



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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28th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
October 15, 2023



### **Celebration of the Mass**

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
Monday 6:00 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Thursday 9:00 am  
Communion Service  
Friday 6:00 pm

### **Adoration**

Tuesday 9:45 am - 12:30 pm  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45  
Sunday Before Mass  
(upon request)  
1st Friday 5:00 - 5:45 pm

### **Marriage or Baptism**

Contact the parish office six (6)  
months prior to the anticipated date

### **Sunday Readings**

#### **First Reading**

*Is 25: 6-10a*

The Lord welcomes people from every nation to his mountain with a feast of abundant joy.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 23:1-6*

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

#### **Second Reading**

*Phil 4:12-14, 19-20*

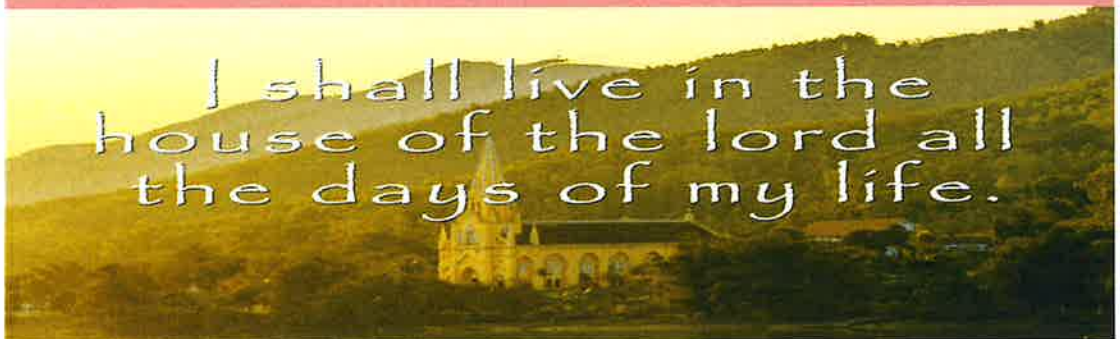
My God will fully supply whatever you need.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Mt 22:12-14, 19-20*

This banquet is spread before us and can fully satisfy our needs; yet, how often have we refused the Lord's invitation to share in the riches prepared for us.

I shall live in the  
house of the lord all  
the days of my life.



## OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sat 10/14:</b>	5:00 pm Mass Food Pantry collection continues
<b>Sun 10/15:</b>	9:00 am Mass Food Pantry collection continues
<b>Mon 10/16:</b>	6:00 pm Mass
<b>Tues 10/17:</b>	9:00 am Mass 9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration 6:00—8:00 pm Adoration 6:00 pm Casino Night Meeting
<b>Wed 10/18:</b>	9:00 am NO Mass
<b>Thurs 10/19:</b>	9:00 am NO Communion Service
<b>Fri 10/20:</b>	6:00 pm NO Mass
<b>Sat 10/21:</b>	4:00 pm Mass (time change due to Casino Night) 6:00 pm CASINO NIGHT
<b>Sun. 10/22:</b>	9:00 am Mass
<b>Mon 10/23:</b>	6:00 pm Mass
<b>Tues 10/24:</b>	9:00 am Mass 9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration 6:00—8:00 pm Adoration
<b>Wed 10/25:</b>	9:00 am Mass
<b>Thurs 10/26:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service
<b>Fri 10/27:</b>	6:00 pm Mass

# Final Call

**Thank you to all who have donated prizes for our Oktoberfest Fundraiser. If you haven't dropped your donation off, please do so after the Masses this weekend. We need a few ladies to help put together gift baskets (decorate the prizes) on Friday, October 13th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Then, again on Wednesday, October 18th after the 9:00 am Mass. Any help would be appreciated.**

## REMINDER ANNOUNCEMENT

On Saturday, October 21st ONLY, Mass time will change to 4:00 pm due to Oktoberfest.

from the desk of: *Fr. Tim Kelly*

*An interview with Austen Ivereigh, "How does the new synod process work? 07 October 2023, The Tablet by Christopher Lamb*

The October 2023 synod assembly in the Vatican is adopting a very different process to the one used by previous gatherings, which is demonstrated by the arrangement of round tables in the Pope Paul VI audience hall.

The sight of bishops and cardinals seated around table with lay delegates is deliberate and designed to foster what Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, the synod coordinator, described as "genuine sharing and authentic discernment."

Significantly, the seating is not "hierarchical", symbolizing the vision of the Church as primarily the "People of God", which is at the heart of the synod process.

So, how does it all work? Austen Ivereigh, the journalist and papal biographer, is one of the expert theologians working inside the hall. We spoke as the synod was getting underway.

Previous synods, he explained, took place in a theatre-style assembly where some of the work was done in small groups of 10-12 people. The participants were primarily bishops, and they sat according to hierarchal rank.

The "big shift", Dr. Ivereigh says, is that most of the work for this synod is being done in small groups in a method called "conversations in the spirit", which he pointed out is not about having a small-group debate but instead listening and responding to points that are raised.

