



# 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

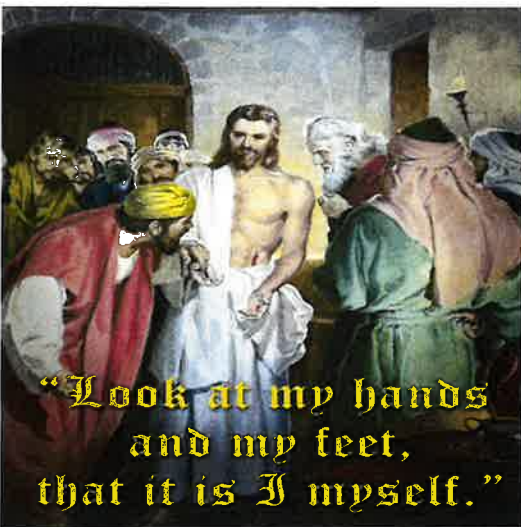


### EASTER HYMN

Regina Caeli, Laetare, Alleluia,  
Qui-a quem meru-isti portare, Alleluia,  
Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia,  
Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.

O Queen of heaven, be joyful, Alleluia,  
For He whom you were privileged to bear, Alleluia,  
Has arisen, as He promised, Alleluia,  
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

*This medieval canticle is the traditional hymn and acclamation to honor the Virgin Mary in Easter season.*



Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 2024

### TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING: ACTS 3 : 13 - 15, 17 - 19      RESPONSORIAL: PS 4 : 2 , 4, 7 - 9  
2ND READING: 1 JN 2 : 1 - 5      GOSPEL: LK 24 : 35 - 48

## Third Sunday of Easter



### Pope's April Intention

**For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.**



#### Remember the sick of our parish:

Michael Laurel; 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. Emily 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.

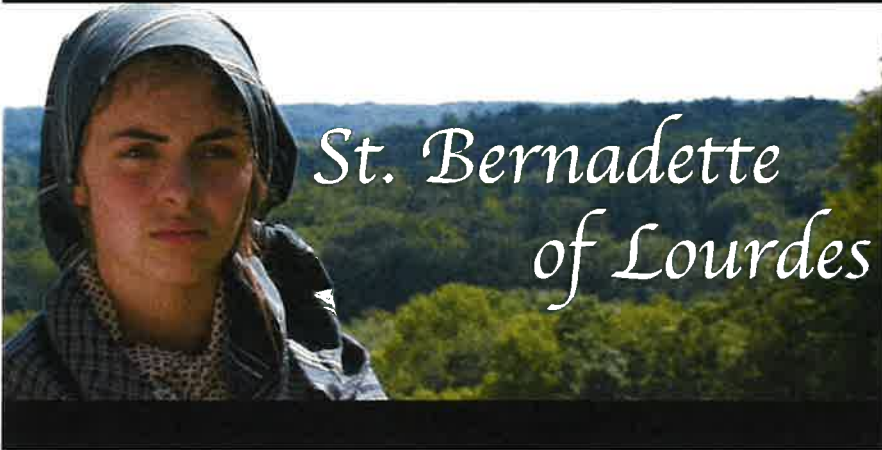


#### Remember the active military of our parish:

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 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 Eamma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

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## St. Bernadette of Lourdes

“St. Bernadette of Lourdes” is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world’s most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.

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### Special Observances

**Saturday:** St. Martin 1 Pope; Martyr (*Deacon who served at the imperial court in Constantinople; combated emperor Constans II over Monothelite belief that Jesus had only a divine will and so was not truly human; after becoming the Pope, was forced from Rome to Constantinople where he was tried for treason; later he was exiled to Crimea where he died of starvation and ill-treatment; he was the last pope to be martyred.*)



