

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 14, 2024

## TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:  
AM 7 : 12 - 15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:  
PS 85 : 9 - 14

2ND READING:  
EPH 1 : 3 - 14

GOSPEL:  
MK 6 : 7 - 13

## Celebration of the Mass

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
Monday	9:00 am

### **Communion Service**

Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	9:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	9:00 am

## Adoration

Tuesday 9:45 am - 12:30 pm  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

## Sacrament of the Sick

Offered the first weekend of the month during each Mass.

## Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
Sunday 8:00 - 8:45 am

## Marriage or Baptism

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

**Church Organizations**

- Parochial Administrator Fr. John Gomez
- Financial Council Charlie Clymer
- Pastoral Council John Rigney
- Virtus Justin Mahaffey
- Knights of Columbus Jerry Hauck
- 4th Degree Knights Gary Laudt
- Legion of Mary Marge Clymer
- Jane Bidlack
- Bryan Todd
- Food Pantry
- Music Ministry
- Rosary Makers
- Cenacle of Life
- Welcome
- Bereavement
- Altar Flowers
- Casserole
- Carol Szczepanski
- Vicki Hauck
- Anna Parker
- Eva/Jess Corrigan
- Cindy Sue Erdag

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Attendance: 7/6 SAT: 86 7/7 SUN: 81

**Collections from 7/6 - 7/7:**

Offertory \$ 4,435.60  
 Building & Maintenance Fund \$ 1,021.00

**JULY SECOND COLLECTIONS**

6th & 7th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"  
 6th & 7th: Peter's Pence (Pontifical Collection)  
 20th & 21st: Church in Africa



**Mass Intentions**

- Sat 7/13 **Patty Cappa+** (M/M Laudt)  
**Msgr. Ron Diegel** (M/M Laudt)
- Sun 7/14 **Jerry Hauck** (Ellis Family)
- Tues 7/16 **Rev. Fr. Bernie Pustejovsky+**
- Wed 7/17 **Miguel Sanchez**
- Thurs 7/18 **James Collins**
- Fri 7/19 **Timothy Collins**



**Special Observances**

**Monday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop; Doctor of the Church (He was a minister general for 17 years; Cardinal Bishop of Albano; authored biblical commentaries and many ascetical and spiritual treatises; known as the "Seraphic Doctor".)

**Tuesday:** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (The scriptures speak of the beauty of Mount Carmel in Galilee where the prophet Elijah defended the faith of Israel in the living God; beginning in the 13th century, under the title of "St. Mary of Mount Carmel" the Order of Carmelites had its formal beginning.)

**Thursday:** St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest (He was born at Chieti in the Abruzzi; a soldier addicted to gambling; his conversion led him to found a society, Camillians, which today numbers 1,125 religious; this society established hospitals and cared for the sick with affection and diligence; patron of nurses, of the sick, and of hospitals.)

**Saturday:** St. Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr (Early accounts report that he was ordained bishop of St. Peter himself and sent as a missionary bishop to Ravenna during the reign of emperor Claudius; renowned for his power to heal in the name of Christ, he was frequently exiled, tortured, and imprisoned for the faith, and finally martyred.)



**Pope's July Intention**

For the pastoral care of the sick. We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



**Remember the sick of our parish:** Jim Hickey; Jean Kelly; Fr. Ariel Cortes; Marcie Scott; Jeanette Sterner. Joe Bonneville; Wauneta Winton; Joe Fazzio; Sharon Kroll; Tyler Adams; Jeri Garfield; Page Sugg; Ethan Cowles; Michael Laurel; Harry Needham; Lupe Leal; Jason McCormick; Eloise Sanchez; John & Mary Ott; Linda Hedgecock; Juan & Barbara Delgado; John Buchanan; Dale Boman; Avery Boultinghouse; Bishop Joseph Strickland; Fr. Mark Kasmirek; Rosemary Seltzer; Elaine March; Libby Paladino; Jo & Doris Hoffman; Roy Marchak; Jim Hickey; David Borel; Verna Sloan; Mike Stephens; Kathy Bowers; John McGrane; Msgr. Ron Diegel; Chris & Dave Paape; Richard & Dottie Schuetz; John Fabitz; Jodie Woods; 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.



