

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (August 8 to August 14)

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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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
1 KGS 19 : 9 - 11 - 13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
85 : 9 - 14

2ND READING:
ROM 9 : 1 - 5

GOSPEL:
MATT 14 : 22 - 33



"But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened and, beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'"

Matthew 14: 30-31

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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 8/8	+James Norris (Brandy Edwards)
Sun 8/9	The People of Holy Spirit Parish
	+Maggie Norris (Brandy Edwards)
Tue 8/11	+Peggy & +Michael Vancas (Ann Marie Vancas)
Wed 8/12	+Carlos Lamadrid (Lou Masferrer)
Thur 8/13	Mendi Lancaster (M/M Clymer)
Fri 8/14	+Tara Craig (Carl & Lamarylis Hodges)



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 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:	8/1	SAT: 75	8/2	SUN: 90
Collections from 8/1 - 8/2				
Offertory			\$	3,434.51
Candles			\$	9.75
Building & Maintenance Fund			\$	1,279.00

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 8/8:	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
Sat 8/15:	9:00 am Mass - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (non-obligatory)
	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 8/16:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 8/17:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 8/18:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 8/19:	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 8/20:	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 8/21:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution
	3:00 pm Divine Mercy/Rosary Hour

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

Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Monthly Fill-A-Bag to Fight Hunger is next weekend. Please pick up a grocery bag in the narthex after Mass. *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



SPECIAL MASS OBSERVANCES

Saturday:

St. Dominic, Priest

Tuesday:

St. Clare, Virgin

Thursday:

St. Pontian, Pope, Martyr
St. Hippolytus, Priest, Martyr

Monday:

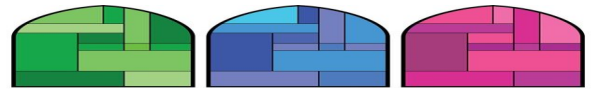
SAINT LAWRENCE,
Deacon, Martyr

Wednesday:

St. Jane Frances de Chantal,
Religious

Friday:

St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest, Martyr



Announcements

- ◆ **Cenacles of Life** prayer group has resumed after a short summer break. We meet on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. We pray two Rosaries to our Blessed Mother for an end to abortion/euthanasia. Come join us!
- ◆ On Sunday afternoon (August 9th) at 4:00 pm, there will be a *Back to School Prayer Rally* in Hawkins ISD's Cafeteria.
- ◆ Saturday, August 15th will be the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr. Francis will only offer a Mass on Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
- ◆ Those interested in the Ignatian Spirituality Institute's *Companions in the Way* formation program, the deadline for signing up is Saturday, August 15th. To register: ignatianinstitute.org and sign up for the *Spiritual Lessons*.
- ◆ Bishop Kelly will offer a *Homeschool Blessing Mass* on August 28th at 11:00 am at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Please register at: www.catholicfamilyadventureclub.com
- ◆ There are many openings for Mass intentions in the latter part of August and all of September. Contact the church office (903-769-3235).

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic faith, we invite you to attend an Informational Meeting to learn about our OCIA program



Monday, October 12, 2026

6:00pm

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Parish Hall

*Please rsvp to: Deacon John Erdag
jerdag@hotmail.com (949) 285-5695*

celebrating August 15...



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a celebration of her being taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory. Catholics honor her not only as the Mother of Jesus but also as a compassionate intercessor and protector. This feast reminds us of Mary's deep connection with the Church and her powerful patronage over believers.

This year, this feast is a non-obligatory Holy Day of Obligation.



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!

Meeting Reminders:

Planning meeting **Tuesday, August 11** at 4 pm, **regular meeting Thursday, August 13** with dinner at 5:30 pm, Rosary at 6:30 pm, CUF at 7 pm with meeting following. We have new members joining! Come and welcome them!

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!



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

By Deacon John

"I have called you by name: you are mine." – Isaiah 43:1

A bunch of years ago, CindySue and I were on our date night talking about us and how we both felt that something was missing in our lives. We had a wonderful marriage, good family, good jobs, a home, cars, some money and everything was generally okay. But we didn't feel fulfilled. At the time we weren't church goers, and even though we believed in God, we rarely talked about Him.

But that night, we did talk about Him. We figured that it was God that was causing that feeling and we both agreed that we should start going to Church. Cindy was Baptist, I was Catholic. I told her I preferred going to a Catholic Church. She just wanted to go to Church together, so she agreed to come to Mass with me. The Mass was unfamiliar to her, but the first time she came, she was absolutely drawn to it.

She actually attended Mass for a few years as a non-Catholic, and she always reverently participated in the prayers and songs. At Communion time, she would go up for a blessing, fully accepting that she could not receive the Eucharist. Over time, she began to believe in and desire the Eucharist. But she was always reluctant to take the leap to become a Catholic. It took a battle with cancer to cause her to re-evaluate her spiritual journey, and that's when she finally decided to join the OCIA program. The following Easter Vigil Mass, we were both sobbing as she was Confirmed and then received her First Eucharist.

What's the OCIA program? It stands for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and it's a process where those who are interested in joining the Catholic faith are exposed to the doctrines and tenets of Catholicism. But it's a common misconception that OCIA is Catechism classes. OCIA is not an academic program.

Instead, OCIA is a formative program that helps a person become Catholic. It's about discovering who Jesus is and discerning a deep, heart filled, lifelong connection with Him. It's building a desire for Him and learning how to live with Him present in life. It's the balance between knowing in the head and living in the heart.

Who's OCIA for? Anyone 18 or older who is seeking Christ's Church. Primarily, it's for those who have not yet been baptized. Those who are feeling a call from the Holy Spirit to find God's kingdom where they will be forever changed; indelibly marked to Jesus. Also, OCIA includes those who are seeking continued conversion from another Christian tradition. They are already in Christ's Church but are being drawn to the fullness of Sacramentality. And lastly, OCIA is for Catholics who were baptized as babies but never received any other religious training or Sacraments.

For anyone who'd like to find out more about joining the Catholic Church through OCIA, we have a meeting scheduled for Monday, October 12 at 6:00pm in the parish hall. If you've been coming to Mass for a while and are not baptized Catholic, or if you know of someone who may be interested in becoming Catholic, I invite all of you to attend the meeting. If you have any questions or just to let me know you're interested, please send me an email at jerdag@hotmail.com.

One more thing. This is your spiritual journey and we are here to help facilitate that. I promise there will be no judgement, expectations, or attempt to pressure you into anything. It's all up to you. But right now, if the Holy Spirit is sparking curiosity in your heart, it may just be the time for you to follow Him and look into it.



Congratulations
Carl and Lamaryl Hodges



**On Wednesday, August 5,
2026, Fr. Francis blessed
their marriage—65 years of
wedded bliss.**

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.