

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Celebration of the Mass (Mar. 7 to Mar. 13)

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 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  
**First Friday**  
**Immediately following**  
**the Mass (1 hour)**



## 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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Third Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 2026

## TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING  
EX 17 : 3 - 7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:  
PS 95 : 1 - 2 ; 6 - 9

2ND READING:  
ROM 5 : 1 - 2 ; 5 - 8

GOSPEL:  
JN 4 : 5 - 42



"Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be  
thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw  
water."

John 4 : 15

## Third Sunday of Lent



### Pope Leo's March Intention

For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### Church Organizations

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

### PARISH SUPPORT

<b>Attendance:</b>	2/28	SAT: 77	3/1	SUN: 85
<b>Collections from 2/28 - 3/1</b>				
Building & Maintenance		\$	1,822.00	
Offertory		\$	5,303.57	
Votive Candles		\$	17.00	

### MARCH SECOND COLLECTIONS

2/28 & 3/1: Building and Maintenance Fund  
 3/7 & 3/8: **Easter Flowers**  
 3/14 & 3/15: Catholic Relief Services

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



### Mass Intentions

<b>Sat 3/7</b>	<b>Sadie Rose</b> (Carolyn Aucoin)
<b>Sun 3/8</b>	<b>Mass for the People of Holy Spirit Parish</b>
	<b>+Dean and +Lew Dunson</b> (Kim Sine)
	<b>Alexander Walters</b> (Knights of Columbus)
<b>Tue 3/10</b>	<b>Mike Stephens</b> (Knights of Columbus)
<b>Wed 3/11</b>	<b>Mike Robards</b> (Anna & Bob Parker)
<b>Thurs 3/12</b>	<b>John Carlisle Speights</b> (M/M Speights)
<b>Fri 3/13</b>	



**Remember the sick of our parish:** Mark Edwards; 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 Niebruge; 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 Schmear; 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 faithful departed:** Joann Listi, mother of parishioner, Marie Hansen, passed away last weekend. Cards and letters of concern can be sent to: Marie Hansen; 119 Woodside Ln; 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).

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



**Mary Barber, a long time parishioner of Holy Spirit Parish, is now residing in Wesley House assisted living community in Gilmer. If you would like to send her a card, it can be sent to:**  
**Mary Barber; Wesley House Rm 106; 231 Quail Drive; Gilmer, TX 75645.**

### MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sat 3/7:</b>	9:30 am Patriotic Rosary 5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun 3/8:</b>	8:30 am Mass
<b>Mon 3/9:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service <b>6:00 pm OCIA</b>
<b>Tues 3/10:</b>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration <b>4:00 pm Knights of Columbus #15174 Officers Meeting</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
<b>Wed 3/11:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>10:30 am Bible Study</b> <b>2:00 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING</b> <b>3:00 pm Cenacles of Life</b>
<b>Thurs 3/12:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>1:00 pm Legion of Mary</b> <b>6:30 pm Knights of Columbus #15174 Rosary followed by Meeting (7:00 pm)</b>
<b>Fri 3/13:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>9:30 am Rosary Makers</b> 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Soup Supper)
<b>Sat 3/14:</b>	5:00 pm Mass Claire Ellis Pines Camp Fundraiser
<b>Sun 3/15:</b>	8:30 am Mass Claire Ellis Pines Camp Fundraiser
<b>Mon 3/16:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service <b>6:00 pm OCIA</b>
<b>Tues 3/17:</b>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration <b>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm St. Patrick's Day PotLuck Dinner</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
<b>Wed 3/18:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>3:00 pm Cenacles of Life</b>
<b>Thurs 3/19:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>1:00 pm Legion of Mary</b>
<b>Fri 3/20:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>9:30 am Rosary Makers</b> 3:00 pm Divine Mercy and Rosary Hour 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Soup Supper)

"being" did you remember to spring ahead?

## 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. Additionally, we are, once again, in need of plastic grocery bags.

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

Virtual Q&A Session

## DO'S AND DON'TS OF THE SACRAMENTS

MARCH 16, 2026 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Find Zoom link at  
[www.dioceseoftyler.org/events](http://www.dioceseoftyler.org/events)



Claire Ellis, Holy Spirit parishioner, will be attending The Pines Catholic Camp this June! She will sell custom made Catholic magnets on March 14 - 15 after Mass in order to raise the needed funds. Any support is greatly appreciated. This will be her fifth year attending (thanks to many of you) and she will receive a special memento from the Camp Director to commemorate this milestone. Thank you for your upcoming support.



**THE PINES**  
catholic camp

Bringing campers closer to Christ through the joy of our catholic faith!

[www.thepines.org](http://www.thepines.org)

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



### SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Saturday: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity Martyrs** (*Perpetua, a noble lady, and Felicity, her slave were martyred at Carthage under Septimus Servus.*)

**Monday: St. Frances of Rome Religious** (*Noblewoman, wife, and mother who founded a community of Benedictine women oblates committed to serving the poorest of the poor; patroness of widows and motorists.*)



## BRUNCH WITH

*Lella Lawler*

TICKETS REQUIRED  
ADMISSION IS DONATION BASED  
\$10 SUGGESTION

Join us for brunch and an inspiring morning, as we welcome acclaimed Catholic author and speaker Lella Lawler.



The author of *The Summa*, *Domestic Order and Wonder in Family Life*, Lella is a beloved writer, translator, and mother of seven who speaks passionately about sustaining beauty, order, and creativity within the heart of the home.



