



“But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:44

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When Paul writes “you are the temple of God,” note that he uses the plural form of “you.” He was speaking about the community at Corinth as a temple. For Paul, a temple is where God dwells. God abides, and is active within, the shared life of the community. Paul speaks at length about the divisions within the Corinthian community. These divisions were seen as a defilement of God’s temple.

We encounter divisions in our own Church today, sometimes accompanied by a troubling lack of humility and charity. Often the conflicts revolve around establishing markers of true discipleship, with some emphasizing personal faith and morality, and others emphasizing justice and the Church’s social teachings. Perhaps the Spirit, active in the temple of our shared life, points toward Jesus’ command “love your enemies.” Perhaps we best exhibit discipleship in the charity we extend, and our capacity for dialogue, with those who disagree with us or who are unkind to us.

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THE SERMON

Today we conclude the series of Sunday Gospel passages from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew’s chapters 5–7. Having proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom, Jesus extensively described to his new community what life is like in this new realm, and the inner dispositions needed to enter into it. He exposed hidden places of the heart, especially those places that needed to be healed.

The Sermon is a huge challenge for us today. The Sermon pushes against our attempts to compromise what God summons us to be and to do. It challenges our deep desires to see ourselves as virtuous, and to resist God’s desire to transform us. It reminds us that we are both loved by God and in need of God’s help. As we anticipate the season of Lent, consider prayerfully reading the Sermon as a whole. We are invited to carefully explore our deeper motivations, to allow God to uncover and to heal our fears and our wounds.

Today’s Readings: Lev 19:1–2, 17–18; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10,
12–13; 1 Cor 3:16–23; Mt 5:38–48

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. “Mike” Snider
Deacon John Erdag

Celebration of the Sacraments:

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

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

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!*

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Jim & Gayle Hickey. David Borel. Eva Corrigan. Fr. Francis O'Dowd. Melinda Hlavenka. Fr. Mark Kusmirek. Verna Sloan. Mike Stephens. Kathy Bowers. John & Nitja McGrane. Pat Schmeier. Ethan Cowles. Cayla Goodson. Ruth & David Barber. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Doris Hoffman. Yolanda Boyd. Wanda & George Duke. Jean Hamilton. Kathleen Fleming. Jaye Anderson. Greg Mooney. 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: 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). Staff Sergeant, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). 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). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

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Mass—Intentions

Sat. 2/18 Wanda Stephens+ (Mike Stephens)
Sun. 2/19 Vicki & Jerry Hauck (Ellis Family)
Tues. 2/21 Milton Aucoin, Jr.+ (Carolyn Bonicard)
Ash Wed. 2/22 9:00am Milissa Kukla (Ellis Family) & **6:00pm Parishioners**
Thurs. 2/23 Patsy Strifler+ (M/M Clymer)
Fri. 2/24 Kim Sine (Ellis Family)
Sat. 2/25 David Bonicard (Carolyn)

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 2/11 Sat: 65 2/12 Sun: 72

Collections from Feb. 11th & 12th:

Offertory	\$ 4,101.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 826.00

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

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed., from 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. Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382



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Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

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Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



February Second Collections:

4th & 5th: "Building & Maintenance Fund."
 22nd: "Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe."
 25th & 26th: "Black & Indian Missions."

Pope's Intention for February:



For parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, unity and welcome towards those most in need.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day
Tuesday: St. Peter Damian; Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Washington's Birthday
Thursday: St. Polycarp
Friday: Abstinence

Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, you will need to be compliant on your ethics and integrity training with VIRTUS. Please notify our contact person to get signed up contact person Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or justin.mahaffey@icloud.com

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.

FEBRUARY NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., Feb. 19th: 9:00am Mass. Coffee/Donuts after Mass in St. Jude's Hall

Mon., Feb. 20th: Eldon Boyd's Memorial Mass at 10:00am. Presidents' Day—Federal Holiday

Tues., Feb. 21st: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm. Adoration 6:00—8:00pm.



ASH WEDNESDAY., Feb. 22nd: The beginning of the Lenten Season. This is the day for universal fast & abstinence in the Church. **To make it convenient for our parishioners, Fr. Mike is having two Masses 9:00am & 6:00pm.**

Thurs., Feb. 23rd—Fri., Feb. 24th: 9:00am Mass.

Fri., Feb. 24th: **Rosary Makers assisting with** Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross.

K of C Fish Fry— St. Jude's Hall. Dinner served with all the trimmings from 5:00-6:30pm. Tickets at the door. Adults \$ 15.00 (Children under 5 yrs free) Carry-out available.

Sat., Feb. 25th: 5:00pm Mass

Sun., Feb. 26th: 9:00am Mass. **NO** Coffee/Donuts after Mass.

Tues., Feb. 28th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm. Adoration 6:00—8:00pm.

MARCH NEWS & EVENTS

Wed., Mar. 1st—Fri., Mar. 3rd: 9:00am Mass.

Fri., Mar. 3rd: **Pastoral Council assisting with** Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. Soup Supper in St. Jude's Hall.