Each group gathered around a table seeks to respond to questions raised by the working document for the synod with the end goal of producing a document that brings together all the reflections. The new process adopted by the Vatican synod assembly also reflects the methods adopted by local synod gatherings that have taken place during the process, which began in Oct. 2021.

Dr. Ivereigh points out that everyone can speak within their small group and to the whole assembly; they can also submit written submissions on any given topic to the synod secretariat.

"The object of this whole exercise is synodality itself," he says. "It's a new way of proceeding, of operating, of thinking within the Church which centers on communion, participation and mission, that is to say the involvement of people in processes of discernment prior to decision taking in the Church."

Dr. Ivereigh said that while the synod assembly will be aware of opposition to the process, it was unlikely to affect the internal proceedings.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Sponsored by the Marine Corp League

We are now collecting UNWRAPPED toys for Wood County. A box is located in the hallway outside the Church office. Donations will be picked up December 15th.

**Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, you need to be compliant on your ethics and integrity training with**

**To sign up for training, please notify our contact person:**

**Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or email him at: [justin.mahaffey@icloud.com](mailto:justin.mahaffey@icloud.com)**

**Cenacle of Life:** Come join us every Wednesday at 3:00 pm.

**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.

**The Holy Spirit Food Drive Ministry:** *Is asking for your help in our continuing efforts to provide groceries for needy families of Holly Lake Ranch & nearby communities. Please see the attachment for more information.*

**Interested in volunteering for the Food Ministry.** Call or email Bryan Todd at 972-672-4218 or [toddtalk@hotmail.com](mailto:toddtalk@hotmail.com). Thank you, to our Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team!

**Remember the sick of our parish:**



Elizabeth Eagan. John Buchanan. Dale Boman. Avery Boultinghouse. Fr. Lawrence Love, Bishop Joseph Strickland, Fr. Mark Kusmirek. Wanda Burton. Susie Swasso. Rosemary Seltzer. Elaine March. Mike Jernigan. Libby Paladino. Jo & Doris Hoffman. Roy Marchak. Emly Walker. Jim Hickey. David Borel. Verna Sloan. Mike Stephens. Kathy Bowers. John McGrane. 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. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Jim De Lee, son of Deanie De Lee, who passed away this week.

**Remember the active military of our parish:**



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 Sargeant, 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).



THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.

**SAINT IGNATIUS**  
*of ANTIOCH*

WITH TAYLOR KEMP  
AND DR. BEN AKERS

SAINT FEAST DAY | OCTOBER 17

**Saint Ignatius of Antioch | Catholic Saints**

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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.



**Special Observances**

**Monday:** St. Hedwig, Religious, Martyrs (*Peacemaker dedicated to the poor and prisoners*); St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin (*Promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*)

**Tuesday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr (*Known as the second successor of St. Peter in Antioch; first to us the term "Catholic Church"*)

**Wednesday:** St. Luke, Evangelist (*Patron of the medical profession, painters, artists, sculptors, and butchers*)

**Thursday:** Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs (*Oblate missionaries to the Hurons and Iroquois of North America; secondary Patrons of Canada*)

**Friday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest (*Renowned preacher and Founder of the Passionists, who are apostolates for retreats and missions with penitential monasticism*)

**Mass Intentions**

- Sat. 10/14 Rosemary Seltzer & Elaine March (Ellis Family)
- Sun. 10/15 Charles Snodgrass (Kelley Webb-Lamour)
- Mon. 10/16 Liam O'Gorman
- Tues. 10/17 Monsignor John Flynn
- Wed. 10/18 NO MASS
- Fri. 10/20 NO MASS

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Attendance: 10/7 SAT: 68 10/8 SUN: 89

**Collections from 10/7 & 10/8:**

Offertory \$ 3,866.00  
Building & Maintenance Fund \$ 490.00

**OCTOBER SECOND COLLECTIONS**

1st: "Building & Maintenance Fund"  
21st & 22nd: Catholic University of America



**Pope's October Intention**

For the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

**Blessing of the Animals**



Thank you to all who participated ... please stop by the church office to pick up your "family photo".

## “Properly Attired”

By Deacon John

*“The king said to him, ‘My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?’ – Matthew 22:12*

Today’s Gospel describes the parable of the man from the streets who was not properly attired when he attended the wedding feast of the king’s son. When the king saw him, he kicked the man out of the party, having his attendants ‘bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’

Wow! At first glance this appears to be a pretty harsh action against this man who was only invited to the party after all of the original invitees declined to attend. We might think the king would have had a little sympathy towards him. After all, he was a man off the streets, pulled into the feast at the last hour. Maybe the guy didn’t own proper clothes. Maybe he didn’t know the wedding feast dress code. Maybe he didn’t have time to go home to change.

But the people listening to Jesus would understand. The custom of properly dressing for a royal function, especially a wedding feast, was well known and very strict. And if a person didn’t have proper clothes, some would be provided. This custom was not taken lightly. The king had an authority which everyone was bound to respect, and that simply makes sense. After all, he’s the ruler of the kingdom. And it is his party.

Jesus was using the man in the parable as a clear example of one who deliberately wouldn’t submit to the king’s authority regardless of how much kindness the king showed. Even though the man made it into the feast, he was cast out again due to his disrespect and unwillingness to conform to the king’s rules. Jesus concluded His comparison to God’s kingdom saying that “many are invited, but few are chosen”.

