

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (July 25 to July 31)

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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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
1 KGS 3 : 5 , 7 - 12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
119 : 57; 72 ; 76 - 77 :
127 - 130

2ND READING:
ROM 8 : 28 - 30

GOSPEL:
MATT 13 : 44 - 52



"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea,
which collects a fish of every kind."

Matthew 13:47

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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	LC Dodson
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 7/25	Carolyn Aucoin
Sun 7/26	The People of Holy Spirit Parish
	+John McGrane (Nitja McGrane)
	Betty Montgomery (Brandy Edwards)
Tue 7/28	+Gregg Weston (M/M Mahaffey)
Wed 7/29	+Dean Dunson (Kim Sine)
Thur 7/30	Caitano Albuquerque (M/M Evans)
Fri 7/31	



Pray For Our Sick

Dianne & Gary Laudt; Mendi Lancaster; Fran Fleming; Mark Edwards; Shepard Gartin; Joe Fazzio; 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 Schmear; 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: 7/18 SAT: 69 7/19 SUN: 65

Collections from 7/18 - 7/19

Offertory	\$ 3,816.00
Candles	\$ 12.01
Holy Spirit Food Pantry	\$ 120.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100.00

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 7/25:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 7/26:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 7/27:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 7/28:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 7/29:	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
Thurs 7/30:	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 7/31:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution

AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 8/1:	9:30 am
	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 8/2:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 8/3:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 8/4:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 8/5:	9:00 am Mass
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 8/6:	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 8/7:	9:00 am First Friday Mass/Healing Service
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution

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**

A Guide for Confession



Sin in my life: Modern society has lost a sense of sin. As a Catholic follower of Christ, we must make an effort to recognize sin in our daily actions, words, and omissions. The Gospels show how important is the forgiveness of our sins. Lives of saints prove that the person who grows in holiness has a stronger sense of sin, sorrow for sins, and a need for the Sacrament

of Penance or Confession. The basic requirement for a good confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the “prodigal son” and to acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before the priest.

The difference in sins: As a result of Original Sin, human nature is weakened. Baptism, by imparting the life of Christ’s grace, takes away Original Sin, and turns us back toward God. The consequences of this weakness and the inclination to evil persist, and we often commit personal or actual sin. Actual sin is sin which people commit. There are two kinds of actual sin, *mortal* and *venial*.

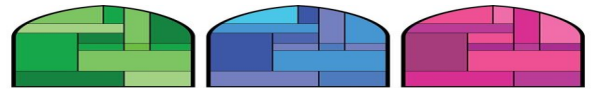
Mortal sin is a deadly offense against God, so horrible that it destroys the life of grace in the soul. Three simultaneous conditions must be fulfilled for a mortal sin: 1) the act must be something very serious; 2) the person must have sufficient understanding of what is being done; 3) the person must have sufficient freedom of the will. The term *venial sin* means “forgivable”. While it wounds charity and spiritual life, it does not cut off sanctifying grace entirely.

Before confession: Be truly sorry for your sins. The essential act of Penance, on the part of the penitent, is contrition, a clear and decisive rejection of the sin committed, together with a resolution not to commit it again, out of the love one has for God and which is reborn with repentance. The resolution to avoid committing these sins in the future (amendment) is a sure sign that your sorrow is genuine and authentic. This does not mean that a promise never to fall again into sin is necessary. A resolution to try to avoid the near occasion of sin suffices for true repentance. God’s grace in cooperation with the intention to rectify your life will give you the strength to resist and overcome in the future.

Examination of conscience: Before going to Confession you should make a review of mortal and venial sins since your last sacramental confession, and should express sorrow for sins, hatred for sins, and a firm resolution not to sin again. REMEMBER: If you need help, simply ask the priest and he will help you by “walking you through the steps to make a good confession.

After confession: Give thanks to God for forgiving you again. If you recall some serious sin you forgot to tell, rest assured that it has been forgiven with the others, but be sure to confess it in your next Confession. Secondly, be sure to do your assigned Penance. Third, resolve to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation often.

—excerpt “Why Go to Confession”;
www.catholic.org



Announcements

- ◆ This weekend’s *Second Collection* will be for *The Church in Africa*. This collection supports the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa (ie: clergy formation, communications programs, and youth ministry engagement).
- ◆ UPDATE: Tyler Diocese’s *Priests for Tomorrow Fund Campaign* will be ending soon. As of July 16th, Holy Spirit has exceeded its goal of \$205,000. Although we recorded pledges of \$242,495 the diocese has received donations and pledges of \$207,985. As a result, Holy Spirit Church will receive \$.70 on every dollar of the \$2,985 or any additional funds added to this overage of our goal of \$205,000. Thank you for everyone who took part in the Priests for Tomorrow Campaign and continue to make good on their individual pledges. Kindly continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

SPECIAL MASS OBSERVANCES

Saturday:
SAINT JAMES, Apostle

Wednesday:
Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Thursday:
St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop
Doctor of the Church

Friday:
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Monthly Fill-A-Bag to Fight Hunger is this weekend. Please return the bag this 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

From the desk of: Fr. Francis

It has been brought to my attention that some parishioners have received an email requesting the purchase of gift cards for my individual needs.

THIS IS A SCAM!

I have never sent out an email requesting anyone to purchase gift cards for a donation to the church or to an individual. I have been blessed to receive ongoing prayers and support from the parish. Our parish and diocese has many organizations which can help parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, in attending to their needs.



Rosary Makers of Holy Spirit

The Rosary Makers is one of the first organized groups of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Imogene Kelly, one of the founding members of Holy Spirit Church, belonged to The World Mission Rosary Organization (WMRO) which is designed to inspire prayers for the mission fields of the five continents of the world and for the missionaries who dedicate their lives to preaching the "Word of God." Imogene invited other ladies of Holy Spirit to join her efforts in a "start up" ministry for the church. Thus, the beginning of Holy Spirit's Rosary Makers was established.

In 1999, a small number of Catholics living at Holly Lake Ranch approached then Bishop Carmody of the Tyler Diocese for the purpose of organizing a Catholic Church. Holy Spirit began as a mission of St. Anthony Church of Longview and Father Ben Smylie was appointed Priest-in-charge by Bishop Alvaro Corrada, S.J. The dedication of the church was held on January 12, 2003.

Meeting in the Holly Lake Fire Department workroom, the Rosary Makers of Holy Spirit were established about the year 2000. The group joined the World Mission Rosary Organization and began making chain rosaries. Holy Spirit's Rosary Makers provide rosaries for Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House and fulfill many rosary requests to local, state, and nationwide missions and churches. Additionally, they provide monies for church activities and donate many volunteer hours to our church and surrounding area churches.

Holy Spirit Rosary Makers' Mission Statement: Our purpose is to spread love and devotion to Our Lady throughout the world with the rosaries we make.

Meeting times: Please join us on Fridays after the 9:00 am Mass in St. Jude's Hall for coffee and fellowship as we make rosaries for the missions.

Contact Information: Carol Szczepanski 903-638-9974



COME JOIN US!



Carol Szczepanski, Ministry Lead



Tools of the trade

