

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



Reconciliation

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

Sacrament of the Sick

Offered the first Friday
of the month after 9:00 am
& 6:00 pm Mass.

Marriage or Baptism

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

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2024

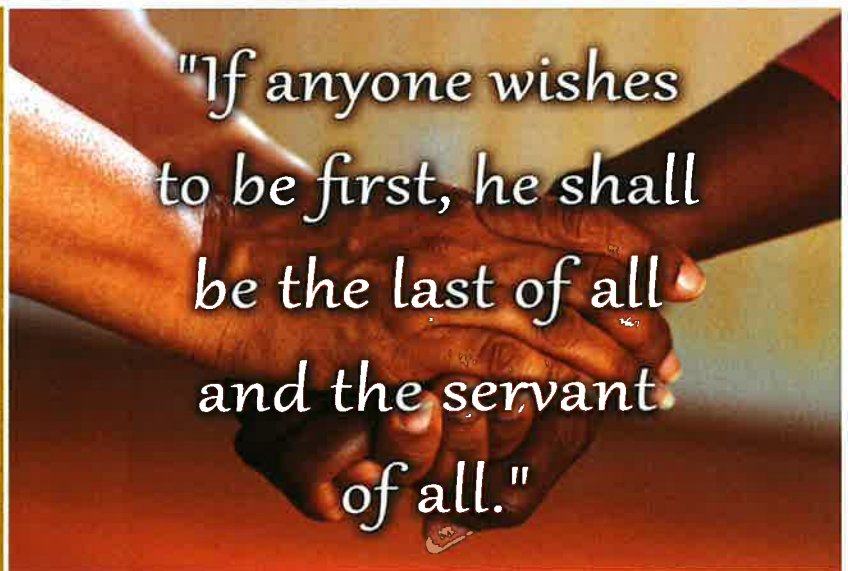
TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
WIS 2 : 12; 17 - 20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 54 : 3 - 4; 5; 6 - 8

2ND READING:
JAS 3 : 16 - 4 : 3

GOSPEL:
MK 9 : 30 - 37



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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	Lou Masferrer
Music Ministry	Lou Masferrer
Rosary Makers	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Welcome	Anna Parker
Bereavement	Eva/Jess Corrigan
Altar Flowers	

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 9/14 **SAT:** 58 9/15 **SUN:** 85

Collections from 9/7 - 9/8:

Offertory	\$ 2,100.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 400.00

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 9/21:	5:00 pm Mass Wild West Casino Tickets available
Sun 9/22	9:00 am Mass Wild West Casino Tickets available
Mon 9/23:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 9/24:	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 9/25:	9:00 am Communion Service 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus - Wives Appreciation Dinner
Thurs 9/26:	9:00 am Communion Service 9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting
Fri 9/27:	9:00 am Communion Service
Sat 9/28:	5:00 pm Mass Wild West Casino Tickets available
Sun 9/29:	9:00 am Mass Coffee & Donut Sunday Wild West Casino Tickets available
Mon 9/30:	9:00 am Communion Service

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues 10/1:	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 10/2:	9:00 am Mass 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 10/3:	9:00 am Mass
Fri 10/4:	9:00 am Mass - First Friday Blessing of Animals (after Mass) 6:00 pm Mass - First Friday Following Mass - Healing Service

Pope's September Intention



For the cry of the earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



Remember the sick of our parish: Suzanne DiCarlo; Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Mary Ott; Emly Walker; Elizabeth Egan; Cindy Sue Erdag; Emeress Aiwohi; Fr. Ariel Cortes; Joe Bonnevillie; Wauneta Winton; Joe Fazzio; Sharon Kroll; Jeri Garfield; Ethan Cowles; Lupe Leal; Jason McCormick; Eloise Sanchez; Linda Hedgecock; Juan & Barbara Delgado; John Buchanan; Dale Boman; Avery Boultinghouse; Bishop Joseph Strickland; Rosemary Seltzer; Elaine March; Libby Paladino; Jo & Doris Hoffman; Roy Marchak; 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 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). CPI 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).