### Mass Intentions

**Sat 4/13** Barbara & Joseph Pericak+ (Mary Catalano)  
**Sun 4/14** Jerry & Vicki Hauck (Ellis Family)  
**Mon 4/15** John & Nitia McGrane (M/M Clymer)  
**Tues 4/16** March Family (Rosemary Seltzer)  
**Wed 4/17** Kelly Collins  
**Fri 4/19** Wanda Duke (M/M Clymer)

### PARISH SUPPORT

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| <b>Attendance:</b>                     | 4/6 | <b>SAT:</b> | 64 | 4/7 | <b>SUN:</b> | 100         |
| <b>Collections from 4/6 - 4/7:</b>     |     |             |    |     |             |             |
| <b>Offertory</b>                       |     |             |    |     |             | \$ 6,336.60 |
| <b>Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</b> |     |             |    |     |             | \$ 6,168.00 |

### APRIL SECOND COLLECTIONS

6th & 7th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"  
 27th & 28th: Catholic Home Missions

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

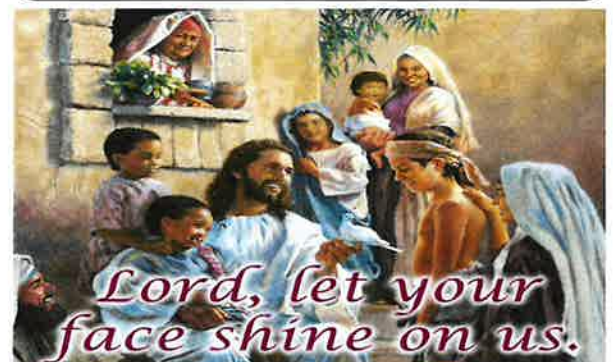
**To sign up for training, please notify our contact person: Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or email him at: [justin.mahaffey@icloud.com](mailto:justin.mahaffey@icloud.com)**



Second quarter offertory envelopes are available for pick up after all Masses this weekend. They are located in the narthex of the church.

Please check the names on our "sick" and "active military" prayer lists. If anyone can be removed, please contact the church business office:

903-769-3235 or [holy.spirit2@yahoo.com](mailto:holy.spirit2@yahoo.com)



## APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat 4/13:** 5:00 pm Mass  
**Sun 4/14:** 9:00 am Mass  
 Coffee and Donuts Gathering after Mass  
**Mon 4/15:** 6:00 pm Mass  
**Tues 4/16:** 9:00 am Mass  
 Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
 Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Wed 4/17:** 9:00 am Mass  
**Thurs 4/18:** 9:00 am Communion Service  
 9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting  
**Fri 4/19:** 6:00 pm Mass

### Happy Birthday Father Kelly

- Sat 4/20:** 5:00 pm Mass  
**Sun 4/21:** 9:00 am Mass



Join us after Masses to celebrate Father Kelly's Birthday!

- Mon 4/22:** 6:00 pm Mass  
**Tues 4/23:** 9:00 am Mass  
 Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
 Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Wed 4/24:** 9:00 am Mass  
**Thurs 4/25:** 9:00 am Communion Service  
 9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting  
**Fri 4/26:** 6:00 pm Mass  
**Sat 4/27:** 5:00 pm Mass  
**Start of KC Baby Shower Collections**  
**Sun 4/28:** 9:00 am Mass  
 Coffee and Donuts Gathering after Mass  
**KC Baby Shower Collections**  
**Mon 4/29:** 6:00 pm Mass



### *Holy Spirit Food Ministry*

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**

## fundraising

Meeting: Tuesday, May 14th 5:00 - 6:00 pm

All are welcome to come to meeting. If you want to volunteer for a few hours or all the way up until our event in the Fall, come one and come all. We welcome new faces and opinions.



From Doris and Jo Hoffman:

We want to express our gratitude and thanks for all the prayers offered to us by our Holy Spirit Friends. Jo was able to obtain a donor for her upcoming bone marrow transplant. Please continue your prayers as Jo will now be doing through a long, involved procedure and recovery.

Thank you.

