

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (Jan. 11 to Jan. 17)

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Monday 9:00 am
Tuesday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Wednesday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Friday 9:00 am
Communion Service

Adoration

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



Reconciliation

Tuesday 9:45 - 12:30 pm
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Sunday Upon request
Weekdays Upon request

Sacrament of the Sick

Offered at first Friday
Mass upon request.

Marriage or Baptism

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

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The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
IS 42 : 1 - 4 ; 6 - 7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 29 : 1 - 4 ; 3 ; 9 - 10

2ND READING:
ACTS 10 : 34 - 38

GOSPEL:
MT 3 : 13- 17



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Pope Leo's January Intention

For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Church Organizations

Financial Council	Charlie Clymer
Pastoral Council	John Rigney
Virtus	
Knights of Columbus	Jerry Hauck
4th Degree Knights	Gary Laudt
Legion of Mary	Marge Clymer
	Jane Bidlack
	Bob Mailliard
Food Pantry	
Music Ministry	
Rosary Makers/Prayer Blankets	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Welcome	
Funeral Preparations	Deacon John Erdag

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance:	1/3	SAT: 86	1/4	SUN: 75
Collections from 1/3 - 12/4				
Building & Maintenance		\$		1,113.00
Offertory		\$		3,563.00
Votive Candles		\$		44.50
Miscellaneous		\$		0.00
Immaculate Conception		\$		35.00

JANUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS

1/3 & 1/4: Building and Maintenance Fund
1/24 & 1/25: Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous contributions.
Please remember Holy Spirit Catholic Church in your Will.



Mass Intentions

Sat 1/10
Sun 1/11

+ Dale Boman (Jerry & Vicki Hauck)
Mass for the People of Holy Spirit Parish
Ken Pregeant (Knights of Columbus)



Remember the sick of our parish:

Charles McCloskey; Deanie DeLee; Sharon Ryan; Marge & Charlie Clymer; Mary Langhoff; Lillian Speights; Rebecca Niebrugge; Claire Sullivan; Kirk Wilder; David Barber; Elaine Arellano; Marissa Cowles; Judy Terry; Randy Munoz; Jess & Eva Corrigan; Elaine March & Rosemary Seltzer; Maureen Tucker; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; Elmer Mulhollon, Roland & Pat Schmeier; Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Emily Walker; Cindy Sue Erdag; Joe Bonneville; Joe Fazzio; Juan & Barbara Delgado; Avery Boultinghouse; Jo & Doris Hoffman; Roy Marchak; David Borel; Verna Sloan; Mike Stephens; Kathy Bowers; Msgr. Ron Diegel; Chris & Dave Paape; Richard Schuetz; Jodie Woods; Jean Hamilton; Kathleen Fleming; Jaye Anderson; Karee Haney; Charlie Parker; Jacob Stephens.



Remember the faithful departed: John Wey, brother of Linda Hurley, passed away on Saturday, January 3rd. John and his wife, Janet, live in Kansas. Condolences can be sent to the Hurleys at: 193 Rolling Ridge, Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765.



Remember the active military of our parish: Senior Chief Petty Officer, James Nichols, (Nephew of Dcn John & Cindy Sue Erdag). Cody Mitchell, LTJG Navy (Son-in-law of Stan & Terrie Evans). Ben Clymer, Sr Airman USAF (Grandson of Charlie & Marge). Captain Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). Lt. Gary Buchanan;

Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno AMT 2nd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

2026 Diocesan Women's Retreat

Women of the parish, you're invited to the 2026 Diocesan Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 21, at the Brookshire Center in Tyler. This retreat is a beautiful opportunity to be strengthened and encouraged in your faith through prayer, the sacraments, fellowship, and community. Parishioners in the Diocese of Tyler have early access to register during the month of November. Last year the retreat sold out in early January, so we encourage you to take advantage of this



JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 1/10: 5:00 pm Mass - Fr. Ron Demski
Sun 1/11: 8:30 am Mass - Fr. Ron Demski

Donut Sunday



Mon 1/12: 9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 1/13: 9:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm - 7 pm Adoration
Wed 1/14: 9:00 am Communion Service
10:30 am Bible Study
3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 1/15: 1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 1/16: 9:00 am Communion Service
3:00 pm Divine Mercy & Rosary Hour
Sat 1/17: 5:00 pm Mass - Fr. Ron Demski
Sun 1/18: 8:30 am Mass - Fr. Ron Demski
Mon 1/19: 9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm OCIA
Tues 1/20: 9:00 am Communion Service
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 1/21: 9:00 am Communion Service
10:30 am Bible Study
3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 1/22: 9:00 am Communion Service
1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 1/23: 9:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am Rosary Makers

Welcome
Fr. Ron Demski



Need an extra hand around the house?
Call a Knight. We are here to help with small projects around the house.

