

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (Aug 22 to Aug 28)

Saturday
Vigil 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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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
IS 22 : 19 - 23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
138 : 1 - 3 ; 6 , 8

2ND READING:
ROM 11 : 33 - 36

GOSPEL:
MATT 16 : 13 - 20



"I will give you the
keys to the kingdom
of heaven. Whatever
you bind on earth
shall be bound in
heaven; and whatever
you loose on earth
shall be loosed in
heaven."

Matt 16 : 19

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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 8/22	+Tara Craig (M/M Hodges)
Sun 8/23	The People of Holy Spirit Parish
	Cillian Harrington (M/M Hauck)
Tue 8/25	+Mary & +David McNally (MM Clymer)
Wed 8/26	Caroline Hauck (M/M Hauck)
Thur 8/27	Michael Speights (M/M Speights)
Fri 8/28	+Cupertino Pereira (M/M Evans)



Pray For Our Sick

Rocio & Michael Bailey; 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; Keree 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: 8/15 SAT: 64 8/16 SUN: 77

Collections from 8/15 - 8/16

Offertory	\$ 2,810.00
Candles	\$ 13.00
HS Faith Formation	\$ 980.00
Holy Spirit Food Pantry	\$ 200.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 60.00

AUGUST SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

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

Special Collection: Columbian Earthquake

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

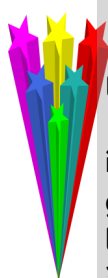
AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 8/22:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 8/23:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 8/24:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 8/25:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 8/26:	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 8/27:	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 8/28:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
Sat 8/29:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 8/30:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 8/31:	9:00 am Communion Service

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues 9/1:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 9/2:	9:00 am Mass
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 9/3:	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 9/4:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution

SPECIAL COLLECTION



Bishop Kelly has authorized a **Special Collection** to assist those affected by the devastating earthquake that struck Colombia on August 10th. Holy Spirit will take part in this collection on Saturday/Sunday August 29th & 30th.



HELP SAVE LIVES IN Tyler

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Outside of Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul
o 1435 E. Southeast Loop 323 @ Easy St.
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily on weekdays
- **Local contact:** Lars Gustafson, 281-782-6292, Tyler40daysforLife@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:

40daysforlife.com/Tyler



SPECIAL MASS OBSERVANCES

Saturday:
THE QUEENSHIP OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday:
ST. BARTHOLOMEW
APOSTLE

Tuesday:
St. Louis
St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Thursday:
St. Monica

Friday:
St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Homeschool Blessing Mass

August 28th at 11am



Celebrant:

Bishop Gregory Kelly

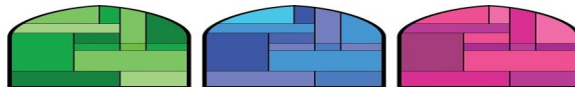
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

All are welcome to register at:

www.catholicfamilyadventureclub.com

Sponsored by the Diocese of Tyler and the

**Catholic Family
ADVENTURE CLUB**



Announcements

- ◆ Our country needs prayers! On Saturday, September 5th, we will host our monthly Patriotic Rosary...come join us!
- ◆ On Tuesday, September 15th, both the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council will have their respective quarterly meetings.
- ◆ The first weekend in October, Holy Spirit will host a celebration in honor of Fr. Francis's Silver Jubilee—25th Anniversary of his priestly ordination. A special Mass will be offered as well as moments of gratitude for his decades of sacramental service, pastoral care, preaching, and spiritual leadership. More details to come.
- ◆ Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) will begin on Monday, October 12th. For more information contact Deacon John (both his phone number and email address is on the front cover of the bulletin).



Knights' Korner



The **Knights of Columbus** is one of the world's leading fraternal and service organizations with over 2 million members in more than 16,000 parishes worldwide. We're open to men over 18 years old who are practical (practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. **Want to talk to someone? LC Dodson is your man!**

Eats:

See you September 13 for our monthly breakfast, best value in town. This is a date change because of Labor Day weekend.

Awards:

Holy Spirit Council 15174 has been awarded the **Star Council** designation from Supreme Knights of Columbus for 2025-2026. The designation recognizes overall excellence in membership (we grew), fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith information programs, and service-oriented activities. With that Supreme designation of Star Council, the Texas State Council also recognized Holy Spirit Council with the **Texas Lone Star Award**. They used additional criteria including meeting state charity fundraising goals, fiduciary transparency and responsibility, support of activities which include Special Olympics, and various spiritual activities in support of our parish. Your council at work!

September 26 Details:

We have scheduled a Knights of Columbus Financial product information session for **Saturday, September 26**, here at St. Jude Hall. We will be hosting (we provide the food and facilities) the **free** session. This is a great opportunity to hear the various financial products (no just insurance, the backbone of our fraternity). Time is 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. Call Jerry Hauck at 817-637-9381 to reserve your space. The call is only for planning the food.

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!



Who Do You Say That I Am?

By Deacon John

Today's gospel reading asks probably the most important, and profound, question in Scripture. While up in Caesarea Philippi, where people of all religions came to worship their gods, Jesus asks His disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" Among all those false gods, Peter stood up and attested with strong conviction, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Just as Jesus asked this question of His disciples that day, He asks us that very same question today. Who do you say that He is?

We all know that answer. It's very familiar to us. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." We've all said it so many times before. It's what we were taught in Sunday school. What we recite in the Creed at every Mass. And because of that, maybe we give just a rote answer without a lot of thought. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

When was the last time that you really thought deeply about it? What do you really believe about God the Father, who is love? What do you really believe about Jesus, His Son? What does the Son of God mean to you? Trust me, it matters. More than anything else in this world.

Because it's one thing when we answer that Jesus is the Christ in Sunday's Creed. But what does that answer mean to you in a hospital? Or in the midst of a divorce or during extended unemployment? Or a funeral home? Not just on a Sunday morning, but during those times when we are struggling. Who do you say that He is then?

The times when our faith is tested. It's not so easy to answer when life is falling apart. But that's when our answer truly matters the most. It's when we must turn to Him and believe that He is the Son of God who loves us and cares for us. At that point, our answer isn't just rote words, but it's our life.

And the Church is the foundation of that life. After Peter answered the question, Jesus blessed him and promises to build His Church on the rock foundation of Peter's faith. Jesus connects Peter's answer, about who he believes Jesus is, to His promise to build His church. And that connection is significant.

Jesus knows that we won't be able to consistently confess our faith in Him without each other's help. It's too difficult to do alone, especially when the storms hit. We need our fellow believers. We need each other to rely on. Who understand our trials. Who lift us up to Jesus in prayer and help. That's why He founded the Church.

Nothing will separate us from the love of God in Jesus, and nothing will prevail against the Church that Jesus founded. This is His promise that we can build a life of hope and meaning upon. One that can survive the storms and trials that this life inevitably throws at us.

Today's world is hard. Very little seems to be going right, with slight indication that it'll get better anytime soon. I think it's very fortuitous for His Church to have this Gospel reading today. Right now is a time for all of us to think about this question again. Who do we say that He is?

And answer it, not as a Sunday school response, but with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It's a time for us to deeply meditate again on who we believe God is, and who we believe Jesus is. It is a time to reflect upon what we believe God is doing in our world today. It's a time to regenerate our full faith and hope in Him and His Church that will prevail over all trials.

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Who promises to calm our every storm, who offers us a peace that surpasses understanding, who is eager to hear our every prayer, and who assures us that He will be with us always, even to the end of the age. That's who Jesus is.