



# 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
<b>Communion Service</b>	
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

### Church Staff

Pastor:	Reverend Timothy John Kelly, STL, D. Min. lismakera@gmail.com	903-330-9142
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### Church Organizations

Financial Council	Charlie Clymer
Virtus	Justin Mahaffey
Knights of Columbus	Michael Jernigan
4th Degree Knights	Gary Laudt
Legion of Mary	Marge Clymer
	Jane Bidlack
Food Pantry	Bryan Todd
Music Ministry	Cathy Ellis
Rosary Makers	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Welcome Committee	Anna Parker
Bereavement Committee	Eva & Jess Corrigan

“...SO THAT  
EVERYONE  
WHO BELIEVES  
IN HIM MAY  
HAVE ETERNAL  
LIFE.”



Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 10, 2024

### TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING: 2 CHR 36 : 14 - 16; 19 - 23	RESPONSORIAL: PS 137 : 1 - 6
2ND READING: EPH 2 : 4 - 10	GOSPEL: JN 3 : 14 - 21

## Fourth Sunday of Lent



### Pope's March Intention

For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



### Remember the sick of our parish:

Sven & Jeanette Sterner. Candy & LC Dodson. Harry Needham. Eva Corrigan. Lupe Leal. Jo Hoffman. Jason McCormick. Eloise Sanchez. John & Mary Ott. Linda Hedgecock. Juan & Barbara Delgado. John Buchanan. Dale Boman. Avery Boultinghouse. Bishop Joseph Strickland, Fr. Mark Kusmirek. Rosemary Seltzer. Elaine March. Mike Jernigan. Libby Paladino. Jo & Doris Hoffman. Roy Marchak. 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.



### Remember the active military of our parish:

Ben Clymer, Air Force (Grandson of Charlie & Marge). 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).



### Mass Intentions

Sat 3/9 Bridget Rich & Family (Elaine & Rosemary)  
 Sun 3/10 Jane Bidlack & Family (Elaine & Rosemary)  
 Mon 3/11 Ellis Family (Elaine & Rosemary)  
 Tues 3/12 Holy Father  
 Wed 3/13 "Anonymous Sinners in Need"  
 Thurs 3/14 Miguel Sanchez

### PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 3/2 SAT: 74 3/3 SUN: 83  
 Collections from 3/2 - 3/4:  
 Offertory \$ 4,053.00  
 Building & Maintenance Fund \$ 2,386.00

### MARCH SECOND COLLECTIONS

3rd & 4th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"  
 9th & 10th: Hunger Relief in the Diocese  
 24th & 25th: Black and Indian Missions  
 29th: Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land  
 30th & 31st: Caring for Priests Collection

### Lenten Time Changes

All Fridays (during Lent): Stations of the Cross will be conducted at 4:45 pm. Immediately following, Father will offer Mass (5:00ish pm). Immediately following:

March 8, 22: Soup Supper  
 March 15: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (Adults \$15; Children under 12 free)

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### EASTER SEASON SCHEDULE

**Palm Saturday** 5:00 pm Mass  
 Meet in the breezeway  
**Palm Sunday** 9:00 am Mass  
 Meet in the breezeway

### Holy Week Liturgies

**Monday** 6:00 pm Mass  
**Tuesday** 9:00 am Mass  
 No AM/PM Adoration  
**Wednesday** 9:00 am Mass  
 6:30 pm Liturgy of Healing & Praise  
**Thursday** 6:00 pm Mass of our Lord's Last Supper with the ceremony of the washing of the feet.  
 7:00 - 9:00 pm Altar of Repose in St. Jude's Hall  
**Friday** 9:00 am Morning Prayer  
 Confessions available  
 12:00 pm Midday Prayer  
 Confessions available  
 3:00 pm Passion of our Lord  
**Saturday** 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass



**MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS**



- Sun 3/10:** 9:00 am Mass—Coffee & Donuts
  - Mon 3/11:** 6:00 pm Mass
  - Tues 3/12:** 9:00 am Mass  
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**6:00 pm Fundraiser Meeting—in St. Jude's Hall**
  - Wed 3/13:** 9:00 am Mass
  - Thurs 3/14:** 9:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting  
**7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting**
  - Fri 3/15:** 4:45 pm Stations of the Cross  
5:00 pm Mass  
**5:00 pm - 6:30 pm KC Fish Fry**
  - Sat 3/16:** **12:00 pm Rosary Rally**  
5:00 pm Mass
  - Sun 3/17:** 9:00 am Mass
- Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
- Mon 3/18:** **NO MASS**
  - Tues 3/19:** 9:00 am Mass  
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
  - Wed 3/20:** 9:00 am Mass
  - Thurs 3/21:** **NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**  
9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting
  - Fri 3/22:** 4:45 pm Stations of the Cross  
5:00 pm Mass—Soup Supper
  - Sat 3/23:** 5:00 pm Mass  
**PALM SATURDAY - Meet in the breezeway**

