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*"Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened, and I will
give you rest."*



*Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 9, 2023*

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

Zec 9:9-10

God is sending a King to bring peace to all people

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:1-2; 8-11; 13-14

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God

Second Reading

Rom 8:9; 11-13

Christian life is lived in the Spirit—we leave behind our old way of life (living "according to the flesh") and now live in the Spirit of God who dwells in us

Gospel Reading

Mt 11:25-30

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Holy Spirit Meditation Garden



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!

Welcome Visitors!

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

John Rigney. Julie York. Larry & Marie Aughtry-Barnes. Wanda Burton. Susie Swasso. John Buchanan. Rosemary Seltzer. Elaine March. Maggie Miles. Roland Schmeier. Mike Jernigan. Libby Paladino. Ken Pregeant. Vicki Hauck. Jo & Doris Hoffman. Roy Marchak. Emly Walker. Jim Hickey. David Borel. Verna Sloan. Mike Stephens. Kathy Bowers. John McGrane. David Barber. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. 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; 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 Emma). 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. 7/8 Lou & Nonie Gillespie+ ; & Louise Diegel+** (Bridget Rich)
- Sun. 7/9 Frank Duff+** (Legion of Mary)
- Tues. 7/11 Elaine March & Rosemary Seltzer** (Ellis Family)
- Wed. 7/12 Bishop Joseph Strickland** (LM/M Clymer)
- Thurs. 7/13 Ellen Walsh** (Jane Bidlack)
- Sat. 7/15 Lou+ & Nonie+ Gillespie; Kevin Gillespie+; and Terry Gillespie+** (Bridget Rich)

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 7/1 SAT: 80 7/2 SUN: 110

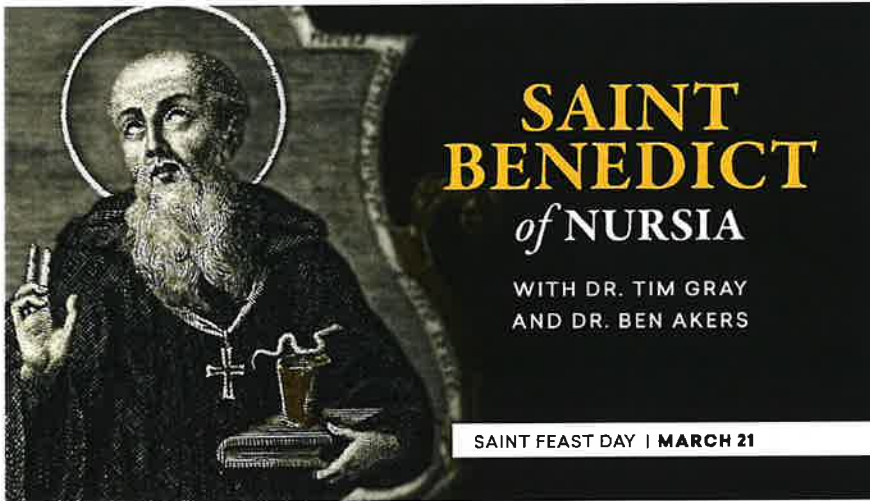
Collections from 6/24 & 6/25:

Offertory	\$ 6,246.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,262.00

Cenacle of Life: Has decided to postpone their ministry throughout the summer and will resume in September. This decision is based on so many members are ill, recovering from surgery and many visiting family out of state. Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382



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Saint Benedict

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.

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July Second Collections:

- 1st & 2nd: "Building & Maintenance Fund."
- 8th & 9th : **Peter's Pence (Pontifical Collection)**
- 22nd & 23rd: Church in Africa

Pope's Intention for July:



For a Eucharistic life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and with all their brothers and sisters.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Tuesday:** St. Benedict, Abbot
- Thursday:** St. Henry, Patron of Benedictine oblates
- Friday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

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.

JULY NEWS & EVENTS

Sun. 7/9: 9:00 am Mass

Mon. 7/10: Welcome Committee Meeting at 9:30 am in the first classroom in St. Jude's Hall. Enter through the glass door between the church and the hall. Anyone interested in possibly joining this committee should stop by and learn more about how this ministry helps Holy Spirit.

Tues. 7/11: Adoration: 9:30 am—12:30 pm; 6:00—8:00 pm

Tues. 7/11—Fri. 7/14: 9:00 am Mass

Fri. 7/14: Following the 9:00am Mass. We will have Stations of the Cross in honor of the Precious Blood

Thurs. 7/13: K of C Officer Installation 6:00 pm

Sat. 7/12: 5:00 pm Mass

Sun. 7/16: 9:00 am Mass **Bishop Strickland will offer the Mass for the Installation of our new Acolytes.**

Tues. 7/25: Casino Night Meeting 6 pm—Anyone interested in joining this committee should stop by; your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

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 are in need of can goods, 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!

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend is **July 28-30, 2023.**
To apply go to www.wwme.org.

Questions – email applications@dfwme.org.



Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com
214-497-0188.



Learn to pray and invoke the Holy Spirit

This fall, I am interested in beginning a class teaching prayers which can invoke the Holy Spirit. Please contact John McGrane.

email: jfmcg@yahoo.com

phone: 817-538-2699 (leave a message)



East Texas Pro-Life Teen Leadership Camp

Location: Bishop Gorman Catholic School

Registration cost: \$250.00 Registration fees include all meals, materials, talks, courses, and events.

Registration link: <https://etxprolifeteen.org/>

A Catholic Man Today — Men's Retreat

Date: July 29, 2023 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Location: St. John Catholic Church Emory, TX

Cost: \$10 (fee to cover breakfast and lunch)

Call or Text: 214-288-8164



From the Deacon's Desk

Become an Extraordinary Minister

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are men and women of our community who serve Christ by helping to distribute the Blessed Host and Precious Blood at Mass.

It is a beautiful opportunity to deepen your own devotion to the Holy Eucharist and to experience the joy of serving God in His Most Holy Mass.

To be considered for this ministry, you must be a registered member of the parish, a Catholic in good standing, and be willing to serve twice per month.

Training is provided for the proper distribution of Holy Communion.

There are opportunities to serve in this ministry at all Masses and/or to our homebound parishioners.

For questions or additional information please contact Deacon John.

Letters of Support

Dear Parish Family,

We will be gathering letters of encouragement, love and gratitude for our dear Bishop Strickland, this Sunday, July 9 at the 9 AM mass. If you would like to participate in this endeavor, please bring your letters to Mass that day or you may drop them off at Bridget's office throughout the week. Bishop Strickland will be coming to our parish on Sunday, July 16 at 9 AM Mass for the institution of our five new acolytes and the letters will be given to him privately after that Mass. If you have any questions, please call Vicki Hauck at 817-637-9382.

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 5 July 2023 Edition

(Submission date: 30 June 2023) Submitted by Randy Munoz

Reflecting on the Meaning of the Lord's Prayer <https://www.catholicfaithstore.com/daily-bread/understanding-the-lords-prayer-our-father-line-by-line/>

1. Our Father, Who art in heaven

We start this prayer by professing our core religious belief that God is our heavenly Father—the one who is all knowing and all powerful. Notice that Jesus didn't instruct us to say, "My Father" but stressed "Our Father." Scripture scholar John Meier explains that in God's kingdom, we don't live as isolated individuals but "we experience God's fatherhood as members of the church, the family of Jesus the Son." This reminds us that we recognize all those around us as children of God and treat them accordingly.

2. Hallowed be Thy Name

Hallowed is another word for holy or sanctified. When we say "hallowed be Thy name," we are not only telling God "I recognize that you are holy," but more importantly, we're asking that His name be recognized by everyone throughout the world as being the ultimate holy power—that one day (sooner rather than later) all will know Him to be righteous, powerful, and everyone's one true God.

3. Thy Kingdom come

This petition has a two-fold meaning. First, we are asking that God's kingdom (where there's only goodness, honesty, and love for one another) surround us in our everyday life. Secondly, we are praying for the fulfillment of the Lord's promise that He will return at the end of time and grant us eternal life.

4. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven

We pray these words asking for God's grace to move us to do His will throughout our life. That means doing all the things that will please our Father — even the difficult things, whether it's something big such as moving an elderly parent into our home or volunteering our time once a week at the soup kitchen, to something as small as giving up a parking space or not calling a best friend to spread some juicy gossip. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "In committing ourselves to [Christ], we can become one spirit with him, and thereby accomplish his will..."

5. Give us the day our daily bread

Here we're recognizing that all things we need come to us from God. We're asking that God continue to give us not only the food we need for nourishment, but also the Bread of Life, the Eucharist.

6. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us

This is a tough one. It may be easy for us to ask God to forgive us our "trespasses" or sins, but God in his infinite wisdom teaches us that in order for Him to forgive our wrongdoings, we must first forgive those who've hurt us. God isn't being difficult, rather He's teaching us that when there is bitterness and anger in our hearts, there's no room for His love to fill our hearts. How can we ask God to be merciful and forgive our sins, if we're holding a grudge or refuse to forgive someone who's wronged us? Forgiving someone is often easier said than done. Only God can give us the strength to do it through prayer.

7. And lead us not into temptation,

Temptation and sin go hand in hand. When we come face to face with temptation, it can sometimes be difficult to resist. That's why we need our Father to set up the road blocks and lead us far from the path of temptation.

8. But deliver us from evil.

Evil is an unfortunate reality in our world. The devil is always trying to tempt us and makes it his full-time job to look for ways to steer us from the right path and onto the wrong one. The devil has no power over God and when we pray to God for protection against all that is evil, He will shield us — always.

There are many moving prayers that we can say, but when it comes to one prayer that takes the main aspects of our faith and summarizes them in several short lines, the "Our Father" is the perfect prayer.