### Church Staff

Office: Bridget Rich 903-769-3235  
 holy.spirit2@yahoo.com

### 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        |                     |
| Rosary Makers         | Carol Szczepanski   |
| Cenacle of Life       | Vicki Hauck         |
| Welcome Committee     | Anna Parker         |
| Bereavement Committee | Eva & Jess Corrigan |

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Come celebrate Father Kelly's 67th birthday with us on Sunday, April 21st following the 9:00 am Mass. Come join the fun!

### Pick a Prize of Choice

Please take a look at the interesting prizes we have on the table outside Church. Take a chance to win a "Prize of Your Choice".

Drawing will be held on the weekend of May 3rd.

Come join our Tasting and Seminar. See the poster for additional information for an unforgettable evening!

# Resurrection Peace

By Deacon John

*The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:35-48*

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets His apostles by saying, "Peace be with you". It was the same greeting that we heard in last week's Gospel reading about Doubting Thomas. This is a different kind of peace than what we normally think of. It's not simply a temporal worldly peace, but it comes from a much deeper place.

Before Jesus was arrested and crucified, being 100% human, He was in emotional despair. So much so that He sweated blood. Yet He knew that He would soon gain the heavenly peace offered by His Father. And through His death and resurrection, He would come to deliver it to us, too.

"Peace be with you," He says to His apostles. He shows them His hands and feet, the signs of the death that He has overcome. It's a reassurance. An acknowledgement that everything is okay now. There's no longer anything on the earth that can harm us.

I've read these Gospel accounts so many times; I don't know why His greeting resonated so strongly with me today. Maybe it's because right now we need peace so much. This world is troubled, and we live in constant anxiety. We're tired and stressed and we just want a little peace. So, we look to Jesus and He listens to us.

And He offers to us the same peace He offered to His apostles. Every time we celebrate Mass, we hear the words spoken to us in real time, right before we receive the resurrected body of our Lord in Holy Communion. The priest says, "Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you." He didn't give this peace before His resurrection because this peace is found in His resurrection.

It's a three-fold peace: peace of mind, peace of heart and peace of soul. And it's much wider than a mere worldly peace.

First, peace of mind. When we see His wounds, the wounds He also showed to His apostles, we see His forgiveness. Those wounds were caused by His sacrifice for our sins. We repent of our sins, and He forgives us. And through His resurrection, we know for certain that His forgiveness is everlasting; once He forgives our sins, we are truly forgiven. Our minds are at peace.

Second, peace for our heart. When we see the wounds in His hands and feet, we know for certain that we are loved with an undying, unconditional, personal, determined love - Christ's love. An extraordinary eternal comfort in love. Our hearts are at peace.

Third, peace for our soul. Christ is alive. And through His Resurrection and our Baptisms, He has invited each one of us to live, too. This binding with Him gives us an overwhelming sense of security. Our souls are rejuvenated in the knowledge of everlasting attachment with God. Our souls are at peace.

The peace of the resurrected Christ is the peace we need. The heavenly peace He brings to our minds, hearts and souls that delivers us from our temporal stress because we know that we are covered by a much greater love that has overcome anything the world can ever throw at us. As our Responsorial Psalm says today, "As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling." This is the peace of Christ's Easter Resurrection that He offers us.

Peace be with you!

### **St. Polycarp, Apostolic Father**

<https://www.catholicculture.org/commentary/church-fathers-st-polycarp-and-st-papias/>

The earliest extant detailed account of the arrest and martyrdom of a single individual is that of St. Polycarp (70-156), Bishop of Smyrna. According to St. Irenaeus, who had listened to Polycarp as a child, Polycarp himself had learned from the Apostle John and others who had seen Jesus and was appointed to the see of Smyrna by the Apostles themselves. It was as Bishop of Smyrna that Polycarp received a letter from St. Ignatius of Antioch, who had met him there on the way to his own martyrdom. Polycarp was a noted opponent of heresies, particularly those of Valentinus and Marcion, some of whose followers he converted. In 154 or 155 he visited Rome and met with Pope Anicetus in an attempt to resolve the dispute over the date of Easter. While no agreement could be reached, it is a sign of the esteem in which the aged Polycarp was held that Anicetus allowed the Church of Smyrna to keep its own celebration date, different from that of the Roman Church.