Call: Bruce Becker 214-679-8331.

Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Due to increased costs of groceries, the Food Ministry is in need of non-perishable food donations. If you can contribute, place donations in the box outside the church office. Or, for monetary donations, use a Food Ministry Donation Envelope, available in the basket in the narthex. All contributions are greatly appreciated and serve to help people in need at HLR and its surrounding community.

If you or a resident in need, please obtain their name and phone number. Please provide their information to: Bob Mailliard (504-559-6022)



Knights' Korner

Chili Cookoff Results:

Thanks to 30 parishioner votes in our first Texas Chili Cookoff held during the January Monthly Breakfast hosted by Holy Spirit Council 15174, Zach Ellis edged out his father and his cousin Aidan Hauck. He will now represent our Council as the Chili entry to the Tyler Diocese Knights of Columbus semi-annual meeting, January 10, at Flint's St. Mary Magdalene. Good luck, Brother!



Why the White Rose in the Procession of the Gifts during Mass?

Your Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus added the rose, the universal symbol of life, to signify our commitment to life and to remember those lost to abortion.

Save the Date!

The Parish is invited to a Valentine's Day Social **Saturday, February 7** at St. Jude's Hall following the Vigil Mass. The Knights of Holy Spirit Council invite the ladies of Holy Spirit to a meal of brisket and will provide other tokens of our esteem and affection. More to Follow.

Maintenance /Parking Lot Repair

Seeking QUALIFIED Contractors

We are currently seeking bonded and certified contractors to submit bids to perform necessary repairs, resealing, and striping of our three parking lots. To ensure the safety and appearance of our facilities, it is essential that these services are completed by a reputable professional.

Parishioner Assistance Requested

If any parishioners are aware of a contractor who is qualified to complete this work, we kindly ask that you share their contact information with us. Please respond by email with the contractor's details or attach a copy of their business card. Your assistance in helping us maintain our property is greatly appreciated.

For VIRTUS training contact: Justin Mahaffey
Phone: 903-714-3649 or Email: justin.mahaffey@icloud.com



Special Announcements

- After Mass today, come join us in St. Jude's Hall for **DONUT SUNDAY**
- This week Deacon John will conduct a Communion Service on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- The new Ministry Schedule is attached to this week's bulletin.
- The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass and Reception will be held on **Saturday, February 14, 2026**, at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler. All couples celebrating anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 or 50+ years in 2026 are invited. Visit www.dioceseoftyler.org/events to register. Questions contact Maria Garcia 903-534-1077 ext 157 or mgarcia@dioceseoftyler.org



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Hilary Bishop, Doctor of the Church (*Hilary of Poitiers was married and a convert from paganism; leading opponent of Arianism in the West; most noted work "De Trinitate".*)

"Mini Jesus in the Making"



My name is Claire Ellis and I was chosen from the Diocese to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis. The conference gives teens an opportunity to encounter Christ, experience church, and be empowered for discipleship. As a Catholic teen, I was impacted in the most profound way. The speakers spoke with such love for the Catholic faith and the Lord. My friend and I even met and took a picture with one of the MCs. I was able to worship where I felt God's love so profoundly that at one point I was crying and I wasn't the only one. One special memory will always be the live zoom call with Pope Leo XIV. He spoke directly to us, answered our questions, and prayed with us. I really loved that he said, "If you want to change the world, begin by letting God change you." Additionally, being in a place with over 15,000 Catholic teens was amazing because not knowing the person beside you didn't feel uncomfortable. I looked to my left or right and there was a "mini Jesus in the making" smiling at me! This conference more than ever before made me desire that everyone was Catholic which motivates me to want to evangelize everyone! NCYC most certainly fulfilled its mission!

“Why Was Jesus Baptized?”

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” – Matthew 3:17

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. And in today’s Gospel we find John the Baptist resisting Jesus’ request to be baptized. John asks a great question. “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Why did Jesus need to be baptized? After all, John’s baptisms were ceremonial purity washings that individuals did when they turned away from their sins. Jesus was sinless. So why did He make John baptize Him?

There are several reasons. One was that it was the way to make Himself known. John the Baptist, who prophesied the coming of the Savior, saw Him and proclaimed, “Behold, the Lamb of God”. Jesus’ baptism was the beginning of His mission, and two of His disciples witnessed this act, and joined Him right then.

