

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (July 4 to July 10)

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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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
ZEC 9 : 9 - 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
145 : 1 - 2 ; 8 - 11 ; 13 - 14

2ND READING:
ROM 8 : 9 ; 11 - 13

GOSPEL:
MATT 11 : 25 - 30



"Come to me, all
you who labor and
are burdened,
and I will give you
rest."
Matthew 11:28

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Pope Leo's June Intention

For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 7/4	+John McGrane (M/M Hauck)
Sun 7/5	The People of Holy Spirit Parish
	Michael Speights (Lillian Speights)
Tue 7/7	+Tom Hayes (Brandy Edwards)
Wed 7/8	Rocio Kolinko (M/M Hauck)
Thur 7/9	Active & Auxiliary Members of the Legion of Mary
Fri 7/10	Jackie Lum (Kathy Mahaffey)



Pray For Our Sick

Dianne & Gary Laudt; Fran Fleming; Mark Edwards; Shepard Gartin; Erin Sine; Joe Fazzio; Dr. Steve Boswank; Charles McCloskey; Deanie DeLee; Sharon Ryan; Marge & Charlie Clymer; Mary Langoff; 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; Rolan & Pat Schmeier; Barbara Schneider; Helen Kaczowka; Emly Walker; Joe Bonneville; Juan & Barbara Delgado; Avery Boultinghouse; Joe & 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

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

Pray For Our Soldiers

Senior Chief Petty Officer, James Nichols (Nephew of Dcn John & Cindy Erdag); Cody Mitchell, LTJG Navy (Son-in-law of Stan & Terrie Evans); Ben Clymer, Sr Airman USAF (Grandson of Charlie & Marge Clymer); Captain Joseph Chandler, US Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan); Lt Gary Buchanan, Lt Will Corrigan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan); Paul Morena AMT 2nd Class (Grandson of Kathy Boman)



PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance:	6/27	SAT: 70	6/28	SUN: 94
Collections from 6/27 - 6/28				
Offertory			\$	2,146.24
Candles			\$	8.58
Retired Priests of Diocese			\$	50.00
Holy Spirit Food Pantry			\$	20.00
Pontifical for Peter's Pence			\$	570.00

JULY SECOND COLLECTIONS

7/4 & 7/5: Building & Maintenance Fund

7/25 & 7/26: Church in Africa

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

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 7/4:	9:30 am Patriotic Rosary
	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 7/5:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 7/6:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 7/7:	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 7/8:	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
Thurs 7/9:	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
	6:30/7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Installation Mtg
Fri 7/10:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution
Sat 7/11:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 7/12:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 7/13:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 7/14:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 7/15:	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
Thurs 7/16:	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 7/17:	9:00 am Mass /Healing - First Friday
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution
	3:00 pm Divine Mercy & Rosary Hour

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**



SPECIAL MASS OBSERVANCES

Monday:
St. Maria Goretti

Thursday:
St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Special Healing Prayer Request

Holy Spirit community has been asked to offer prayers for the family of Diane Laudt.

In an effort to regain full health, this past Monday, Diane was transferred to Baylor in Dallas for more specialized care. Please pray for Diane and Gary, their family, and the attending hospital medical staff.



THE GIFT OF PRESENCE: BRINGING HOPE BEHIND PRISON WALLS

Each year, the Bishop's Appeal for Ministries invites us to participate in something greater than ourselves, the shared mission of Christ throughout the Diocese of Tyler.

Often, we think that financial support is the only way to serve others across East Texas; however, just as essential to the mission of the Church is the **gift of presence**. "We need people who are willing to volunteer," shared Deacon Dan Rose, who helps coordinate Prison Ministry throughout our diocese.

The Diocese of Tyler serves 18 prison units across East Texas, one of the highest concentrations of prison facilities within any Catholic diocese in Texas. Behind those walls are thousand of men and women searching for hope, healing, and a reminder that they have not been forgotten by God. Today, several prison units go weeks, and sometimes months, without a Catholic presence. Not because the Church is unwilling to serve, but because there are not enough volunteers.

Prison Ministry is simple in structure but profound in impact. Volunteers spend a few hours visiting with inmates, praying with them, sharing conversation, and assisting with Communion services. What may seem like an ordinary visit often becomes an extraordinary moment of grace. As Deacon Dan reminds volunteers, "Many of those incarcerated are seeking forgiveness, healing, and creating a relationship with God. They've made a mistake, but they've got clean hearts."