The Epistle of Polycarp to the Philippians - Only one letter written by St. Polycarp himself is extant; this is a response to a letter from the Philippians after the visit of St. Ignatius. Actually, the epistle as it comes down to us is probably a combination of two letters. The 1<sup>st</sup> (Chapter 13) is a short note attached to a collection of the Epistles of Ignatius, which the Philippians had requested that he send. This was probably written around or immediately after the time of Ignatius's martyrdom, since Polycarp here asks for news of Ignatius. The 2<sup>nd</sup> letter, comprising the first 12 chapters and the conclusion, is a general, edifying exhortation to Christian virtue. It also contains a denunciation of the Docetist heresy (possibly the form of Docetism espoused by Marcion). Like the letter of Pope St. Clement to the Corinthians, the Epistle of Polycarp was still read at Mass in some places as late as the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Its greatest significance, however, is that it guarantees the authenticity of the Epistles of Ignatius.

The Martyrdom of St. Polycarp - St. Polycarp was martyred at the age of 86, on February 23<sup>rd</sup> in 155 or 156 A.D. His arrest and martyrdom are described in detail in a letter written within a year of his death, addressed from the Church in Smyrna to the Church in Philomelium in Greater Phrygia. Marcion, the individual who wrote the letter, should be distinguished from the aforementioned heretic leader Marcion of Sinope. Martyrdom is presented as an imitation of Christ. The account of Polycarp's steadfast faith and refusal to deny the Lord is moving:

Then, the proconsul urging him, and saying, "Swear [by Caesar], and I will set thee at liberty, reproach Christ"; Polycarp declared, "Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He never did me any injury: how then can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?"

So he was sentenced to be burnt to death:

But when they were about also to fix him with nails, he said, "Leave me as I am; for He that giveth me strength to endure the fire, will also enable me, without your securing me by nails, to remain without moving in the pile."

This letter also contains our earliest evidence of the cult of martyrs, including the keeping and veneration of relics. The writer beautifully exhibits the praise and reverence due to martyrs, and makes a point of clearly distinguishing it from the worship due to Christ, in order to show that to honor martyrs is not to set up idols in place of Him:

But when the adversary of the race of the righteous, the envious, malicious, and wicked one, perceived the impressive nature of his martyrdom, and [considered] the blameless life he had led from the beginning, and how he was now crowned with the wreath of immortality, having beyond dispute received his reward, he did his utmost that not the least memorial of him should be taken away by us, although many desired to do this, and to become possessors of his holy flesh. For this end he suggested it to Nicetes, the father of Herod and brother of Alce, to go and entreat the governor not to give up his body to be buried, "lest," said he, "forsaking Him that was crucified, they begin to worship this one." This he said at the suggestion and urgent persuasion of the Jews, who also watched us, as we sought to take him out of the fire, being ignorant of this, that it is neither possible for us ever to forsake Christ, who suffered for the salvation of such as shall be saved throughout the whole world (the blameless one for sinners), nor to worship any other. For Him indeed, as being the Son of God, we adore; but the martyrs, as disciples and followers of the Lord, we worthily love on account of their extraordinary affection towards their own King and Master, of whom may we also be made companions and fellow disciples!

The feasts of the martyrs are celebrated not only to honor their sacrifice but to prepare Christians to imitate their heroism:

Accordingly, we afterwards took up his bones, as being more precious than the most exquisite jewels, and more purified than gold, and deposited them in a fitting place, whither, being gathered together, as opportunity is allowed us, with joy and rejoicing, the Lord shall grant us to celebrate the anniversary of his martyrdom, both in memory of those who have already finished their course, and for the exercising and preparation of those yet to walk in their steps.