Mass Intentions

Sat 9/21	Mary Evans+ (M/M Evans)
Sun 9/22	Cindy Sue Erdag (Marie Hansen)
Tues 9/24	Amy Grotta+ (Ann Marie Vancas)
Wed 9/25	Communion Service (Fr. Cortes at Convocation—Tyler)
Thurs 9/26	Communion Service (Fr. Cortes at Convocation—Tyler)
Fri 9/27	Communion Service (Fr. Cortes at Convocation—Tyler)



Special Observances

Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest ("Padre Pio" was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in the small town of Pietrelcina. A Capuchin priest who had received the stigmata, he spent 50 years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Despite such notoriety, he would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." His life was devoted to the Eucharist and to prayer. He died September 23, 1968 at age 81. He is considered the patron saint of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents.)

Thursday: Sts. Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs (Brother physicians known as "avapyupot"—moneyless ones—for their gratuitous care of the sick; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patrons of physicians, surgeons, druggists, barbers, and the blind.)

Friday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest (Born in Pouy; renewed the clergy and defended the poor and the abandoned; founded in 1625 the Congregation of the Missions, today numbering some 3,165 members; mission preachers and seminary educators; with St. Louise de Marillac founded the Daughters of Charity; preached against Jansenism; patron of charities, hospitals, prisoners, and the Malagasy Republic—Madagascar.)

Saturday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr (Duke of Bohemia; sought to bring the faith to his people; killed by his pagan brother, Boleslaus; patron of the Czech Republic and Slovakia.)

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs (Today the Church commemorates sixteen martyrs—13 Dominicans and 3 tertiaries—of Nagasaki, Japan, during the years 1633-1637; they included 9 Japanese, 4 Spaniards, 1 Frenchman, 1 Italian, and the Filipino, Lawrence Ruiz, the father of a family and the protomartyr of the Philippines; after enduring horrible tortures, their bodies were burned and their ashes scattered by order of the ruler, Tokugawa Yemitsu; canonized October 18, 1987.)

Fundraising



Howdy Partner! Holy Spirit's 12th Annual Dinner & Casino Night is quickly coming upon us. Our *Wild Wild West* themed evening is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th.

Event tickets on sale this weekend after each Mass inside the Church Office. The cost is \$50 per person (or \$400 for a table of eight cowpokes). No tickets will be sold at the door and capacity seating is 160.

Each partner will receive dinner and \$1500 in casino chips. Tickets are nonrefundable.

TICKETS ARE GOING FAST—GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

So saddle 'em up, Cowboys and Cowgirls!!!!



Fourth quarter offertory envelopes are available for pick up after all Masses this weekend (September 21 & 22). They are located on the table outside Bridget's office.

Homework Answers

1. **Spiritual Works of Mercy:** To admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, and pray for the living and the dead.
2. **Corporal Works of Mercy:** To feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, and bury the dead.

**your VOTE
is your VOICE**

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@icloud.com

Holy Spirit Food Pantry



The food pantry is in desperate need of canned meat items (i.e. Spaghettios, Ravioli, Chicken and Dumplings, Stew).

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

Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2024 Life Chain



Holy Spirit Catholic Church will be participating again in the 2024 Life Chain on FM 2869 on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 until 3:00 PM. This year will be the 10th year that Holy Spirit will take a stand for Pro-Life by being part of this National Life Chain Event.

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. Nearly 2000 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sundays in October and November.

For more information, contact Holy Spirit's Life Chain Committee Chairman, Richard Boultinghouse at 903-769-4257 or rbhouse61@aol.com.



Blessing of the animals

When: Friday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 6

Time: After the 9 am Mass

Where: In front of St. Francis of Assisi statue by St. Jude's Hall kitchen door.



fundraiser

Fundraising committee needs your help. In order to make our Casino Night a success, we need volunteers in a variety of capacities—we need sponsors, prize donations, and "hands-on" volunteers.

