

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

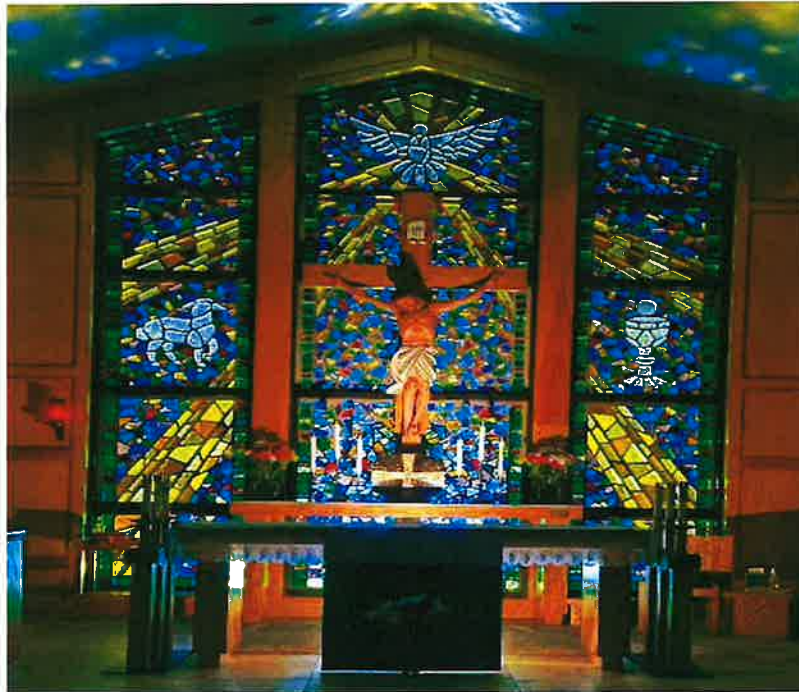
DIocese of TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (Feb. 21 to Feb. 27)

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

Tuesday 9:45 - 12:30 pm
Saturday 4:30 - 4:45 pm
(or by appt.)
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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First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
GEN 2 : 7 - 9 ; 3 : 1 - 7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 51 : 3 - 6 ; 12 - 13 ; 17

2ND READING:
ROM 5 : 12 - 19

GOSPEL:
MT 4 : 1 - 11

Like Adam
and Eve,
Jesus was
tempted,
but...
did not sin.



First Sunday of Lent



Pope Leo's February Intention

For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support never losing strength and hope.

Church Organizations

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



Mass Intentions

Sat 2/21	+Milton Aucoin, Jr (Carolyn Aucoin) Mass for the People of Holy Spirit Parish
Sun 2/22	
Mon 2/23	Richard Liske (Knights of Columbus) Cheryl Vocelka (Marie Hansen) Henry Troell (Knights of Columbus) +John McGrane (Vicki & Jerry Hauck) Sharon & D Reid (Leslie Gorman)
Wed 2/25	
Thurs 2/26	
Fri 2/27	



Remember the sick of our parish: Joann Listi; Deidra Hatcher; Shepard Gartin; Erin Sine; Joe Fazzio; Dr. Steve Boswank; 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; Joe Bonneville; 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 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).

Please check both the remembrance lists (sick and military). If your family member can be removed, please contact the church office (903-769-3235).

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance:	2/14 SAT: 65	2/15 SUN: 75
Collections from 2/7 - 2/8 (Correction)		
Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools	\$	362.00
Collections from 2/14 - 2/15		
Building & Maintenance	\$	650.00
Offertory	\$	2,101.43
Votive Candles	\$	7.50
Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools	\$	25.00

FEBRUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS

1/31 & 2/1: Building and Maintenance Fund
2/7 & 2/8: Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools
2/14 & 2/15: Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe
2/21 & 2/22: Black and Indian Missions

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

FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 2/21:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 2/22:	8:30 am Mass
	NO DONUT SUNDAY!!!
Mon 2/23:	9:00 am Mass 6:00 pm OCIA
Tues 2/24:	9:00 am Communion Service 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 2/25:	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 2/26:	9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Legion of Mary 6:30 pm 4th Degree Knights of Columbus
Fri 2/27:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Makers 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Soup Supper)
Sat 2/28:	5:00 pm Mass

MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 3/1:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 3/2:	9:00 am Communion Service 6:00 pm OCIA
Tues 3/3:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 3/4:	9:00 am Mass 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 3/5:	9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 3/6:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Makers 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross 5:00 - 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

MARCH has sprung!!

**No Donuts
This Sunday, February 21 - 22**



Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Our monthly Fill-a-Bag to Fight Hunger Ministry is this weekend. Please return the filled grocery bag next week. Filled bags can be put in the bin outside the church office or handed to a Food Ministry member. Thank you for your continuing support of this crucial ministry that serves our community at HLR and its surrounding area.

If you know of a resident in need, please obtain their name and phone number. Please provide their information to: Bob Mailliard (503-559-6022)



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES



Saturday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church (Indefatigable defender of the Gregorian reform; O.S.B monk, later Cardinal bishop of Ostia; promoter of religious life.)