Another reason is that Jesus changed the baptism rite from a ritual cleansing into a Sacramental salvific rebirth. You might say in a sense His act made the water holy; similarly as it is in today’s baptisms. Through God’s grace, by Jesus entering into the flowing waters of baptism, it’s no longer a ritual cleansing, but has now become the catalyst of our salvation.

Pope Benedict described another reason, connecting Jesus’ baptism to His death on the cross. Jesus, who would take all of the sins of the world to the cross, in baptism took them onto His shoulders. Benedict writes, “Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind’s guilt upon his shoulders: he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners. His inaugural gesture was an anticipation of the Cross.” It was His initial act of selflessness for us.

And the reason I like best, also described by Pope Benedict, is that “by Jesus undergoing a ritual for sinners, He is giving a “Yes to the entire will of God” which “also expresses solidarity with men, who have incurred guilt but yearn for righteousness”.

Although He is an innocent and just man, He is joining with us and showing us our way to salvation. In this context, Jesus’ baptism makes a lot of sense. This is the defining moment where Jesus, in his 100% humanity, freely chooses to carry out the Father’s will to its ultimate consequence. And then, heaven opens, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the voice of the Father proclaims, “this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased”.

In this, we see His humanity and we better understand how His baptism was more than a moment; it began His way of life and death. And we see how our baptism defines our lifestyle, too. It’s not simply an auspicious moment that we can forget about once the ceremony is over. No, our baptism is the day that we are reborn.

Original sin is washed away. The Spirit has descended upon us, resides within us and indelibly ties us to Christ. We receive sanctifying grace and the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. We are anointed priests, prophets and kings as adopted children in God’s family and His Church. We, too, are called to live out the Father’s will.

But again and again, temptations emerge facing us with a crisis of faith. Like Jesus, we have a choice. Are we okay with being complacent with our baptism? Or are we willing to live out our baptismal character in our words and actions like Jesus did? Thankfully, through His baptism and His life, we have His example to inspire and guide us.



Baptism of the Lord

D U W B D U A D F A
J C H P E V H O I L
G P W F L L F V J L
B E G H U E O E L O
W N P U I L A V M W
B W A T E R F S E U
J V O I C E N I E D
O I S C N U V T L D
H S P I R I T R V L
N A B A P T I Z E F

John
Baptize
Allow
Fulfill
Water
Spirit
Dove
Voice
Beloved
Pleased



SUNDAYKIDZ

Holy Spirit Ministries Schedule
Jan. 24, 2026 - May 24, 2026

Date	Day	Ems	LECTORS	USHERS	SERVERS	ACOLYTES
01/24/26	Sat	Nancy Mullen	Bridget Rich	Shell Boudreaux	Kaleb Seidel	John Rigney
		Mike Laurel	Dan Zenor	Steve Boswank	Phan	
01/25/26	Sun	Ken Pregeant	Kim Sine	Ken Pregeant	Dominic Ellis	Jeff Ellis
		Jane Bidlack	Lou Masferer	Ruddie Anderson		
01/31/26	Sat	Bridget Rich	Jeanette Sterner	John Rigney	Kaleb Seidel	Stan Evans
		Terri Evans	Dianne Robinson	Bob Mailliard	Phan	
02/01/26	Sun	Nitja McGrane	Lillian Speights	Jeff Leingang		Jerry Hauck
		Cindy Sue Erdag	Pat Bonneville	Cherie Leingang		
02/07/26	Sat	Dianne Robinson	Mike Laurel	Jess Corrigan	Kaleb Seidel	Charlie Clymer
		Ruth Barber	Rebecca Niebrugge	Volunteer	Phan	
02/08/26	Sun	James Cormier	Steve York	John Suchta		Justin Mahaffey
		Ruddie Anderson	Jane Bidlack	Ileana Suchta		
02/14/26	Sat	Jeanette Sterner	Marie Hanson	Shell Boudreaux	Kaleb Seidel	John Rigney
		Dianne Laudt	Melinda Hlavenka	Steve Boswank	Phan	
02/15/26	Sun	Ken Pregeant	Cindy Sue Erdag	Bruce Becker	Dominic Ellis	Jeff Ellis
		Jane Bidlack	Claire Ellis	Debbie Becker		
02/21/26	Sat	Rebecca Niebrugge	Eva Corrigan	John Rigney	Kaleb Seidel	Stan Evans
		Marie Hanson	Brandi Edwards	Bob Mailliard	Phan	
02/22/26	Sun	Nitja McGrane	Lou Masferer	Pat Bonneville		Jerry Hauck
		Cindy Sue Erdag	Kim Sine	Terrie Bonneville		
02/28/26	Sat	Nancy Mullen	Dan Zenor	Jess Corrigan	Kaleb Seidel	Charlie Clymer
		Mike Laurel	Bridget Rich	Volunteer	Phan	
03/01/26	Sun	James Cormier	Pat Bonneville	Ken Pregeant		Justin Mahaffey
		Ruddie Anderson	Lillian Speights	Ruddie Anderson		
03/07/26	Sat	Bridget Rich	Dianne Robinson	Shell Boudreaux	Kaleb Seidel	John Rigney
		Terri Evans	Jeanette Sterner	Steve Boswank	Phan	
03/08/26	Sun	Ken Pregeant	Claire Ellis	Jeff Leingang	Dominic Ellis	Jeff Ellis
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03/15/26	Sun	Nitja McGrane	Jane Bidlack	John Suchta		Jerry Hauck
		Cindy Sue Erdag	Steve York	Ileana Suchta		
03/21/26	Sat	Jeanette Sterner	Melinda Hlavenka	Jess Corrigan	Kaleb Seidel	Charlie Clymer
		Dianne Laudt	Marie Hanson	Volunteer	Phan	
03/22/26	Sun	James Cormier	Kim Sine	Bruce Becker		Justin Mahaffey
		Ruddie Anderson	Lou Masferer	Debbie Becker		

