

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (Apr. 18 to Apr. 24)

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



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 Easter
April 19, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
ACTS 2 : 14 ; 22 - 33

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 16 : 1 - 42; 5 ;
7 - 11

2ND READING:
I PT 1 : 17 - 21

GOSPEL:
LK 24 : 13 - 35

With that their eyes were opened and they
recognized him,



but he vanished from their sight.

Third Sunday of Easter



Pope Leo's April Intention

For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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
Cenacles of Life	Vicki Hauck
Funeral Preparations	Deacon John Erdag

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance:	4/11	SAT: 85	4/12	SUN: 81
Collections from 4/11 - 4/12				
Offertory		\$	2,364.31	
Votive Candles		\$	12.00	
Holy Spirit Food Pantry		\$	40.00	
Caring for Priests		\$	911.00	

APRIL SECOND COLLECTIONS

4/3: Good Friday for the Holy Land
 4/4 & 4/5: Building and Maintenance Fund
 4/11 & 4/12: Caring for the Priests
 4/25 & 4/26: Catholic Home Missions

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



Mass Intentions

Sat 4/18	Candi & LC Dodson (Linda & Eric Hurley)
Sun 4/19	Mass for the People of Holy Spirit Parish
	Bridget Rich & Family
Tue 4/21	James Wheeler (Knights of Columbus)
Wed 4/22	Eric Hurley (Knights of Columbus)
Thur 4/23	Rev. Timothy Kelly (Knights of Columbus)
Fri 4/24	+Alan Pike (Ann Marie Vancas)



Remember the sick of our parish: Mary Barber; 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 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 Boman).

Called by Name

Bishop Kelly is asking all parishes to participate in the "Called by Name" campaign. This is a diocesan-wide attempt to identify faithful young men who may be open to the priesthood.

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

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 4/18:	5:00 pm Mass	
Sun 4/19:	8:30 am Mass	
	DONUT SUNDAY	
Mon 4/20:	9:00 am Communion Service	
	6:00 pm OCIA	
Tues 4/21:	9:00 am Mass	
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration	
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration	
Wed 4/22:	9:00 am Mass	
	10:30 am Bible Study	
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life	
Thurs 4/23:	9:00 am Mass	
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary	
Fri 4/24:	9:00 am Mass	
	9:30 am Rosary Makers	
Sat 4/25:	5:00 pm Mass	
Sun 4/26:	8:30 am Mass	
Mon 4/27:	9:00 am Communion Service	
	6:00 pm OCIA	
Tues 4/28:	9:00 am Mass	
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration	
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration	
Wed 4/29:	9:00 am Mass	
	10:30 am Bible Study	
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life	
Thurs 4/30:	9:00 am Mass	
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary	
Fri 5/1:	9:00 am First Friday Mass with Healing Prayers	

it's
 bluebonnet season!



Special Message from Bishop Kelly

Pope Leo XIV and His Call for Peace

Here in Tyler, we are far from the war and the consequences of the war save for higher prices at the pump. We are witnesses to an extraordinary exchange between our spiritual leader, Leo XIV and our civil leader, the president.

Our Holy Father is not a politician. He speaks as a pastor. He speaks from the lens of the gospel. He stands up for those who bear the consequences of this war: the poor, the innocent, the millions who have had to flee from their homes. The Holy Father sees the war through the lens of the gospel. He speaks through the lens of the gospel, a single lens. His call for peace is not an other-worldly dream with no relationship to the hard geopolitical realities of the world. His is the most realistic approach, his call to peace the best path forward, the one most supportive of human dignity and flourishing.

The dignity of the human person is at the heart of every aspect of Catholic Social Teaching, from abortion and euthanasia to upholding the rights of immigrants and seeking the pathways of peace. All violations of human dignity leave a trail of human suffering. All are forms of violence; they only spiral and escalate, their only result further violence, further violations of human dignity.

This is where we are. Let us pray for our Holy Father, that his vision, which is the vision of the gospel (Blessed are the peacemakers) prevail. That it becomes more and more our own vision.

Bishop Greg Kelly



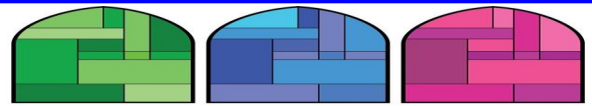
SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Anselm Bishop, Doctor of Church (Archbishop of Canterbury; theologian and philosopher: *"fides quaeerens intellectum"*, authored *"Prosologion, Cur Deus Homo"*, and *"The Porcession of the Holy Spirit"*; known as the *"Father of Scholasticism"*.)

Thursday: St. George Martyr (Legend portrays him as a knight and dragon slayer; since the Crusades, the patron of England and Constantinople.)

St. Adalbert Bishop, Martyr (Born of a noble family in Bohemia; at age 26, elected bishop of Prague; forced to leave his See twice due to violent political oppression; patron of Bohemia, the Czech Republic, Prussia, and Poland.)

Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen Priest, Martyr (Known as the *"lawyer of the poor"* before becoming a Capuchin; protomartyr of Propaganda Fide.)



Special Announcements

- After Sunday's Mass, come join us for **DONUT SUNDAY!**
- A reminder for this Easter Season to come spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Hours are Tuesdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm or 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. *"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give true peace, since it alone possess Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace."* —St. Padre Pio
- Don't forget to bring items for the Knight's Baby Shower which supports the Building Block, Living Alternatives Ministry. Accepting donations in the playpen located in the narthex of the Church. April 11 - 26.
- Continue to support Hol Spirit's Food Ministry - food donations can be placed in the container outside the church office or money donations can be placed in the food Ministry Donation Envelope and placed in the offertory.



*"A house of silence
where everyone speaks with God"*

Are you spiritually hungry, tired, or restless?

Jesus asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House offers a holy space and a beautiful place by the lake to deepen your relationship with Jesus. Retreatants experience restorative peace and transformative renewal on these grounds made sacred by prayer.

Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House | Lake Dallas, TX
<https://montserratretreat.org>

Upcoming Retreat Schedule

**Our Retreats Fill up Fast!
Register Soon!**

3-Day Women's Retreat #14	April 9-12, 2026
3-Day Women's Retreat #53	April 30-May 3, 2026
2-Day Open Retreat for Men, Women & Couples #26	May 8-10, 2026
2-Day Hispanic Retreat for Men, Women & Couples #36	May 15-17, 2026
3-Day Women's Retreat #17	May 28-31, 2026
3-Day Men's Retreat #20	June 4-7, 2026
5 or 8 Day Summer Directed Retreats	June 14, 2026
3-Day Hispanic Retreat for Women #32	June 25-28, 2026
3-Day Women's Retreat #17	July 9-12, 2026

Road to Emmaus

By Deacon John

One of my favorite comments from my Protestant friends is that the Catholic Mass is boring. Many of their services have rock bands and laser stage lights and coffee bars. They're exciting. My friends tell me that Catholic Masses on the other hand are repetitive and boring. And then they always ask, "Besides, where is the Catholic Mass in Scripture?"

You'd think I'd point them to the Last Supper 3 Synoptic Gospels; and I usually do. But before I go there with them, I first show them today's Gospel reading about the Road to Emmaus.

On Easter Sunday, two of Christ's disciples are walking away from Jerusalem and back to their town seven miles away. They're discouraged and confused over His death. Along the route, they meet a stranger who appears to not know about the recent happenings. It's Jesus, present to them, yet they don't quite see Him. Very much like the invisible reality of Christ's presence at our Mass.

He greets them and joins them as they walk together up the road. Just like our Opening Mass procession where He enters our church through the Word and through the celebrant. And we walk with Him.

He asks what they're talking about, and they confess to Him that they thought Jesus was the Messiah, but now they are wavering in that belief. A minor confession, similar to our Mass Penitential Rite where we admit to others that we are sinners and seek intercessions from them for absolution from God.

Then starting with Moses, Jesus tells stories of Scripture and interprets everything that relates to Him. The travelers are amazed by His teachings. This is exactly our Liturgy of the Word and homily.

As they approach the village, He appears to be going on, yet they ask Him to stay and join in their meal. That's the Eucharistic Prayer in our Mass where we hear "therefore Oh Lord, we humbly implore you to make holy these gifts..." In other words, we're asking for Jesus to join us.

Jesus decides to stay with them. He goes inside and at the table, He took bread, said a blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. The Consecration of the Eucharist and Communion distribution. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus. Just like Jesus at Mass, we're now physically present with Him. Our eyes can see Him in the holy Eucharist, and we join with Him through this meal.

Then, filled with joy, they set out at once and return to Jerusalem where they "found gathered together the eleven and those with them, and they recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread". At Mass, that's our Sending Forth. Having partaken of the Eucharist, Jesus remains in us and we remain in Him. As the Body of Christ, we become the Eucharist for those who aren't present at Mass. In our joy and enthusiasm for the Lord, we go out and tell the world about Him.

The Road to Emmaus. It's a Mass. Done early on Easter morning. See? The very first thing that Jesus did upon rising from the dead was hold a Mass. No bands, no lights, no coffee. Mass. That's how important it is to Him; and to us.

Our Mass is not about repetition or redundancy. It's about being physically present with Jesus. Walking with Him, listening to Him, eating with Him, being so excited about seeing Him that we can't wait to tell others about Him. And it's about His extreme desire to be physically present with us.

So always attend Mass joyfully and in anticipation of being with Christ. Be enthusiastic that our God loves us so much that He wants to be here present with us, too.

I get laughed at a lot because I'm always up at the altar with big smile on my face. But I can't help it. I just love being at Mass, gathered with each other, spending this time with Jesus. And I know He has a big smile on His face, too. After all, being with you and me is the whole reason why He was walking on the road.