To learn more: [Prison Ministry - The Catholic Diocese of Tyler](#)

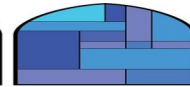


Tues 10 am - 6 pm
Sat 10 am - 2 pm



*"Bringing Catholicism closer to our
community—one gift at a time!"*

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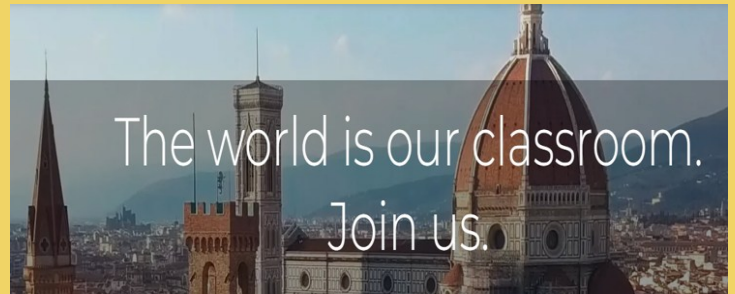


Announcements

- ◆ In an effort to better serve the many groups and organizations of Holy Spirit Parish, the office staff has created individual folders and copier codes. Please stop by the office door and check out your message folder. If your organization is not represented, please let Kim or Kathy know and it will be added.
- ◆ Mass intention requests for the months of July through September are open. Contact the church office (903-769-3235).
- ◆ **REMINDER:** If you have either a church building key or an office key, please contact Kathy Mahaffey 903-769-3235.



Council on International Educational
Exchange



CIEE's High School Exchange Program is currently looking for a caring Christian family to serve as a **Welcome Family**. CIEE searches for families whom share similar values with each exchange student's family. The host family is to provide a safe, welcoming home, meals, and a bedroom. Students arrive with their own health insurance, spending money, and personal funds for school and activities. Students will remain in the United States for 8 - 12 weeks.

Questions can be directed to Ashley Lozon, Regional Placement Coordinator (alozon@cieee.org) or Callie Dixon, Regional Manager (cdixon@cieee.org).



Knights' Korner



Parish Invitation:

Please join Grand Knight LC Dodson and the Holy Spirit Council on Thursday, July 9th at 6:30 pm for the Council leadership installation, a short meeting and snacks. We're celebrating the new Fraternal Year of 2026 - 2027. Come and talk with the men and their families who support our Pastor, Father O'Dowd, and most Parish activities with manpower, resources, and food. See and hear what our own Holy Spirit Council does for the men and parishioners of Holy Spirit.

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!



SCAN ME

Freedom of Religion

By Deacon John

This weekend's 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States has really brought attention to just how special our country is. Built upon the ideology of freedom from oppression and persecution, our country was founded on principles, ethics, morals, and yes, a belief in God's blessings over us. And boy has He blessed us.

He's blessed us with tremendous natural resources which have enriched and sustained us. He blessed us with ingenuity to build, invent and discover. He's blessed us with a solid form of government that provides freedom for every citizen: freedom of speech, from tyranny, from prejudice, and for dignity. He blessed us with unity, respect and love for family and all life. He's blessed us with the means to defend ourselves and our way of life.

Most importantly, He's blessed us with freedom of religion. In the United States, we actually have the freedom to do that. That is very rare. As we know too well, people in other lands are in danger of death right now, simply because they follow Christ. They aren't free to share Him in the world. We are!

Yet with that freedom comes obligation. Freedom of religion is not simply our liberty to worship how we want. It's the ability to celebrate our religion fully. We have the right to walk down the streets of America and reveal Jesus to others, through our love for them, in our actions and in our words. Even (and especially) to those who exercise their same rights to shout against us.

And we know the opposition is strong. We all see the social and political attack on the Church in the United States these days. Major attacks on the most basic and foundational religious and familial pillars of our society. Those same pillars that this country was founded upon are in serious danger of collapsing.

Through our rights of freedom of religion, we must stand up for Christ against His persecutors. We must be visible and vocal in supporting the tenets of Christ's Church. Especially our faith and family. Not with violence or nasty arguments, but with strength and conviction in dialog in the face of our adversary's rage.

And yes that is scary. We risk offending our family. We risk losing friends. We risk being called all kinds of heinous names and accused of being hate mongers. We might even risk our personal safety.

But as a great Catholic once told me, "To be persecuted for speaking truth is an honor every Christian should be willing to embrace. It is walking with Jesus Christ who is Truth Incarnate. If we know Jesus it is easier to speak His Truth no matter what forces oppose us. The opposition is temporary, Jesus is forever."

We can never stop proclaiming His glory. We can never be ashamed or afraid to show our love for Jesus. We can never let any opposition shut Him down or push Him out of our beloved country. It's our freedom and our right, and our duty. And maybe, as we do that, those people will turn back to Him and their hearts will open to Him. And we might be able to reconstruct those pillars.

I am so proud to be a citizen of the United States of America. I'm so grateful for the early leaders who governed it, the industrialists who have built it, and the artists who have brought forth the beauty of it. I am heartfully thankful to the warriors who have protected it.

And I am eternally grateful to God who has abundantly blessed it and has given me the privilege to be His disciple within it. May we continue to pray for our country especially for a reunification under God. May He always continue to bless us, and may we always take full advantage of the freedom He's blessed us with. The freedom of religion.

Happy Independence Day.