Monday: St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr (Disciple of St. John and bishop of Smyrna; his 'Letter to the Philippians' witnesses to various New Testament Writings; the 'Martyrdom of Polycarp' records his being burned at the stake; one of the first martyrs to be venerated.)



Wednesday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church (An Armenian mystical and lyrical poet, abbot, and theologian. He is venerated as a saint in the Armenian Apostolic and Catholic Churches and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis in 2015. He is best known for his 'Book of Lamentations', a major work of mystical literature.)



Knights' Korner



Eats:

The next **Knights' Breakfast** is Sunday, March 1. Our next **Fish Fry** is Friday, March 6. Both events are designed to provide good food and encourage good company.



Free Literature:

In the corridor in St. Jude's Hall, you'll see these pamphlet stacks, *Building the Domestic Church*. The Knights want you to be informed and to that end, these pamphlets are free to take, read, pass around, and learn. Take them, we'll restock when low. Another service of your Holy Spirit Council.

Vivat Jesus!



Special Announcements

- There will be **NO DONUTS** sold after Mass today.
- Tonight, February 22nd, Bishop Gregory Kelly will offer a *Holy Hour for Peace* from 6 - 7 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler.
- **THIS WEEK'S service changes:** Father will celebrate Mass on Monday, February 23rd and on Tuesday, February 24th, Deacon John will lead a Communion Service.
- During the Lenten Season, we will "walk" the Way of the Cross each Friday, beginning at 4:30 pm. This Friday, February 27th; a "Soup Supper" will be provided for those participating in the stations — it will be located in St. Jude's Hall.
- Our parish is inviting parishioners to participate in a special opportunity to donate the 2026 Paschal Candle. This meaningful contribution can be made "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" someone special. Interested parishioners are encouraged to contact the church office by next Sunday, February 27th. You may select the style of the candle, with prices beginning at \$250. The family or individual who donated the candle will have the opportunity to take home the Paschal Candle next year.

NOTICE - CHANCES



- 1) Father has asked Deacon John to begin reviewing all bulletin content. Please submit all bulletin and Mass Announcement requests via email (jerdag@hotmail.com) to Deacon instead of the front office. Deadline is Monday at noon.
- 2) Lent is a time of fasting and abstinence. In order to fulfill these obligations, Holy Spirit Catholic Church Holly Lake Ranch **will no longer host DONUT SUNDAY** during the Lenten Season. DONUT SUNDAY will make its return sometime in April.



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

From the desk of: **Deacon John**

Rite of Election

At this Sunday's Mass, we celebrated the Rite of Election for the two Catechumens that are to receive their Initiation Sacraments at this Easter Saturday Vigil Mass. Two young men named Ryker and Christian. And you were probably wondering what was going on with this rite.

Many people think that the purpose of the Rite of Election is to display the catechumens to the parish, like it's a grand public declaration that they have finally decided to sign up to join the Catholic faith.

But that's not the case. You see, it's the Church that's electing them, not the other way around. The Rite of Election is an outward expression of the choice already made by God. God is calling these individuals to enter into His Church, into the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit has touched their hearts, and they are following that calling.

As it says in the introduction to the rite: *"Thus the Church makes its "election," that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part, at the next major celebration, in the sacraments of initiation."*

I'm not sure I like the word "fit" as much as I'd say "formed". Because in following their calling, for the past months through the OCIA program, they have been undergoing a conversion of their spirits. OCIA is not an academic program that teaches Catholicism. It is a formative program that shapes their hearts and spirits to that calling from God. To enter His Church as lifelong disciples.

Through this rite, they are being acknowledged that God, through the Church, recognizes that they are ready ("fit" or "formed") to enter into the Body of Christ.

And then, next week they will join with the Candidates for Continued Conversion (Baptized Christians of other denominations seeking to join the Catholic faith) at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to meet Bishop Kelly, the shepherd of our diocese who continues to guide us all in our spiritual lives.

They aren't quite in God's Church just yet but are now formed and ready to join "at the next major celebration" which is the Easter Vigil Mass. Please continue to pray for Ryker and Christian as the new Elect, and as they follow their calling to Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist.

LENT 2026 | Reflect. Repent. Restore.

SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Lent March 1	MONDAY March 2	TUESDAY March 3	WEDNESDAY March 4	THURSDAY March 5	FRIDAY March 6	SATURDAY March 7
Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. 2 TIM 1:8	If possible, apologize to someone you have hurt or offer forgiveness.	Before going to bed tonight, take some quiet time to reflect on your day. Notice where God was present and how you responded to his presence. Resolve to be more attentive to God's presence tomorrow.	"Almsgiving...offers us a chance to halt before the poor, to look into their eyes, to touch them and to share something of ourselves with them." Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi te, no. 116	Pray for peace in all the troubled parts of your world, in our communities, and in our families.	Say a prayer for all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, the consecrated life, or the diaconate, that they will have the courage to say "Yes" to God's call.	Today is the memorial of Saints Perpetua & Felicity who were martyred for their faith. Pray for those whose religious freedom is threatened.