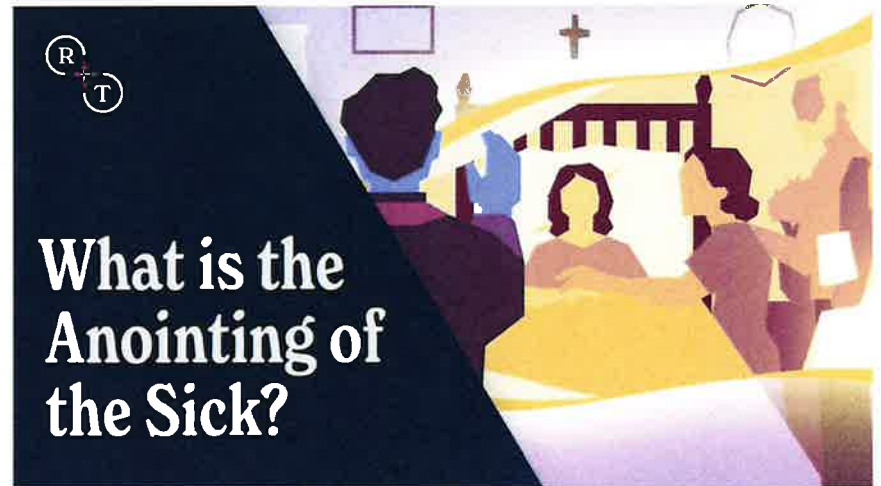
**Remember our parishioners who have recently died:** Al Murfin (husband of Evelyn Murfin); Sven Sterner (husband of Jeanette).



**Remember the active military of our parish:** Mitchell, LTJG Navy (Son-in-law of Stan & Terrie Evans). 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 Eamma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

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**What is the Anointing of the Sick?**

Illness, suffering, and death are some of the greatest problems we face as humans. In the Anointing of the Sick, God offers us grace to strengthen us in illness and the priest can pray with us on behalf of the Church, in the midst of our suffering.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

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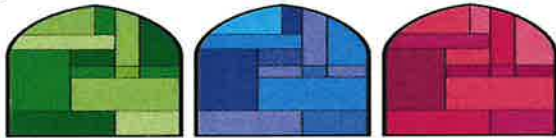


## JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sat 7/13:</b>	5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun. 7/14:</b>	9:00 am Mass Coffee/Donuts in St. Jude Hall
<b>Mon 7/15:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service
<b>Tues 7/16:</b>	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
<b>Wed 7/17:</b>	9:00 am Mass
<b>Thurs 7/18:</b>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting
<b>Fri 7/19:</b>	9:00 am Mass
<b>Sat 7/20:</b>	5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun 7/21:</b>	9:00 am Mass
<b>Mon 7/22:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service
<b>Tues 7/23:</b>	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
<b>Wed 7/24:</b>	9:00 am Mass
<b>Thurs 7/25:</b>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting
<b>Fri 7/26:</b>	9:00 am Mass
<b>Sat 7/27:</b>	5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun 7/28:</b>	9:00 am Mass
<b>Mon 7/29:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service 12:30 pm Rosary - Sven Sterner 1:00 pm Funeral - Sven Sterner

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)



## Special Parish Announcements

### Funeral information:

Sven Sterner - Monday, July 29th at 12:30 pm Rosary, followed by the Requiem Mass at 1:00 pm; Fr. Ariel Cortes presiding.

Al Murfin - Vigil Service on Wednesday, August 7th at 6:00 pm Deacon Sam Mullen presiding. Thursday, August 8th at 9:30 am Rosary, followed by the Requiem Mass at 10:00 am; Fr. Mike Snider presiding. The Vigil Service, Rosary, & Funeral Mass will take place here at Holy Spirit.

### Reminder:

Please consider providing flowers for the altar. The arrangements you provide can be donated "In honor of /In Memory of" a family member. Please contact Bridget at the church office (903-769-3235 or email her at [holyspirit2@yahoo.com](mailto:holyspirit2@yahoo.com))



## Holy Spirit Food Ministry

We are running low on food grocery bags, any donations can be placed in the container outside the church office. We are always looking for volunteers—you would be surprised how many parishioners it takes to facilitate this ministry. If you know of anyone who needs our help, please contact: Robert Mailliard (503-559-6022) or Bryan Todd (972-672-4218).

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY**



## Scripture Study

We still have a few openings in our Scripture Study Class. We will begin study, in earnest, on Proverbs, on Wednesday, June 19th at 10:30 am and each subsequent Wednesday. Please bring a bible; commentaries will be available at that time. Questions call Randy Munoz (972-971-4067).

## From the desk of: Fr. John Gomez, JCL

Dear Parishioners of Holy Spirit Catholic Church HLR,

I want to thank every one of you for your support and kindness towards Fr. Mike Snider, your longtime Pastor; Fr. Tim Kelly, your intermittent Pastor this past year; and for all you do to support the parish and the different needs of the diocese.

As you probably know by now, we have 3 priests who moved into full retirement this year and another extern priest had to leave the diocese for personal/family reasons. Additionally, we only had one ordination to the priesthood who is now working at the Cathedral. Based on this reality Bishop Vasquez, the diocesan Apostolic Administrator, had to ask Fr. Kelly to take a bigger responsibility as pastor of one of the largest parishes in the diocese, St. Michael Catholic Church in Mt. Pleasant. We are grateful to Fr. Kelly for his willingness to help in this matter. We appreciate your patience and your understanding as we face these realities.

