



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF TYLER

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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 - 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

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

Sacrament of the Sick

Offered the first weekend of the month during each Mass

Marriage or Baptism

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

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Legion of Mary	Marge Clymer
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Rosary Makers	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Welcome Committee	Anna Parker



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
DT 18 : 15 - 20

2ND READING:
1 COR 7 : 32 - 35

RESPONSORIAL:
PS 95 : 1 - 2, 6 - 9

GOSPEL:
MK 1 : 21 - 28

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Pope's February Intention

For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



Remember the sick of our parish:

Jo Hoffman. Jason McCormick. Eloise Sanchez. John & Mary Ott. Linda Hedgecock. Juan & Barbara Delgado. Elizabeth Eagan. John Buchanan. Dale Boman. Avery Boultinghouse. Fr. Lawrence Love, Bishop Joseph Strickland, Fr. Mark Kusmirek. 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. John 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 Father Lloyd Morris (requested by the Ellis Family).

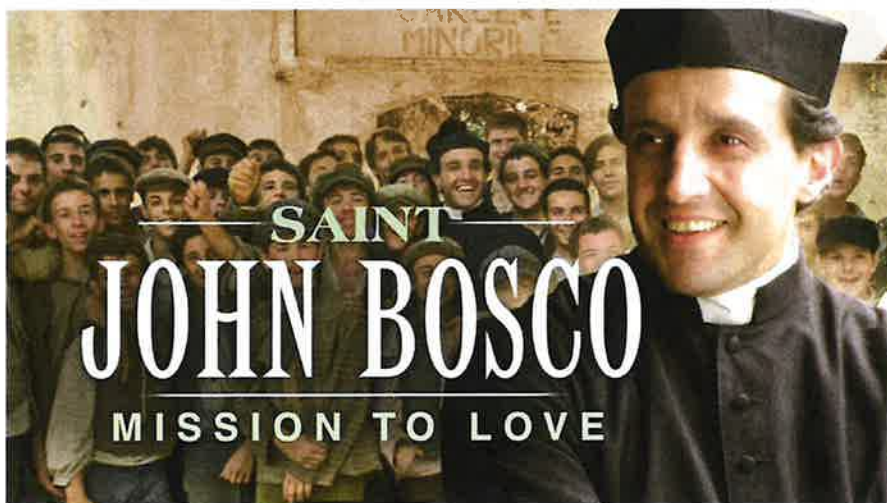


Remember the active military of our parish:

Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). 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).

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

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



Special Observances

Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest (*Founded the Salesian Sisters; a pioneer in vocational training; first canonized saint in whose honor a national holiday was declared in Italy; patron of editors; known as "Apostle of Youth"*).

Friday: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

"Feast of the Meeting" aka Candlemas Day (*We esteem those who have chosen to follow Christ as "evangelical counsels" and a suitable occasion for "consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which inspires their offering of themselves to the Lord."*)

Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr (*associated with the healing of throats; venerated as well by the Eastern Church*)
St. Ansgar, Bishop (*Great preacher and administrator; known as the "Apostle of the North"; patron of Denmark, Germany, and Iceland*)

Mass Intentions

Sun 1/28 **Rusty Anderson+** (Ruddie)
Mon 1/29 **Miguel Sanchez**
Tues 1/30 **James Collins**
Wed 1/31 **Timothy Collins**
Fri 2/2 **Anonymous Sinners in need**
Sat 2/3 **Rose Marie Mentasana** (Marie Hansen)

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 1/13 SAT: 60 1/14 SUN: 65

Collections from 1/13 - 1/14:

Offertory \$ 2,255.60
Building & Maintenance Fund \$ 1,291.00

Attendance: 1/20 SAT: 54 1/21 SUN: 64

Collections from 1/20 - 1/21:

Offertory \$ 3,255.12
Building & Maintenance Fund \$ 105.00

JANUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS

13th & 14th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"

20th & 21st: Church in Latin America

27th & 28th: Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools



Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Our Food Ministry is ready to meet the challenges of feeding the hungry again this year.

The cost of food has increased about 15% during the last year. We are asking for continued donations of canned meats, vegetables, pasta, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, etc. Please place dry goods in the bin near the church office. Monetary donations can be made by using the Food Ministry donation envelopes in the Narthex and being placed in the collection baskets or dropped off in the office.