<https://trivet.com/lella-lawler-brunch>

**28 MARCH 2026**

FROM 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

CATHEDRAL CENTER  
1215 Broadway Tyler, TX 75702



## Special Announcements

- This Wednesday, March 11th, the Finance Committee will meet in St. Jude's Hall at 2:00 pm. If you have any "constructive" items to be discussed, please present them in writing to the church office by noon on Monday, March 9th.
- During the Lenten Season, we will "walk" the Way of the Cross each Friday, beginning at 4:30 pm. This Friday, March 13th, a Soup Supper will be available for those participating in the Stations.
- Come join us for a St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner—corned beef will be provided; parishioners are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm in St. Jude's Hall.
- The minutes from the February 17th Parish Council Meeting are available in the church office.
- Father has asked Deacon John to begin reviewing all bulletin content. Please submit all bulletin and Mass Announcement requests via email ([jerdag@hotmail.com](mailto:jerdag@hotmail.com)) to Deacon instead of the front office. Deadline is Monday at noon.



Holy Spirit is looking for a parishioner who is interested in organizing an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Please contact the church office (903)769-3235.



## Knights' Korner

### Eats:

The last Holy Spirit Council Fish Fry is Friday, March 27th. Join us. Our next breakfast is not on the first Sunday of April, that being Easter Sunday. We will have it on April 12th, the following Sunday.

### What do Knights do differently during Lent?

Glad you asked. Being practicing Catholics, we not only join in the preparation for Easter but we pray and fast for our Brothers, their families, and our fellow Parishioners. We're guided by the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Sound familiar? Join us for the 3rd Friday (March 20th) at the hour of mercy (3pm) before the 4:30 pm Stations in the Church. It's about repentance!

### Joining the Knights of Columbus:

Scan this QR code with your smart phone. It will bring up the Knights of Columbus website for joining. We're Council #15174. We're waiting for you!



SCAN ME

“Living Water”

*The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty” – John 4:15*

I believe one of the greatest desires that every single person has is to be truly loved. Whether a spouse or best friend, or maybe sibling or parent, we try so hard to find love; not just a surface level love, but a fulfilling love where we’re known and accepted just for who we are. That person who knows everything about us, all the good stuff and all the bad stuff, and who still wants us anyway.

Often the problem for many of us, though, is that we don’t feel that our true selves are worthy enough to gain someone’s unconditional love. Maybe I’m not smart enough. Or good looking enough. Or popular enough. Or maybe I’m afraid I’ll get hurt if I reveal too much of myself to another person. Maybe my sins are so big that no one could ever love me because of them. Whatever it is, we don’t feel worthy enough.

In today’s Gospel, Christ is saying to the Samaritan woman, “Enough!” Enough of this fear. Enough of these barriers. Enough ‘amazement’ that I’m sitting with and talking to an outcast Samaritan woman. I do love you. Unconditionally and with all My heart.

Jesus didn’t care about rules, or laws, or how little we think of ourselves. As He shows us, all He cared about was the Samaritan woman and her people. On that day, He showed her by His words and His actions that no matter what she thought of herself, and no matter what society thought, in His eyes she was enough.

And then He promised an amazing thing – Living Water. What is Living Water? Jesus is referring to the waters of baptism through which we receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who resides within us is our Living Water.

A many time divorced, living with another man, woman Samaritan, cast out by her own people so badly that she had to collect her own water in the middle heat of the day was shown the ultimate act of acceptance. If she followed Him, she could be baptized in water and the Spirit.

And the awesome thing is, Jesus does the same with us. We aren’t perfect, yet He speaks to us. We are human and He is God, yet through our baptisms and by following Him, He becomes intimately one with us. We may think our world wants nothing to do with us, yet Jesus wants everything to do with us.

And how does this Living Water quench us? Pope Francis once told us, “The ‘living water,’ the Holy Spirit, the Gift of the Risen One who comes to dwell in us, cleanses us, enlightens us, renews us, transforms us by rendering us partakers of the very life of God who is Love.” He continues, “the Holy Spirit quenches our lives because it tells us that we are loved by God as His children, that we can love God as His children, and that by His grace we can live as children of God, as did Jesus.”

In other words, no matter who or what we are, we are transformed by the Holy Spirit, and through Him we can always find self-worth in God’s love for us. The wisdom given by the Holy Spirit helps us to realize that we are not alone. We are with so many others, children of God, just like us. We’re all a part of a much bigger thing. We are the Church, the Body of Christ brought together to love each other as Christ does. Unconditionally, with encouragement, prayer, and support. And that brings purpose, and comfort, to us.

This time of Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the meaning of our baptisms and the Holy Spirit within us. It doesn’t matter what the world has told you about yourself. It doesn’t matter how little or insignificant or unworthy you think you are. Here in the Body of Christ with His Living Water, you are always enough for Him.

**LENT 2026** | Reflect. Repent. Restore.

<b>SUNDAY</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent March 8	<b>MONDAY</b> March 9	<b>TUESDAY</b> March 10	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> March 11	<b>THURSDAY</b> March 12	<b>FRIDAY</b> March 13	<b>SATURDAY</b> March 14
<p><b>“But the hour is coming and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth.”</b></p> <p>John 4:23</p>	<p><b>Pray one of the Penitential Psalms (Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143) and give thanks for God’s mercy. Have you gone to confession yet this Lent?</b></p>	<p><b>Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary for the Pope’s Intention for March: For disarmament and peace.</b></p>	<p><b>“The poorest are not only objects of our compassion, but teachers of the Gospel. It is not a question of ‘bringing’ God to them, but encountering him among them.”</b></p> <p>Pope Leo XIV, <i>Dilexi te</i>, no. 5</p>	<p><b>As Lent nears its halfway point, recommit yourself to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to purify your heart for the Paschal feast.</b></p>	<p><b>Pray the Stations of the Cross (<i>Stations of the Cross/USCCB</i>), either in your parish or on your own.</b></p>	<p><b>Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner.</b></p>