The obvious contemporary message for us today is that all are welcome to enter Christ’s Church, but everyone must conform to God’s ways. It’s true that salvation is freely offered to all, but we must be in a certain frame of mind to receive it. People cannot join the Church wanting to change God instead of themselves. If they do, then they’re clearly not at a point where they can receive His grace.

This parable is very, very relevant for faithful Catholics, too. Especially regarding the Mass – the wedding feast of the Lamb. I’m not speaking about our physical clothes, but instead about our spiritual and mental wardrobe and how we join in God’s celebration at Mass. Do we fully embrace the party He’s invited us to?

Do we approach the Mass knowing that it is only out of the infinite generosity of the King that we’ve been asked to join? Do we go in with utmost gratitude to His Son who sacrificed Himself on the cross for us so that we’d even get the opportunity to attend the feast?

Do we approach Mass with intense thanksgiving that Jesus, as our High Priest, re-presents that sacrifice to the Father on our behalf for the sake of the sins that we continue to commit? And that the Father accepts His offering?

Are we overcome with genuine awe and joy that our Lord Jesus desires to be physically with us? Are we overwhelmed that He wants to be with each one of us in the most intimate and profound encounter that we can have with God as we are united with Him in His Eucharist? As He remains in us, and we remain in Him?

Does this article sound overly preachy to you? I hope so. Because we can sit here and criticize the world and be very judgmental against all who reject Christ. We can look at where the world is heading and lament and mourn over today’s social climate. We can get so wrapped up in arguing against them that it detracts from our time with Him.

Or we can enter Mass and turn our full attention to Jesus. Leaving the negativity behind, we submit to Him and accept His invitation to His banquet with full confidence in Him. Joyfully celebrating Jesus Christ, we find tremendous comfort within His presence. Our God, Lord over the entire universe who can be anywhere He wants to be, chooses to be with us. Right there at that Mass. If we allow ourselves, that party can overcome any worldly gloom.

All we need to do is step in from the street, put on our party clothes and join in His glorious feast.

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 11 October 2023 Edition  
(Submission date: 6 October 2023) Submitted by Randy Munoz

### Holly Lake Ranch Participates in Life Chain 2023

50 members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Holly Tree Bible Church, and Whispering Pines Nazarene Church participated in the 2022 Life Chain on both sides of FM 2869 near the entrances of Holy Spirit and Holly Tree Bible Church the afternoon of Sunday, October 1.

Although the weather was hot, the volunteers, ranging in age from 4 to over 90, were very enthusiastic, as were the vehicle drivers on FM 2869.

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. Nearly 2000 cities, communities, and churches across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sundays in October and November. Christians are encouraged to attend local Life Chains to help build a resolute army of Christians who are pro-life in both word and deed. Let us engage the enemy, boldly and unashamed, until the curse of legal abortion is swept from our land and again provide security and freedom for every citizen, born and unborn. For more information, visit the website, [www.lifechain.org](http://www.lifechain.org).

### Brief Biography of St. Andrew. [https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=109](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=109)

Also known as Andrew the Apostle, he was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter. According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong, and he was known for having good social skills. In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then he asked the two to become disciples and "fishers of men." In the Gospel of Luke, Andrew is not initially named. It describes Jesus using a boat, believed to be solely Simon's, to preach to the multitudes and catch a large amount of fish on a night that originally was dry. Later, in Luke 5:7, it mentions Simon was not the only fisherman on the boat, but it is not until Luke 6:14 that there is talk of Andrew being Simon Peter's brother. However, the Gospel of John tells a separate story, stating Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John the Baptist stated, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" It is then that Andrew and another made the decision to follow Jesus.

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels, but it is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes, according to John 6:8. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first. Andrew was also present at the last supper.

Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross, as is described in the Acts of Andrew. He was crucified on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus."

Andrew's remains were originally preserved at Patras. However, some believe St. Regulus, who was a monk at Patras, received a vision telling him to hide some of Andrew's bones. Shortly after Regulus' dream, many of Andrew's relics were transferred to Constantinople by order of Roman emperor Constantius II around 357.

Regulus later received orders in a second dream telling him to take the bones "to the ends of the earth." He was to build a shrine for them wherever he shipwrecked. He landed on the coast of Fife, Scotland.

In September 1964, Pope Paul VI had all of St. Andrew's relics that ended up in Vatican City sent back to Patras. Now, many of Andrew's relics and the cross on which he was martyred are kept in the Church of St. Andrew in Patras.

St. Andrew is venerated in Georgia as the first preacher of Christianity in that territory and in Cyprus for having struck the rocks creating a gush of healing waters upon landing on the shore.

His saltire cross is featured on the flag of Scotland and is represented in much of his iconography. He is commonly portrayed as an old man with long white hair and a beard, often holding the Gospel book or a scroll. St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and singers. He is also the patron saint to several countries and cities including: Scotland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and Patras and his feast day is celebrated on November 30.



FEW OF THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FOLLOWERS FROM HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