Stop by the sign-up board in the Narthex.

Being Holy Spirit's main yearly fundraiser, we hope to obtain \$25,000 to contribute to the maintenance of our beautiful church complex. The largest donations come from our raffle tickets. It depends on your selling the "raffle" tickets (which you received three weeks ago) or by acquiring money donations.

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St. Anastasia https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=17 Birth: 2nd Century Death: 3rd Century

St. Anastasia, also known as Anastasia of Sirmium and Anastasia the Pharmakolytria or "Deliverer from Potions," is a Christian saint and martyr who suffered for Christ during the time of Diocletian's Christian persecutions. She is one of the 7 women commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.

The "passio," or suffering of, Anastasia tells that her father was a noble pagan named, Praetextatus and her mother was St. Fausta of Sirmium. Because her mother was a Christian, Anastasia was baptized as an infant and secretly raised with Christian values. Following the death of her mother, Anastasia's father gave her in marriage to the pagan Publius, but she preserved her virginity.

During the persecutions of Diocletian, Anastasia visited the prisons and cared for the confessors of faith. She would feed, doctor and ransom suffering captives. Anastasia's servant informed Publius; who then locked her up and beat her. Anastasia began secretly corresponding with her adviser, St. Chrysogonus, who had gone to Aquileia. He told her to be brave, be patient and accept the Lord's will. After the death of her husband while he was on embassy to Persia, Anastasia distributed her property to those less fortunate and suffering. She then set off to follow Chrysogonus to Aquileia. Chrysogonus was personally interrogated by Diocletian, but he never renounced his faith. Chrysogonus was ordered to be beheaded and thrown into the sea. After his death, Chrysogonus appeared to Zoilus, a presbyter who found his relics and foretold the martyrdoms of Ss. Agape, Chione and Irene. He asked Zoilus to send Anastasia to the 3 sisters as encouragement. Nine days later, Anastasia visited the sisters just before they were tortured. After they were martyred, Anastasia buried them.

Anastasia spent her time traveling from city to city caring for Christian prisoners. She healed their wounds and relieved their pain. She was given the title "Deliverer from Potions," because she would often heal many from the effects of poisons and potions.

Anastasia was arrested in Illyricum and taken to the prefect of the district for being Christian. He tried to persuade her to deny her faith and threatened her with torture. Anastasia could not be swayed, so she was given to the pagan priest Ulpian in Rome. He presented her with the choice between riches or suffering, luxuries or torture devices. She chose torture. He gave her 3 days to reconsider. Enamored by her beauty, Ulpian decided he would defile her purity. However, once he went to touch her he was struck blind and his head burst into extreme pain. On his way to his pagan temple, he fell and died. St. Anastasia, now free, set out to care for imprisoned Christians, along with Theodota, a pious young widow and faithful helper. After Theodota was martyred, Anastasia was caught once again. She was ordered death by starvation and was starved for 60 days. But Anastasia was not harmed. It is said the martyred Theodota visited her and fed her during this time. A judge decided prisoners, including Anastasia and Eutychianus, would be killed by drowning. They all entered a boat with holes in the base, but St. Theodota appeared to them and steered the boat to shore. Once they landed, Anastasia and Eutychianus baptized 120 men. Following yet another escape, Anastasia was taken to the island of Palmaria. She was staked to the ground with her arms and legs stretched out, and burned alive. St. Anastasia's relics were taken to Constantinople, where a church was dedicated to her. Later, a hand and her head were transferred to the Monastery of St. Anastasia near Mount Athos.

The entire account of St. Anastasia's life and tragedies are believed to be purely legendary. All that is certain is a martyr named Anastasia died for her faith in Sirmium and her memory is sacred. St. Anastasia is the patron saint of martyrs, weavers, and those suffering from poison. Her feast day is celebrated on December 25.

