

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (August 1 to August 7)

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
First 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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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
IS 55 : 1 - 3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
145 : 8 - 9 ; 15 - 18

2ND READING:
ROM 8 : 35 , 37 - 39

GOSPEL:
MATT 14 : 13 - 21



"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away;
give them some food yourselves.'"

Matthew 14 : 16

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Pope Leo's August Intention

For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering create paths to build community.

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 8/1	+Tara Craig (Carl & Lamaryl's Hodges)
Sun 8/2	The People of Holy Spirit Parish
	+John McGrane (Nitja McGrane)
Tue 8/4	Nyssa Lofgren (Rebecca Wood)
Wed 8/5	+Tara Craig (Carl & Lamaryl's Hodges)
Thur 8/6	Active & Auxiliary Members-Legion (Legion of Mary)
Fri 8/7	Gary & Dianne Laudt (M/M Clymer)



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 Schmeary; Barbara Schneider; Helen Kaczowka; Emly Walker; Joe Bonnevillie; 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 Par-

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: 7/25 SAT: 64 7/26 SUN: 69

Collections from 7/25 - 7/26

Offertory	\$ 2,053.25
Candles	\$ 75.00
Holy Spirit Food Pantry	\$ 105.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 250.00
Church in Africa	\$ 290.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00

AUGUST SECOND COLLECTIONS

8/1 & 8/2: Building & Maintenance Fund

8/15 & 8/16: Holy Spirit's Faith Formation

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

AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 8/1:	9:30 am Patriotic Rosary 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 - Transfiguration of Our Lord (non-obligatory) 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
Sat 8/8:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 8/9:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 8/10:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 8/11:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 4:00 pm Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 8/12:	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 8/13:	9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Legion of Mary 6:30/7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary/Meeting
Fri 8/14:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Makers 9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution

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



SPECIAL MASS OBSERVANCES

Saturday:

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop
Doctor of the Church

Wednesday:

The Dedication of the
Basilica of St. Mary Major

Saturday:

St. Sixtus, Pope, and Companions;
Martyr

Tuesday:

St. John Vianney, Priest

Thursday:

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF
OUR LORD**

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

OCIA classes will begin in September. If you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith please contact the church office (903-769-3235) or Fr. Francis, or Deacon John (jerdag@hotmail.com).

celebrating August 6...

A Deeper Meaning of the Transfiguration



Why is the transfiguration such a big deal? What are Moses and Elijah doing there?

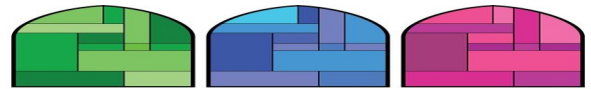
Jesus leads his closest disciples to Mount Tabor. There Jesus unveils Himself in dazzling light, and He is joined by Moses and Elijah—Moses represents law and Elijah represents the law of prophets He has come to fulfill.

The first key to understanding what's going on in this episode is that the Transfiguration offers us a glimpse of the joy that awaits us. In his *Summa Theologiae*, St. Thomas Aquinas puts it this way: "Christ wished to be transfigured in order to show men His glory, and to arouse men to desire it" (ST III.45.3co).

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Transfiguration in striking terms as the sacrament of our Resurrection. That is to say, the Transfiguration serves as an outward sign of the transformation for which our mortal bodies are destined: "The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body' [Phil 3:21] (CCC 556)."

This shows us that Transfiguration is fundamentally a mystery of hope and joy. Indeed, it gives us the confidence that although we are "treasure in earthen vessels" (2 Cor 4:7), even these earthen vessels—that is, our frail bodies which can cause us so much hardship and grief—will one day be transfigured just like Christ's.

an excerpt: Harrod, Clement; August 7, 2025; St. Paul Center.