We are always looking for volunteers. You might be surprised as to how many parishioners it takes to run this ministry. Please call Robert Mailliard (503-559-6022) or Bryan Todd (972-672-4218) if you have any questions. Also if you know anyone that needs help, contact us.

PLEASE HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY

JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 1/27 5:00 pm Mass
Sun 1/28 9:00 am Mass
Mon 1/29: 6:00 pm Mass
Tues 1/30: 9:00 am Mass
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (New hours)
Wed 1/31: 9:00 am Mass

FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 2/1: 9:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting
Fri 2/2: 5:00 - 5:45 pm Reconciliation
6:00 pm Mass
Sat 2/3: 9:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am Patriotic Rosary
5:00 pm Mass
Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of the Throats
Sun 2/4: 9:00 am Mass
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Mon 2/5: 6:00 pm Mass
Tues 2/6: 9:00 am Mass
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 2/7: 9:00 am Mass
Thurs 2/8: 9:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Fri 2/9: 6:00 pm Mass

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Cathedral of the
Immaculate
Conception

Tyler, Texas

February 10, 2024
2:00 pm



2024 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples in the diocese celebrating their 5th, 15th, 25th, 40th, or 50th+ wedding anniversaries in the year 2024 are invited to celebrate the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Saturday, February 10, 2024** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler. RSVP by 2/2/24: 903-534-1077

Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, must be compliant on your Ethics and Integrity training with VIRTUS.

**To sign up for training, please notify our contact person:
Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or
email him at: justin.mahaffey@icloud.com**

***Would you like to help with additional furnishing and some redeco-
rating of Fr. Kelly's parish home?*** If so choose a tag off of the tree in the church foyer. There are some for specific items, gift cards and/or check donations. Purchase the item(s) and return it to the church or place the gift card/check in the box provided. Everyone will be invited to an open house at the parish rectory at a later date.

From the desk of: Fr. Kelly

Different Placements (during the Liturgy) for the Kiss of Peace

The greeting which Latin Catholics now exchange during the Communion Rite has known many configurations. Placing it within the Communion Rite has precedent in Rome and Latin North Africa. There is also ample evidence for its placement at the end of Mass and before the Offertory. In our Novus Ordo Mass, we do the Kiss of Peace immediately after the Lord's prayer and prior to receiving Holy Communion, a practice brought into Roman liturgy from Africa sometime around the time of Gregory the Great (600 AD). It is before the Breaking of the Bread and the Agnus Dei. This is not the order in which these elements were situated in most records of the Mass in medieval times.

Tejtullian (250 AD in North Africa) thinks that there was no better time to offer the Kiss of Peace than after the Prayers of the Faithful, since the kiss is like the consummation or a seal on the prayers. St. Augustine of Hippo (circa 414 AD) in an Easter sermon writes that the kiss happens in much the same moment as it does today.

When the Sacrifice is finished, we say the Lord's Prayer, which you have received and recited. After this, the "Peace be with you" is said, and the Christians embrace one another with the holy kiss. This is a sign of peace; as the lips indicate, let peace be made in your conscience, that is, when your lips draw near to those of your brother, do not let your heart withdraw from his. Hence, these are great and powerful sacraments.

There are several tales from the Early Church which appear to indicate that it was customary to give the Kiss of Peace on the lips before receiving Holy Communion. My favorite legend of St. Mary of Egypt by Sophronios, Bishop of Jerusalem. The Life of Mary of Egypt. The priest Zosimus, wandering out in the desert during Lent, encounters an old woman clothed only with her long, long hair. The person turned out to be the ascetic hermit Mary of Egypt. Everyone thought she was a man. She asked Zosimus to return next year on Holy Thursday with Holy Communion. This he did as she bade him. At the River Jordan, exactly as the year before, the saint arrived by walking across the water. She asked Zosimus to say the Creed and Our Father.

"He began, she finished the prayer and according to the custom of that time gave him a Kiss of Peace on the lips. Having partaken of the Holy Mysteries, (received Holy Communion) she raised her hands to heaven and sighed with tears in her eyes, exclaiming: 'Now let Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Lord, according to Thy word; for my eyes have seen Thy salvation.'"

She died there and then. They discovered she was a woman when they were preparing her body for burial. There is nothing new under the sun.