We are pleased that Fr. Ariel Cortes was able to return to Texas and is willing to help us at this time. He will be a Priest-in-residence at Holy Spirit and he will take care of all the spiritual needs of your community. He is expected to take care of the daily pastoral care of the parish. Additionally, I will be the temporary Parochial Administrator of the parish and I will be visiting the parish as often as I can. I will be leading the Financial and Pastoral councils as we work together to serve all the parts of this wonderful community.

May the Lord help us as we continue to serve and support each other in the best way possible. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate life, and religious life, so that together we keep building the Kingdom of God as the Lord has asked us.

Fraternally in Christ,  
Fr. John Gomez, JCL



## Article for the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Bulletin. 11 July 2024 Edition

(Submission date: 5 July 2024) Submitted by Randy Munoz

**Who Is Mary Magdalene?** JIMMY AKIN • 7/21/2023 (Continued from last week)

<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/who-is-mary-magdalene> ...

She is also grouped among the women who provided for Jesus and the Twelve “out of their means.” This suggests that Mary was a woman of means. She had money—i.e., disposable income that she could use to support Jesus and his mission.

All four Gospels indicate that Mary was a key witness to the events of the climax of Jesus’ ministry. She had come with his traveling party to his final Passover in Jerusalem (Matt. 27:55, Mark 15:41), and there she witnessed the Crucifixion (Matt. 27:56, Mark 15:40, John 19:25). She also witnessed his burial (Matt. 27:61, Mark 16:47) and his resurrection (Matt. 28:1, Mark 16:1, John 20:1), after which she returned and told the Twelve (Luke 24:10, John 20:18).

Luke mentions that the women had prepared spices with which to anoint Jesus’ body on Good Friday, after the Crucifixion (Luke 23:56), and then they brought the spices to the tomb on Easter Monday (24:1). Mark adds the detail that they had bought the spices (Mark 16:1), which would again suggest that Mary Magdalene had financial resources. But when they arrived at the tomb, they discovered it empty, and angels appeared to them and announced that Jesus has been raised.

John records a touching story of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18). He doesn’t mention other women being with her, so it is possible she was alone. When she realizes that she is seeing Jesus, she is overjoyed, but he gives her a warning. Some translations render it, “Do not touch me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father.” This translation is confusing since—before the Ascension happens—Jesus invites Thomas to touch his wounds (John 20:27). Better translations would be “Do not hold me” (RSV), “Stop holding on to me” (NAB:RE), and “Do not cling to me” (ESV). The idea is that Mary shouldn’t become overly attached to Jesus now that he’s back, because he’s going to be ascending to the Father, and she will not always be able to be with him.

We’ve covered the passages in the New Testament that explicitly name Mary Magdalene, but some Christians have wondered if she may be mentioned in other passages—either with the name Mary or without it. For example, it has been speculated that she may be the sinful woman (likely a prostitute) who weeps on Jesus’ feet, wipes them with her hair, and anoints his feet (Luke 7:36-50). The answer is that she almost certainly is not this woman. Not only does Luke not name her, but he also relates this story at the end of chapter 7 of his Gospel. The very next thing he says is the passage quoted above, where Mary Magdalene is introduced. It is scarcely likely that Luke would omit the woman’s identity at the end of chapter 7 and then immediately introduce her by name at the beginning of chapter 8. We thus have no basis for besmirching Mary Magdalene’s reputation by accusing her of being a prostitute. Many have identified Mary Magdalene with Mary the sister of Martha and Lazarus, including Pope Gregory I (590-604). However, this also is a mistake. One reason is that Mary Magdalene is identified as “the Magdalene” in all four Gospels, whereas the two Gospels that refer to the sister of Martha and Lazarus (i.e., Luke and John) identify her with respect to her siblings. This means that the latter Mary had prominent siblings who were known in the Christian community, whereas Mary Magdalene did not. Further, Mary the sister of Martha and Lazarus isn’t from Magdala. She isn’t even from Galilee. John tells us, “A certain man was sick, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha” (John 11:1). Bethany is just outside Jerusalem in Judea, so Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were Judeans rather than Galileans, and Mary of Bethany would have had no need to follow Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem for the final Passover, because she lived right there! The idea that Mary Magdalene and Mary of Bethany were the same person was common for a long time in the Western church (not the Eastern churches), and this left a mark on the Western liturgical calendar.

Mary Magdalene has long had a memorial on July 22, whereas Martha has one on July 29. But now that the confusion between Mary Magdalene and Mary of Bethany has been cleared up, the Congregation for Divine Worship ordered in 2021 that the July 29 memorial be listed as that of “Martha, Mary, and Lazarus”—giving the other two Bethany siblings their due on the calendar.