Sat., Mar. 4th: **9:00am Mass of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart & Patriotic Rosary.** 5:00pm Mass

Sun., Mar. 5th: 9:00am Mass. **K of C Breakfast following Mass.** Adults \$ 5.00. Children through senior year in high school is free.

Tues., Mar. 7th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm. 12:45pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Adoration 6:00—8:00pm. Casino Meeting 6:00pm.

Wed., Mar. 8th: 9:00am Mass.

Thurs., Mar. 9th: 9:00am Communion Service. Fr. Mike will be attending Priests Study Day at the Chancery. 7:00pm K of C Meeting

The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all parishioners for the food and monetary donations. The large plastic bin is located in the hallway by Bridget's office. *We can always use can soups and can vegetables.*

We're still feeding 15 families on a weekly basis.

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bryan Todd at 972-672-4218 or toddtalk@hotmail.com. Thank you, to our Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team!

Greetings, Bible Inquirers! We still have a **few seats open** at our Scripture Study circle. Come join us at St. Jude's Hall at 10:30am on Wednesdays. God is good! For more info please contact Randy at 972-971-4067. God bless you.

Annual Lenten Retreat—March 4, 2023

The Legion of Mary at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Mineola is sponsoring a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 4th from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Mother Mariam, of the Daughters Mary, Mother of Israel's Hope is the guest speaker. The day will begin with Holy Mass at 8:30am followed by registration, a light breakfast and several presentations by Mother Mariam in the parish hall. Mother Mariam will speak about *Family & Prayer Life during Lent and Mary, Mother of the World's Hope.* There will also be an opportunity for Confession and prayer time with our Lord. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions or concerns please contact Patty Mone at 903-638-8089.

Dr. Scott Hahn of Franciscan University will be in Tyler!

The date for his visit is the weekend of October 14. The diocese does not have the schedule finalized, but they will share information as soon as it is available.

TRUNK OR TREAT

If you are interested in helping plan a Trunk or Treat in October for Holy Spirit, please call or text Ada Choate at 318-787-3131.

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JOHN

Please take a look at our new Parish Prayer Wall for Active Military members. It's located in the aisle across from Deacon John's office. In line with our new parish holiness initiative, this is intended for our parish community to pray for our loved ones who have so selflessly placed themselves in harm's way to protect us and our country. So please stop by frequently and pray for these brave soldiers. Also, if you have a loved one in active duty, please e-mail a picture and their name and rank to Deacon John at jerdag@hotmail.com to be put up on the wall. If you don't do email, please leave a picture in Deacon John's folder on Bridget's door.

Are you interested in being a reader at Mass? It's such a blessed service to God to help proclaim His word during the Mass celebration. If you would like to join this liturgical ministry, please contact Deacon John who will be scheduling a half day spiritual retreat and training on March 18th for all current and new Readers in preparation for the Holy Week readings.



The Peaceful Prayer & Fasting Campaign
To Stop Abortion & the Abortion Pill

February 22 through April 2, 2023

Sign up for vigil hours online at
40daysforlife.com/tyler

Vigil Location: Across from Planned Parenthood,
601 Turtle Creek Dr., Tyler

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 15 February 2023 Edition
(Submission date: 10 February 2023)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church (1612 S. FM 2869). Masses: weekdays – 9:00; Saturday – 5:00 pm.
Sunday – 9:00 am

Don't miss our next **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! February 24th** 5:00 – 6:30 pm in St. Jude's Hall. Take-out available. A huge bargain for only \$15.00.

Looking for Friday of fun-and games? Come joins us for **Game Day in St. Jude's Hall, Friday, February 17th**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Door prizes plus a 50/50 Drawing. Set up your own group or join another. Everyone is welcome. \$15 ticket cost includes a stuffed baked potato, dessert and beverage. Contact Carol Szczepanski at 903-638-9974 for tickets and additional information.

1 Samuel 17:40 – Something to think about.

(From the notes and commentaries of J. Vernon McGee: https://www.ttb.org/docs/default-source/notes-and-outlines_2022/no10_1-2-samuel.pdf?sfvrsn=795b1816_2)

“CHAPTER 17—This chapter contains the familiar episode of David slaying Goliath with a slingshot.

Why did David take **five** smooth stones to slay Goliath (v. 40)?

Did he expect to miss?

No, Goliath had four sons, and David expected (anticipated) them to come out also. [In fact, he did slay them (2 Samuel 21:22); David did not expect to miss (Judges 20:16)]”

David was clearly acting in defense of his God, who the Philistines were attempting to impugn by slander and curing. God had already assured David that he would overcome and conquer this huge Gath adversary, even though any casual observer might have speculated that the “ruddy youth”, David, would have no chance against the mighty, battle-hardened warrior, Goliath.

In today's world, we come across, sometimes daily, huge challenges; challenges which seem insurmountable. We cannot imagine anything other than failure. How often do we ask God for help and receive assurance that we will be able to approach these challenges (including planning/anticipating for additional challenges to possibly occur – 4 additional stones) and see them as opportunities to serve Him? And, in so doing this, we, too, will be able to overcome all obstacles and finally offer thanksgiving, praise and glory to God.

Something to think about. R. L. Munoz



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