“The Joy of Our Savior”

By Deacon John

St Paul begins this week's second reading, “Brothers and sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties”. I have to admit, I've been feeling a lot of anxieties lately. I guess with good cause; our country's political and socio climate is fractured, war in Europe and the mid-East threaten our national security, co-vid and flu season is upon us, my personal ministry is depleted, and my favorite soccer team hasn't signed a new forward yet with the season only a month away. That's quite a load and I admit, I've let myself succumb to the negativity.

I'm not alone. All of us have anxieties. There are people in our community who are anxious about their jobs. People who are anxious about a family relationship right now. People who are anxious about their health or the health of a loved one. People who are anxious about the future. These are real anxieties, and they're weighing us down.

And now we have St Paul saying, “I should like you to be free of anxieties”. Easy for him to say, he was never a soccer fan. And after all, what did he know about anxiety? I mean, he only walked among Gentile towns trying to convert people into believing this radical notion of Christianity during a time when being Christian was a capital crime punishable by torture and death. He was put into prison, beaten with rods, pelted with stones and even shipwrecked three times. Every day, he was never assured of food, or shelter, or his own personal safety. Yet he was free of anxieties. How? Well, he found joy through his faith in his Savior.

In today's Gospel, Jesus taught at the synagogue not as the scribes do, but with authority. It says the people were astonished. Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught, only how He affected the people. And then, Jesus cast out an unclean spirit in a possessed man. He saved the man and set him free. “All were amazed and asked one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.’ His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee”. In those difficult times, they found amazement and joy in Jesus.

Today, we need a Savior. Right here, right now. Someone who can relieve our anxieties. Someone who has authority over the earth, and who can cast out the evil in it. Someone who can bring amazement and joy. We need Jesus.

We know that Jesus is our Savior, and like Paul and the people at the synagogue, we must rely on that. It doesn't mean we ignore our problems. Most of them we can't really change. But instead, seeing the bigger picture of our lives in Christ can change our outlook and our attitude. We can't rise above our anxieties if we continue to be mired in them. But those worries are overcome by seeing Christ still working in our lives. Then we can be joyful again.

It's not only for our mental health, but also our spiritual health as well. Pope Francis in a homily once said, “This is the life of many Christians. They live by complaining, criticizing, grumbling, (being) dissatisfied, preferring to see everything as a failure or worthy of complaint. But what they don't realize, is that this turns them into the perfect terrain for the devil to sow.” Looking back on the past few months, I see how true this is. I am not willing to give the devil any terrain.

So for me it's time to rekindle Christ's joy. And I invite everyone here to do so, too. God gives us so many blessings, so much good, and so much hope in this life. We just need to see those things and be grateful for them. That puts us on the track to joy.

So how do we do it? First, participate with enthusiasm in the Mass, in profound gratitude that Jesus is actually physically with us there. Shut out the negativity and judgement that distracts you from fully experiencing the Mass. When we pray, form positive prayers of trust instead of prayers of fear and despair. Build confidence in your joy by reading Scripture and seeing all the times that God pulled His people out of hardships, and then believing He'll do it for you, too. And be conscious to signs of His presence. They're all around if you look, and are a wonderful source of joy.

I know the times are difficult and it's been very easy to slip into the negativity that breeds our anxieties. Instead, let's keep turning to Jesus our Savior in knowledge that we have a much fuller life of joy in Him. Then we can meet St Paul's wishes for us and be free of anxieties.

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The Story Behind 'How Great Thou Art' by MICHAEL IRELAND 12-10-2022 CNB.com
<https://www2.cbn.com/article/not-selected/story-behind-how-great-thou-art> (excerpt)

In 1885, a young Swedish pastor named Karl Gustav Boberg was walking home from church when he was caught in a severe thunderstorm, and almost died! He then watched as the storm passed, the sun came out and shone on the waters of the bay, and the birds started singing in the trees. This juxtaposition made him reflect on God's mighty power and control over nature, and he was inspired (in the literal sense of the word, I believe) to write a poem about what he had witnessed. He named the poem "O Store Gud" (O Mighty God), and submitted the poem to the local newspaper, which published it. That was the end of things...or so he thought. A few years later, Pastor Boberg was attending a conference when he heard a group of people singing an old Swedish folk tune, but with some sort of different words. (This folk tune is similar to, but distinctly different from, the tune we sing today. For one thing, it is in 3/4, while the tune we use now is in 4/4. The Swedish folk melody also was sung at a faster tempo and was just more "peppy.") He was amazed to discover that those words were the words to his own poem! This new hymn had become popular throughout Sweden, and soon spread to other parts of northern Europe, including Estonia.

