

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Celebration of the Mass (May 9 to May 15)

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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Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026

## TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING  
ACTS 8 : 5 - 8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:  
PS 66 : 1 - 7 ; 16 ; 20

2ND READING:  
I PT 3 : 15 - 18

GOSPEL:  
JN 14 : 15 - 21



Today, we  
recognize  
Mary as the  
Queen of  
Heaven by  
crowning her  
with flowers.

# Sixth Sunday of Easter



## Pope Leo's May Intention

That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## 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
Music Ministry	Nitja McGrane
Food Pantry	Bob Mailliard
Rosary Makers/Prayer Blankets	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacles of Life	Vicki Hauck
Funeral Preparations	Deacon John Erdag

## May Crowning

The May Crowning is a cherished Catholic tradition that expresses love, reverence, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Crowning Mary acknowledges her as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God, highlighting her obedience to God and her role as the first and greatest disciple. The ceremony symbolizes Mary's spiritual motherhood, her faithful "yes" to God, and her exalted place in salvation history. The flowers used in the crown represent new life, resurrection, and the beauty of spring, connecting Mary to the renewal of the Easter season.



## PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 5/2 SAT: 73 5/3 SUN: 68

### Collections from 4/25 - 4/26

Offertory	\$ 4,277.25
Votive Candles	\$ 10.50
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 20.00
Caring for Priests	\$ 5.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 207.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,776.00

### MAY SECOND COLLECTIONS

5/9 & 5/10: Collection for Women Religious in Diocese  
5/16 & 5/17: Catholic Communications

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



## Mass Intentions

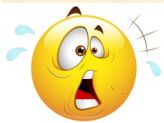
Sat 5/9	+Joann Listi (Rebecca Niebrugge)
Sun 5/10	Mass for the People of Holy Spirit Parish
	+John McGrane (Nitja McGrane)
Tue 5/12	Bryan Todd (Knights of Columbus)
Wed 5/13	+Dean Dunson (Kim Sine)
Thur 5/14	+Adela Godinez (Lou Masferrer)
Fri 5/15	Geoff Griffin (Knights of Columbus)



## MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

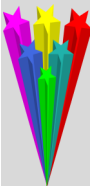
Sat 5/9:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 5/10:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 5/11:	9:00 am Communion Service 6:00 pm OCIA
Tues 5/12:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 4:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 5/13:	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 5/14:	9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Legion of Mary 6:30/ 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary/Meeting
Fri 5/15:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Makers 3:00 pm Divine Mercy & Rosary Hour
Sat 5/16:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 5/17:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 5/18:	9:00 am Communion Service 6:00 pm OCIA
Tues 5/19:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 5/20:	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 5/21:	9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 5/22:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Makers

## NO DONUTS THIS SUNDAY



Donut sales and fellowship is taking a sabbatical for the summer: they will return in September 2026.

## A BIG WELCOME



We welcome to our parish staff Kathy Mahaffey, our new Data Entry Clerk. Stop by the office Monday through Wednesday to introduce yourself to her. We are glad you are here!

## Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Monthly Fill-A-Bag to Fight Hunger is next weekend, May 16 and 17. Please pick up a grocery bag in the narthex after mass. Then, return the bag the following 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 HLR and the surrounding community.

If you, or you know of a person in need, please give a contact phone number to:

**Bob Mailliard (503) 559-6022**



**Remember the sick of our parish:** Mary Barber; Mark Edwards; Deidra Hatcher; Shepard Gartin; Erin Sine; Joe Fazio; 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; Emy 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).



### **SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus Martyrs** (Pope St. Damasus writes that they were Praetorian soldiers who converted to Christianity; were beheaded during the reign of Trajan on the island of Terracina.)

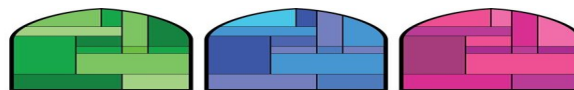
**St. Pancras Martyr** (His "acts" state that he was a Syrian or Phrygian orphan who came to Rome where he converted to Christianity; beheaded under Diocletian at age 14; buried on Via Aurelia.)

**Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima** (Venerated under this title following the apparitions to 3 shepherd children in Portugal; her message included a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin, and prayer, especially the Rosary.)

**Thursday: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** (The risen Jesus Christ ascended into heaven in the presence of his apostles, completing his earthly mission and beginning his exaltation at the right hand of God the Father, where he intercedes for humanity as the eternal High Priest.)

**St. Matthias Apostle** (Was chosen to replace Judas; he witnessed Jesus' ministry and resurrection; said to have been martyred at Colchis (modern day Georgia) or Jerusalem.)

**Friday: St. Isidore** (Farm laborer associated with miracles; patron of Madrid, of farmers, and of rural communities.)



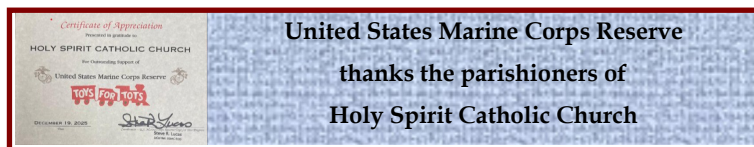
## Special Announcements

- ◆ **Next Sunday's second collection is for Catholic Communications.** This Campaign connects people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media.
- ◆ **There are several openings during the week for Mass intentions now and throughout the month of June.** Call or come by the office if you are interested in having Father offer a Mass for you or a loved one.
- ◆ **Music Ministry would like to thank Lou Masferrer for her dedication and leadership for the past several years—she has given hours to Holy Spirit's Music Ministry. She has decided to step down as director but will continue to be a member of the choir. Nitja McGrane has graciously volunteered to step into the Music Ministry Director's role. We look forward to working with Nitja.**

### An invitation...

On behalf of the Service Team of the "Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament" Chapter of Magnificat, an Apostolate of the Fort Worth Diocese, we warmly invite the women of your parish to join us for the **Magnificat Prayer Meal on Saturday, May 16, 2026.** This special morning includes breakfast, heartfelt praise and worship, communal prayer, and a powerful personal testimony by **Carrie Sanchez**, Catholic author, singer, and songwriter.

