

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 5, 2023

From the cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5

### Celebration of the Sacraments:

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

**Adoration:** Tuesday: 9:30AM—12:30PM  
6:00PM—8:00PM

### 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

### Sunday Readings

#### First Reading

*Genesis 12:1-4a*

Abram went as the Lord directed him.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22*

Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our  
trust in you.

#### Second Reading

*2 Timothy 1:8b-10*

Timothy is presented as a companion of Paul  
in his missionary activity

#### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 17: 1-9*

We hear the magnificent story of Jesus'  
transfiguration.



*Holy Spirit Meditation Garden*

**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!*

## Second Sunday of Lent

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

Jean Quinn. Emly Walker. 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 Jemigan). 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).

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REMOVE OR ADD NAME & RANK TO THE ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.**

**Mass—Intentions**

- Sat. 3/04 Wanda Stephens+** (Mike Stephens)
- Sun. 3/05 John & Nitja McGrane** (M/M Clymer)
- Tues. 3/07 Sadie Rose** (Carolyn Bonicard)
- Wed. 3/08 Parishioners**
- Thurs. 3/09 Communion Service.** Fr. Mike attending Priests Study Day
- Fri. 3/10 Rosary Makers**
- Sat. 3/11 Eldon+ & Yolanda Boyd** (M/M Ott)

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Attendance:** 2/25 Sat: 56 2/26 Sun: 78

**Collections from Feb. 25th & 26th:**

**Offertory** \$ 4,655.00  
**Building & Maintenance Fund** \$ 30.00

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



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.



### Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

**March Second Collections:**

- 4th & 5th: "Building & Maintenance Fund."
- 18th & 19th: "Hunger Relief in the Diocese."
- 25th & 26th: " Holy Spirit Easter Flowers ."

**Pope's Intention for March:**



**For victims of abuse.** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset
- Tuesday:** Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
- Wednesday:** St. John of God
- Thursday:** St. Frances of Rome
- 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](mailto:justin.mahaffey@icloud.com)**



Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.

**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.

### MARCH NEWS & EVENTS

**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 Communion Service followed by 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. Adoration 6:00—8:00pm. **9:30am Welcome Committee Meeting. 12:45pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Casino Meeting 6:00pm everyone is welcomed.**

**Wed., Mar. 8th:** 9:00am Mass. **7:00pm K of C Meeting tonight only for the month of March.**

**Thurs., Mar. 9th:** 9:00am Communion Service. Fr. Mike will be attending Priests Study Day at the Chancery.

**Fri., Mar. 10th:** 9:00am Mass. Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. Soup Supper in St. Jude's Hall.

**Sat., Mar. 11th:** 5:00pm Mass

**Sun., Mar. 12th:** 9:00am Mass. **NO** Coffee/Donuts after Mass. **Daylight Saving Time Begins, spring forward an hour.**

**Tues., Mar. 14th:** 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm. Adoration 6:00—8:00pm.

**Wed., Mar. 15th—Fri., Mar. 17th:** 9:00am Mass.

**Fri., Mar., 17th:** *Pastoral Council assisting with Vespers* at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. Soup Supper in St. Jude's Hall.

**Sat., Mar. 18th:** Lector Training & Retreat from 9:00am—Noon. 5:00pm Mass.

**Sun., Mar. 19th:** 9:00am Mass. Coffee/Donuts after Mass.

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

**Wed., Mar. 22nd—Fri., Mar. 24th:** 9:00am Mass.

**Fri., Mar., 24th:** 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., Mar., 25th:** Rosary Rally at 10:00am. Praying for Marriage 1 Man + 1 Woman.

