one definition, "God is My Strength". Gabriel is God's holy messenger and traditionally he has been revered as the Archangel of Wisdom, of Revelation, of Prophecy, and of Visions Gabriel has an important role – Sacred Scripture: Gabriel appeared to the Prophet Daniel to explain a vision from God (Daniel 8); he appeared to the priest Zacharias to announce that he would have a son, John the Baptist, who would be the forerunner of the Messiah, Jesus (Luke 1); and he appeared to the Virgin Mary in the Annunciation (Luke 1). Tradition indicates that Gabriel was also the angel who appeared to St. Joseph in his dreams (Matthew 1 and 2) and that he was the Guardian Angel of Jesus and the Holy Family. In addition, some sources say that right before the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven, Jesus sent Gabriel to His Mother to inform her what was to happen just as He sent Gabriel to her at the Annunciation ... Gabriel also appears in many apocryphal Jewish and Christian sources.

SAINT RAPHAEL

Raphael in Sacred Scripture – Raphael played a pivotal role in the Book of Tobit as he helped Tobias the son of Tobit on his journey. Raphael also appears in many apocryphal Jewish and Christian sources, such as the Book of Enoch.

Raphael's name means, "Healing Power of God". Traditionally, due to the meaning of his name, he is revered as the Archangel of Healing. Due to this, he might be alluded to in John 5:2-4 (which are passages not included in all Bibles):

"Now there is at Jerusalem a pond, called Probatika, which in Hebrew is named Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick, of blind, of lame, of withered; waiting for the moving of the water. And an angel of the Lord descended at certain times into the pond; and the water was moved. And he that went down first into the pond after the motion of the water, was made whole, of whatsoever infirmity he lay under." (Douay-Rheims)

URIEL

Uriel's name means, "Fire of God." Traditionally he has been revered as the Archangel of Repentance and of the Damned and some apocryphal sources claim that he is God's regent over Sheol/Hades (i.e. Hell). Although Uriel cannot be found in Scripture, his name has frequently been a part of tradition and he has an important role in many apocryphal texts, such as the Book of Enoch, the Apocalypse of Peter, and 2 Baruch. Although these texts are now considered apocryphal, various Jewish scholars and Christian theologians during the early centuries of the Church did believe that these texts had some credibility and Uriel was indeed venerated as an Archangel by the Church until the Council of Rome in 745. At that Council, Uriel and the names of many other angels and Archangels were removed from the official list (i.e. canon) of angels to be venerated to deter the growing trend of angel worship that was leading down the road to heresy. The list of angels that are worth venerating became confined down to only the three aforementioned Archangels. Nevertheless, Uriel continued to remain a part of Christian tradition and Uriel has always been revered as an Archangel along with Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael and the Catholic Dutch playwright Joost Van Den Vondel (LUCIFER, published in 1654) and the Protestant English poet John Milton (PARADISE LOST, published in 1667) both incorporated all four of these Archangels in the telling of their versions of this story about the fall of Lucifer. And contrary to the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Anglican Church continue to venerate Uriel as an Archangel to this day. ...

(Next week: the "other 3 Archangels")

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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BISHOP'S OFFICE

Congratulations to the recently ordained Fr. Isaac Oviedo and Fr. Mario Torres!



Fr. Oviedo was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 18th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler. Fr. Oviedo has been assigned as parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in Marshall and Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson.

Fr. Mario Torres was ordained to the priesthood on Wednesday, June 22 at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Fr. Torres will return to Rome to complete his academic formation.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Life

Para Amarnos Más, Como Cristo Nos Ama
Spanish Marriage Conference
August 27, 2022 9:00am-4:00pm
St. John Paul II Family Center, Longview Texas



Presentations by Maribel Laguna,
MA, LPC-S (In His Image
Counseling Center, PLLC)

For more information please visit
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Catechist Training Seminar on the Eucharist
October 22nd, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Jude,
Gun Barrel City

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