Please contact: **Mary Trevino, 214-868-5559**



## Knights' Korner



### **Eats:**

Our next monthly breakfast is **June 7th.**

### **Meeting Reminder**

The **planning meeting** is **Tuesday, May 12 at 4:00 pm** in St. Jude's Hall and the regular **business meeting** is **Thursday, May 14 at 5:30 pm** for dinner, 6:30 pm Rosary in the Church and 7:00 pm meeting in the Knight's room in St. Jude's Hall. Many new items to discuss and vote!

### **Baby Shower:**

The **Council thanks Holy Spirit parishioners** for supporting the 2026 Pro-Life Baby Shower. While we are grateful for every gift, donations were lower than in previous years.

Because several parishioners asked for more time, you may still donate items or money. Please place donations in the portable play pen in St. Jude's Hall by Sunday, May 17th. Make checks payable to **Living Alternatives** and write "**Building Blocks**" in the memo line.

Donations support **Living Alternatives' Building Blocks Ministry.** Through an earn-while-you-learn program, young parents earn points for attending doctor appointments, parenting classes, and mentoring sessions, which they can use to obtain baby items. The ministry also provides free pregnancy testing, and sonograms. Visit [livingalternatives.org](http://livingalternatives.org) for details.

### **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 are waiting for you!



## Baptism for the Community

By Deacon John

On this Sixth Week of Easter, we have some very special events at Holy Spirit Parish during our Sunday Mass. In honor of May, the month of the Virgin Mary, we'll celebrate the traditional May crowning. In honor of Mother's Day, we'll celebrate a special blessing for all mothers. And in honor of the Easter Resurrection, we'll celebrate a Baptism.

The baptism is for a little baby girl named Nixie. This is so exciting because baptisms at our "more mature" parish are rare. So, I thought this would be a great opportunity for my article this week to discuss this beautiful Sacrament, and also why we've chosen to celebrate it within our Mass.

As we know, Catholic teaching of baptism is not that we are dedicating the child to God. That's the more Protestant perspective of showing their faith to Him. And while faith is an absolute necessity of our Catholic lives, we understand that baptism is really about God's intention to give special grace to us. His gift to us; not us gifting Him. Baptism, like all Sacraments, is the downward flowing of grace from God to us, not an upward presentation of us to Him.

And the gifts that He gives through baptism are wonderful. The most common thought of the effect of baptism is the forgiveness of sins. And that is remarkable in itself. We humans are fallen creatures. Baptism cleanses us of our fallen sins; including the effect that original sin has upon every one of us.

But there's so much more. Through baptism we are made new creatures; adopted by God, "partakers of divine nature", and co-heirs with Christ. We become temples of the Holy Spirit as He is sent to dwell in us. We're incorporated into the Church, and as true members of the Body of Christ, we are indelibly marked, configured to Christ. This gives us a share in the common priesthood of all believers that allows us to act in Christ's prophetic and kingly nature.

Baptism is the beginning of rebirth in Christ gifted to us by God for our salvation. That's why baptism is a primary message in the Church at Easter as we share in Christ's resurrection new life. And that's why we are celebrating this Baptism in our parish on Sunday during this Easter season.

Okay. But why at Mass? Well, first it's important to remember that Sacraments are for the community. Yes, the people receiving the Sacraments are blessed with the special grace of the Sacrament. But the whole community is also graced through its witness of Sacraments. This is why all Sacraments (with the exception of the Healing Sacraments) must be done inside the church building; so as to be shared with the community.

Through this open visual event, we the community experience a tangible reminder of when we ourselves received the Sacrament. Sunday's baptism reminds us of our own baptismal grace and invokes within us the awareness that we, too, have been brought into the Body of Christ. It helps reaffirm our own baptismal vows and obligations to be priests, prophets and kings in glorifying God to the world.

Also, it's recognition that through this person who is being spiritually strengthened, our whole parish community is also being strengthened. Because anytime any part of a body grows, the whole body grows. For example, jogging strengthens our legs and lungs, which makes our whole body healthier overall. Through this baptism, our parish community is gaining a new member. And all of the special and unique characteristics that God created in Nixie will now add to the specialness and uniqueness of Holy Spirit parish. That makes us healthier.

But the best reason of all is because of the love that makes up our parish community. I'm always amazed at the Church family we have and how we care for each other. Especially the children. We've all heard Nixie "sing" during Mass and we laugh with her. Like every single child in our parish, she's filled our hearts. We love our children. We love Nixie. And because we love her, we're overcome with joy for her as we watch her receive this Sacrament.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me". Sunday, Nixie is coming to Him. And also, to us. Along with her parents and godparents, our community, too, celebrates with her. For we are made so much stronger now.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Safety Notice:** With safety preparations nearly complete, we will schedule classes for fire extinguisher operation, safety committee procedures, etc. In January, several parishioners volunteered to participate in

the Safety Committee; your volunteering is greatly appreciated. We are close to organizing and conducting training. Please continue to check the bulletin for upcoming training dates!

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Parking Lot Slurring:** Preparation has begun for the parking lot restoration. In the next few weeks, all weekly ministry meetings need to prepare for alternative parking needs while the resurfacing and

marking processes take place. The parish office will contact ministry leaders with additional information as it comes available. Your cooperation in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.