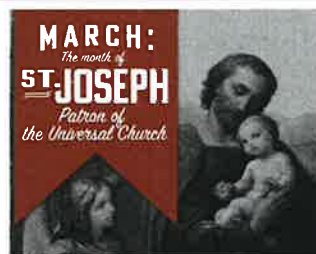
**Sun., Mar. 26th:** 9:00am Mass. **NO** Coffee/Donuts after Mass

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're starting to prepare Easter Food Baskets. We need additional can goods, stuffing, gravy, cake mixes, and icing etc.**

**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!



**Bishop J. Strickland** suggested during this month leading up to the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25<sup>th</sup> Let us pray the Angelus at 6 am, Noon, And 6pm. May this focus on the Conception of the Jesus in the womb of The Blessed Virgin Mary strengthen our faith.



### THANK YOU ROSARY MAKERS

From the proceeds on game day, the Rosary Makers donated \$1,500.00 to help with our electric bill. Let's give them a BIG THANK YOU for their generosity. God Bless all that help with this event and attended to made it successful.

Fr. Mike Snider

### 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.

Would you like to become involved in one of Holy Spirit's ministries? The **Welcome Committee** invites you to their next Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 7th at 9:30am. The Committee meets in the small classroom in St. Jude's Hall.

### 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://40daysforlife.com/tyler)

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

## “Glimpses of God”

By Deacon John

*“His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light.” – Matthew 17:2*

In today’s account of the Transfiguration, Jesus reveals Himself to Peter, James and John in a radiant way. The Gospel says, “His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light”. I think about His glow. I’m not surprised that Jesus was glowing that day, but instead I wonder why He wasn’t glowing all the time.

Jesus is God. And even as man, He never lost His deity. God radiates His love, His light, His strength, His majesty. But people didn’t see Him like that. Instead, they saw a man. Not even a rich king, but a plain ordinary poor person. I often wondered why He wouldn’t always show Himself as God, instead of a man? Well, there’s a few reasons.

Scripture tells us: “Yet as man, He humbled Himself and took the form of a slave and came in human likeness. *He veiled Himself*, and became obedient to death. Even death on a cross.” His primary purpose for coming to earth was for our salvation. It was man who originally fell from grace away from God; man needed to make restitution back with God. Jesus took the form of man, a poor yet innocent man, and became obedient to the most heinous death imaginable. It’s His sacrifice for our sake. If He was walking around as God, it probably wouldn’t have played out that way. He had to veil Himself.

Also, it was so He could act as an example to us. During His ministry on earth, He spent time caring for people. Healing the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, preaching about God, teaching us to love each other. Through His actions, he was showing us how man loves God, and how man loves man. This teaching couldn’t be a reflection of His deity, but needed to be a reflection of His humanity.

The last reason relates to the old, “why doesn’t God make Himself more obvious to us” question. If He radiated all the time, more people would see God and believe, right? Well, not necessarily. We must be open to God revealing Himself, and that’s done through faith. Look how many people witnessed Jesus’ miracles, but still didn’t believe. Seeing with our eyes, doesn’t always translate to faith and desire in our hearts. I know lima beans exist, but it doesn’t make me want to eat them.

God wants a true loving relationship with each one of us. Yet He won’t force Himself upon us. He has made Himself obvious, and those who want to believe see Him and act upon their faith into that relationship. They seek Him out, and bask in His radiance. Those who don’t want to believe, won’t. Even if He shows His glow.

On this day, up on that mountain, Jesus removed the veil for a few minutes and allowed Peter, James and John to get a glimpse of God. God frequently gives us glimpses of Himself, too, if we look to see Him. In a beautiful day, in a glowing sunset, in the flowers and trees, in the tender love of a couple, in the birth of a child, in someone caring for the elderly or sick. We get great glimpses of God when we spend time with Him in prayer and reading Scripture. We get more than just a glimpse of Him when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion.

Jesus revealed Himself to His apostles that day to help give them strength as they approached His final days and His path to the cross. During this Lenten time, if we’re truly reflecting upon our weaknesses and failings, we too will need His strength. Look for the glimpses that He gives you that He is God. And have faith.