Announcements

- ◆ This Thursday is *The Transfiguration of Our Lord* — it is not an obligatory holy day of obligation.
- ◆ This Friday will be the *First Friday* of the month— Mass is offered at 9:00 am followed by a Healing Service and Adoration.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **This is a kindly reminder: Fr. Francis has not sent out an email requesting parishioners to purchase gift cards for a donation to the church or to an individual. *THIS IS A SCAM.* Our parish and diocese has many organizations which can help assist parishioners/non-parishioners.**
- ◆ There are many openings for Mass intentions in the latter part of August and all of September. Contact the church office (903-769-3235).

Holy Spirit Safety Program

We are looking for volunteers to participate in the upcoming Holy Spirit Safety Program. It is designed to address emergency and security needs for Holy Spirit Parish.

Please contact Jerry Hauck at 817-637-9381 for more information.



Don't forget that you can spend time with the Lord during adoration on Tuesdays from 9:30 am—12:30 pm and again from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.



Knights' Korner



Eats

Just one more month of the summer break before the return of the Knight's Breakfast. See you Sunday, **September 6**. Enjoy the summer!

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!



“God’s Care”

By Deacon John

“In all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly, through Him who loves us.” – Romans 8:37

There’s a familiar old children’s song that goes: “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so”. And the Bible tells us so in so many passages. In fact, it tells us of Jesus’ love in all of its passages. Remember that the Bible isn’t a history book or a science book; it’s a love story. God’s love for us! And our readings today are especially pertinent.

Today’s Gospel is a beautiful showing of His love, and His humanity.

Jesus had just heard about the death of John the Baptist, and “He withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by Himself.” In the reading, we could tell that the news of John’s death moved Him very deeply. And that was for several reasons.

First, they had been cousins - there was the bond of family between them. And the loss of a family member hurts.

They also had shared a deep common bond in their callings to God’s Kingdom. John was a tremendous prophet of God whose mission was to prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah. Jesus recognized and highly respected John’s commitment to his ministry and to the lives of the people he was changing. A couple chapters earlier in this same Gospel of Matthew, Jesus had praised John by saying, “among those born by woman, there has been none greater than John the Baptist”. I’m sure Jesus deeply felt the loss of John’s ministry to the people, and the impact of his loss on the Kingdom.

But also John’s death marked the beginning of a new stage in Christ’s mission - the Messenger’s job was done, the Messiah’s job was taking over. The transition from the old covenant to the new covenant was being effected. There probably was some anxiety in that, and I’m certain Jesus wanted to get away to a place of solitude to think about it and maybe plan out His next moves.

And so, with a sorrowful heart and a lot on His mind, Jesus tried to go away to be alone, to have time to reflect and pray at this crucial moment. But right then the crowds didn’t let Jesus have His time alone. Instead they followed Him, and flocked around Him, and begged Him for healings and miracles.

And how did Jesus react? He put His own grief and concern aside, and He sat down, and He attended to them - comforting, healing, teaching, listening. He couldn’t resist their pleas. And then, when it seemed like He could do no more, when His disciples were totally worn out, He miraculously multiplied the loaves and fish, and fed His people. All day long, when He just wanted to be alone with his Father, He instead spent the time caring for His people.

I just love how beautifully Jesus’ human heart shines through here! Our God, who knows what it is to be human, to suffer, to feel the weight of the sorrows of this world. We can always lift our hearts to Him, because we know that He will understand. Our God, a man who lives entirely for the good of those He loves. For us.

This is one of the reasons why our relationship with Jesus is so unique. We don’t have to earn His love. His love is already with us; unconditional and dependable. We don’t have to earn His friendship by our great personality, our good looks, or any impressive achievements. Our First Reading from Isaiah tells us, “All you who are thirsty, come to the water! Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!” No conditions. Just come.

And another thing, we won’t lose Christ’s love because of our failures or weaknesses. He will never leave us. In our Second Reading from the Letter of Romans, St Paul tells us, “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Even when we actually reject Him by sinning, He is always waiting at the door of our hearts to come right back in.

So today, let’s bring our full attention to His message of love. Right now, get rid of any worldly distractions that are scaring you, and just allow yourselves to be completely absorbed in the joy of His love and His care. And feel how much He loves you.

What an amazing God. What an amazing love.