Many thanks to Mary Jane Snodgrass and Marge Clymer for completing the cleaning and polishing of the brass altar pieces. We will see their valiant efforts for our Easter Services.

**Legion of Mary Annual Acies**

The Legion of Mary will hold its annual Acies Ceremony on March 23, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler.

This ceremony is a reconsecration of legion members to Our Lady, to prepare them for the upcoming year.

The ceremony begins at 10:00 am, followed by Mass at 11:00 am.

All auxiliary members are invited.

**Rosary Rally**

On Saturday, March 16th, we will host a Rosary Rally outside the church at 12 noon. We will be praying for "Traditional Marriage". *America Needs Fatima* are having Rosary Rallies across the country, this same day, this same hour.



**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 donations envelopes which are found in the Narthex and can be 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**



**Chrism Mass**

The Chrism Mass will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler on March 21 at 11am. Each year, the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of the Catechumen and the Sacred Chrism are consecrated at this Liturgy. The faithful are encouraged to attend if they can.

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 Holy Spirit's contact person: Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or email him at: [justin.mahaffey@iclsoud.com](mailto:justin.mahaffey@iclsoud.com)

**From the desk of: Fr. Kelly**



Father Kelly would like to invite all of you to an "Open House" at the Holy Spirit Rectory on Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday) from 3 - 5 pm. I have appreciated all of the items which you have "gifted" me. They have helped make "my home" here more pleasant and comfortable.

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## God's Masterpiece

By Deacon John

*We are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them"*  
– *Ephesians 2:10*

Last week Cindy and I took a day trip to Shreveport. The drive in the country was beautiful with pine trees swaying in the warm breeze, big puffy white clouds in the bright blue sky, cows lounging by a shimmering pond in a pasture. Just a perfect scene. As we drove, I was overwhelmed with praise to God for His magnificent creation of this Earth. God is certainly a great artist.

But as glorious as that sight was, it doesn't come close to His greatest masterpieces.

Today's second reading from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians reminds us that "we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them". We are His handiwork. His works of art. And being created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared for us, makes us His greatest masterpieces.

Sometimes I can't help laughing at that. Especially this year, as I've gone through this Lent reflecting on my life, I haven't seen much of a masterpiece. A masterpiece insinuates beauty and perfection, which I certainly am not. But according to the reading, there is a custom-designed plan that God has just for us. God created us so "that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus". Immeasurable riches of grace in the ages to come!

When we look at ourselves, we tend to see our flaws. We see so many things that need to change. The purpose of Lent is to identify those things, and it's how we should approach this season. Most of us take that seriously and have started identifying and making some changes. But we also know that we're still far from perfection, and that can be discouraging.

So today, Laetare Sunday, we take a step back from our Lenten reflections to be reminded of the big picture. Our second reading to the Ephesians is given to us at this point in Lent because it provides joy and hope. Joy in God's love for us and hope in His end design of us.

As we're reviewing ourselves during this Lent to see where we can change, God is already looking at us and seeing the masterpiece that we will become. God, our all-knowing Father who created us, is already envisioning what we will become before we have actually become it.

The past few weeks, we've been looking upon ourselves and saying, "This doesn't look like a perfect person. This doesn't look like a work of art." But we are works in progress.

It is a process that doesn't happen overnight. It is going to take all our lives and a lot of Lents. And even then, we won't be completely finished. But we'll always keep trying, and we'll keep changing, growing closer and closer to it. Until we get to Heaven. That's when we'll see the perfect handiworks that we are.

God's masterpieces.

## Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. March 2024 Edition

(Submission date: 01 March 2024) Submitted by Randy Munoz

ST BASIL THE GREAT (329-379) <http://www.catholicapologetics.info/apologetics/general/cappadocians.htm>  
Bishop of Caesarea, Doctor of the Church, he is the first of the great Cappadocian group (St. Gregory of Nyssa, his brother; St. Gregory of Nazianzus, his friend). ...