In 1907, Estonia was settled mostly by Germans, and there was a wealthy land baron named Von Glehn who had a son, Manfred Von Glehn. Manfred was a Christian and had devoted his life to starting churches and Bible schools, and to compiling a hymnbook of hymns in German. In the midst of this commitment, Manfred's personal life took several turns for the worse. His mother died, his father fell ill, and the family fortune was slipping away. Manfred was forced to start selling parts of the estate, eventually including the castle itself. But he continued with his work of Christian service. Since Manfred left the state church and became a Baptist, he was working on finding, translating and including non-German hymns for his hymnbook. One of these non-German hymns was a Swedish hymn: our own "O Store Gud," which he did translate into German, where it became "Du Großer Gott." This hymnbook was eventually published and became widely used in Estonia and other parts of northern Europe. Eventually, the hymn made its way into Russia. In 1927 (after the Communist Revolution) a Russian Baptist named Ivan Prochanov was also busy starting churches, Bible schools and seminaries, and was a writer and publisher of Christian works. He was the most prolific Protestant hymn writer and translator in all of Russia -- not an easy feat under Communist rule. Because of his activities, Prochanov was jailed several times and sent into exile several times. But he kept at his work, and began a compilation of a Russian-language Protestant hymnbook, which he named "Songs of a Christian." In that book, he included a German-language hymn named (you guessed it) "Du Großer Gott." In Russian, it became "Velykiy Bog," or "Great God." The American Bible Society helped Prochanov publish his hymnbook, although Prochanov himself was again jailed and eventually sent into exile, where he died.

But the hymn "Velykiy Bog" became very popular as the hymnbook "Songs of a Christian" spread throughout Russia and other parts of the Soviet Union. In Ukraine, it quickly caught on as something different from the slow, minor key orthodox songs that everyone was used to singing. In the late '20's and early '30's, a British missionary couple, Stuart Hine and his wife Edith were traveling through the Caucasian mountains along the border of Ukraine, Romania and Poland. There, they heard this Russian hymn, learned it, and started using it in their evangelistic services. Stuart Hine also started re-writing some of the verses --- and writing new verses (all in Russian) --- as events inspired him. For example, the Hines also were caught in a thunderstorm, but in the mountains, the experience was very different than the one that helped inspire Pastor Boberg forty years earlier.

One particular incident is worth mentioning in some detail. It was typical of the Hines to inquire as to the existence of any Christians in the villages they visited. In one case, they found out that the only Christians that their host knew about were a man named Dmitri and his wife Lyudmila. Dmitri's wife knew how to read -- evidently a fairly rare thing at that time and in that place. She taught herself how to read because a Russian soldier had left a Bible behind several years earlier, and she started slowly learning by reading that Bible. When the Hines arrived in the village and approached Dmitri's house, they heard a strange and wonderful sound: Dmitri's wife was reading from the gospel of John about the crucifixion of Christ to a houseful of guests, and those visitors were in the very act of repenting.

In Ukraine ..., this act of repenting is done very much out loud. So the Hines heard people calling out to God, saying how unbelievable it was that Christ would die for their own sins, and praising Him for His love and mercy. They just couldn't barge in and disrupt this obvious work of the Holy Spirit, so they stayed outside and listened. Stuart wrote down the phrases he heard the Repenters use, and (even though this was all in

Russian), it became the third verse that we know today: "And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in." Later, the Hines had to leave Ukraine during the Holodomor or Famine Genocide perpetrated on Ukraine by Stalin during the winter of 1932-1933, and they also left Eastern Europe at the outbreak of World War II in 1939, returning to London. After the war, and after questioning God as to why their ministry to the Eastern Europeans was curtailed, the Hines were amazed to discover that millions of Displaced People from Eastern Europe were streaming into England! Their ministry came to them, instead of them going to their ministry!

One man to whom they were ministering told them an amazing story: he had been separated from his wife at the very end of the war and had not seen her since. At the time they were separated, his wife was a Christian, but he was not, but he had since been converted. His deep desire was to find his wife so they could at last share their faith together. But he told the Hines that he did not think he would ever see his wife on earth again. Instead he was longing for the day when they would meet in heaven, and could share in the Life Eternal there. These words again inspired Hine, and they became the basis for his fourth and final verse to 'How Great Thou Art': "When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation to take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then we shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, My God How Great Thou Art!"

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