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Jan. 24, 2026 - May 24, 2026

Date	Day	Ems	LECTORS	USHERS	SERVERS	ACOLYTES
03/28/26	Sat	Rebecca Niebrugge	Brandi Edwards	Shell Boudreaux	Kaleb Seidel	John Rigney
		Marie Hanson	Eva Corrigan	Steve Boswank	Phan	
03/29/26	Sun	Ken Pregeant	Lillian Speights	Pat Bonneville	Dominic Ellis	Jeff Ellis
		Jane Bidlack	Pat Bonneville	Terrie Bonneville		
04/04/26	Sat	Nancy Mullen	Bridget Rich	John Rigney	Kaleb Seidel	Stan Evans
Vigil		Mike Laurel	Dan Zenor	Bob Mailliard	Phan	
04/05/26	Sun	Nitja McGrane	Steve York	Ken Pregeant		Jerry Hauck
Easter		Cindy Sue Erdag	Jane Bidlack	Ruddie Anderson		
04/11/26	Wed	Bridget Rich	Jeanette Sterner	Jess Corrigan	Kaleb Seidel	Charlie Clymer
		Terri Evans	Dianne Robinson	Volunteer	Phan	
04/12/26	Thurs	James Cormier	Cindy Sue Erdag	Jeff Leingang		Justin Mahaffey
		Ruddie Anderson	Claire Ellis	Cherie Leingang		
04/18/26	Sat	Dianne Robinson	Mike Laurel	Shell Boudreaux	Kaleb Seidel	John Rigney
		Ruth Barber	Rebecca Niebrugge	Steve Boswank	Phan	
04/19/26	Sun	Ken Pregeant	Lou Masferer	Ileana Suchta	Dominic Ellis	Jeff Ellis
		Jane Bidlack	Kim Sine	John Suchta		
04/25/26	Wed	Jeanette Sterner	Marie Hanson	John Rigney	Kaleb Seidel	Stan Evans
		Dianne Laudt	Melinda Hlavenka	Bob Mailliard	Phan	
04/26/25	Thurs	Nitja McGrane	Pat Bonneville	Bruce Becker		Jerry Hauck
		Cindy Sue Erdag	Lillian Speights	Debbie Becker		
05/02/26	Sat	Rebecca Niebrugge	Eva Corrigan	Jess Corrigan	Kaleb Seidel	Charlie Clymer
		Marie Hanson	Brandi Edwards	Volunteer	Phan	
05/03/26	Sun	James Cormier	Jane Bidlack	Pat Bonneville		Justin Mahaffey
		Ruddie Anderson	Steve York	Terrie Bonneville		
05/09/26	Sat	Nancy Mullen	Dan Zenor	Shell Boudreaux	Kaleb Seidel	John Rigney
		Mike Laurel	Bridget Rich	Steve Boswank	Phan	
05/10/26	Sun	Ken Pregeant	Claire Ellis	Jeff Leingang	Dominic Ellis	Jeff Ellis
		Jane Bidlack	Cindy Sue Erdag	Cherie Leingang		
05/16/26	Sat	Bridget Rich	Dianne Robinson	John Rigney	Kaleb Seidel	Stan Evans
		Terri Evans	Jeanette Sterner	Bob Mailliard	Phan	
05/17/26	Sun	Nitja McGrane	Kim Sine	Ken Pregeant		Jerry Hauck
		Cindy Sue Erdag	Lou Masferer	Ruddie Anderson		

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