Before the episcopate. Saint Basil was born at Caesarea, in Cappadocia of rich and deeply Christian parents. His father was an orator and an advocate; his mother was renowned for her virtue. His maternal grandfather had been a martyr, and Macrina, his grandmother on his father's side, had been a disciple of Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus in Pontus. His eldest sister, Macrina, also lived the life of a saint on her lands at Annesi which she had turned into a monastery. Two other brothers were, like Basil himself, destined to become bishops, Gregory at Nyssa and Peter at Sebaste. He received his first lessons from his father at Neo-Caesarea. He then went to finish his literary education, first at Caesarea, then at Constantinople, and finally at Athens, in which town he remained for four or five years. It was here that he formed a close friendship with his com-patriot, Gregory Nazianzen, whom he had already met at Caesarea and who had gone before him to Athens. On his return to Cappadocia in 356 he spent some time successfully in teaching rhetoric, but in a number of conversations with his sister Macrina he learnt the vanity of human things and was 'converted' (a new resolution to tend to perfection) and baptized (357). It was at this same period that Macrina had founded the monastic life at Annesi. Basil, moved by grace, thought of imitating her, but first he desired to know more of this way of life. Besides the disciples of Eustathius of Sebaste in Cappadocia, he visited the great solitaries of Egypt, Syria and Mesopotamia. On his return he gave all his possessions to the poor and went to live in solitude on the banks of the Iris, opposite Annesi, near Neo-Caesarea. He was soon joined by other fervent Christians who also aspired to perfection. He grouped them according to the monastic rule of Saint Pachomius, although the monasteries he founded were less numerous. He gave to them a wise rule of life and provided for their moral and ascetical direction by the Longer Rules which date from this period, and later by the Shorter Rules which were probably composed while he was a priest at Caesarea. These two Rules soon acquired widespread popularity and earned their author the title of the "Lawgiver of oriental monachism".

His teaching and example were so powerful that in a short time Pontus was changed. Gregory of Nazianzus came often to the Pontic desert, and he and Basil published a selection from Origen's works (Philokalia). Eusebius, elected to Caesarea, asked Basil to help him, persuaded him to become a priest and return to Caesarea to face the difficulties created by Arianism. Eusebius was not a skilled theologian himself, and Basil was to him "a good counsellor, a skilful helper, an expounder of the Scripture, an interpreter of his duties, ...the prop of his faith" (Greg. Naz.). During this period he wrote the Hexaemeron - The Six Days Work.

The episcopate. Eusebius died in 370, and Basil succeeded him as metro-politan of Caesarea. He found many abuses to be corrected, including simony and laxity in ordination, and encountered a good deal of opposition to his reforms. Before his death he had brought the clergy of Caesarea to such a standard that other bishops used to ask them to help them in their dioceses. He undertook great social-relief works, established industries and schools of Art and founded orphanages, the chief one being the building of the Ptocho-tropheion, institute for the care of the poor. He had numerous clashes with the Arian emperor Valens, whom he withstood as he had withstood Julian the Apostate (a friend of his Athens days). He suffered a great deal of ill health, and the ill-will of many bishops, including his uncle Gregory, caused him considerable annoyance. In 371 Cappadocia was divided and two capitals created - Caesarea and Tyana - and grievous discord was caused between Basil and Anthimus. Basil, to counteract his influence, appointed Gregory of Nazianzus bishop of the frontier town of Sasima; Gregory (the uncle) never forgave him. He tried frequently to heal the Meletian schism at Antioch. He concerned himself above all with the overthrow of Arianism. The mantle of Athanasius fell on him, and though during the troubled years of his brief episcopate his true worth was not fully appreciated, he was soon after his death hailed as 'Great' recognized as a champion of orthodoxy second only to St. Athanasius in his controversial and expository powers. For this, and for his role as the final architect of monachism as it still obtains in the East, he is chiefly renowned.

The common house, common table, common prayers which are permanent possessions in the West were welded by him into a system. "He reduced the ascetical extravagance of eremitical enthusiasm to the abiding capacity of human nature. Through him monasticism became an institution, something that could live and grow without the capricious appeal of a great personality or the spontaneous ascetical fervor of a particular age and country". (Campbell).

He died on 1st January, 379, after nine years of hard work and bitter disappointments, quarrels and broken health and the whole population, Christian, Jew and pagan, mourned him.