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## Stations Of The Cross 101- Everything You Need To Know

March 4, 2022 By Lacy <https://www.catholicicing.com/stations-of-the-cross-101/>

The Stations of the Cross are a popular Catholic devotion that you will find in Catholic churches around the world. They are comprised of 14 [events] that happened to Jesus from his arrest to his body being placed in the tomb. In the past, this practice has also been known as “Via Crucis,” or “Way of the Cross”. Today, let’s take a look at the Stations of the Cross, how this devotion started, and how to pray them. ...

What Are The Stations Of The Cross? A common feature inside Roman Catholic churches is the Stations of the Cross, usually found hanging on the walls of a church near the pews. Sometimes outdoor Stations of the Cross can be found along paths on the properties of various shrines, monasteries, or parishes. These 14 Stations, commemorating the events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus, are marked by wooden crosses, and are usually depicted with sacred art in the form of carvings or paintings. During Fridays of the year, and particularly during Lent, it is common for the faithful to meditate on the Stations of the Cross, often as a parish-wide service led by a priest or deacon, but also by the faithful on their own, as well.

How Did The Stations Of The Cross Originate? Long ago, in the early centuries of Christianity, faithful Christians would make pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Many Christians wanted to retrace the steps that Jesus took from the Garden of Gethsemane to His crucifixion, and then to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which marks the place where Jesus was laid in the tomb before His Resurrection. This is known as the Via Dolorosa, the “Sorrowful Way.” While nowadays the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem is well-established, back in earlier centuries, its particular route wasn’t always as clearly agreed upon. For a time, pilgrims would start at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and work backwards to the House of Pilate. Most of the points along the Via Dolorosa are based on passages found in the Gospels, but there are some that are based on early Christian traditions. Today, pilgrims visiting Jerusalem can still walk the Via Dolorosa, which is a beautiful and deeply moving experience. The existence of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem is what gave rise to the Stations of the Cross throughout Europe, and eventually, the world.

St. Francis And The Stations Of The Cross. ... the Stations of the Cross are very closely associated with St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226). In 1209, St. Francis founded the Franciscan Order, which consists of communities of men and women who follow the way of life that St. Francis established. St. Francis himself, inspired by a desire to evangelize, went to the Holy Land during the Fifth Crusade. It was a dangerous time to be in the Holy Land, but St. Francis desired to share the Gospel with everyone. He even managed to appear before the sultan, who was the nephew of Saladin, the original leader of the forces opposing the Crusaders. St. Francis presented the Good News of Jesus Christ to the sultan in a bold gesture of zeal; a gesture that St. Francis knew could end in martyrdom. Instead, the sultan graciously received St. Francis, and eventually, he returned home to Italy unharmed. St. Francis later established a priory in Jerusalem, known as the “Custody of the Holy Land,” devoted to guarding and promoting holy Christian pilgrimage sites. In 1342, because of St. Francis’s connection to the Holy Land, combined with the well-known Franciscan devotion to the Passion of Christ, Pope Clement VI entrusted the care of holy sites in Jerusalem to the Franciscan Order. This meant that the Franciscans would be in charge of leading pilgrims along the Via Dolorosa, and afterwards, the stopping points along the way began to be referred to as “stations.”

Stations Of The Cross, Walks Or Trails. Thanks to the rapid, widespread growth of the Franciscans in Europe, outdoor shrines that duplicated the “stations” of the Via Dolorosa began to be erected in places where the Franciscans resided, and this is how the “Stations of the Cross” as we know them came to be. Many of these Stations were elaborate, and where these sites still exist today, you can see the exquisite, skilled work that went into creating them. Many modern churches still build Stations of the Cross along nature trails or walking paths.

Stations Of The Cross Inside Church. Eventually, the Stations of the Cross were also moved to the inside of Franciscan churches. In 1731, Pope Clement XII granted permission for all churches to have the Stations of the Cross, as long as they were erected by a Franciscan. At the same time, he fixed the number of Stations at 14. Then in 1857, Bishops in England were permitted to erect the Stations without a Franciscan present, and in 1862 this right was granted to the Bishops throughout the entire Church. The Stations of the Cross are now very commonly found in churches of many denominations, and especially in Roman Catholic churches.

(To be continued next week.)