

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (Sept 5 to Sept 11)

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.

1612 S FM 2869
HOLLY LAKE RANCH, TX 75765

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
EZ 33 : 7 - 9

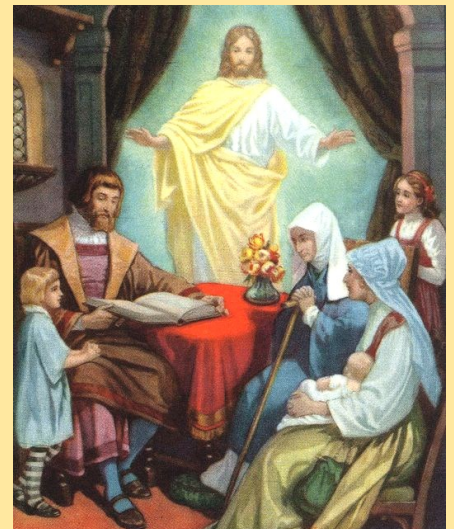
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
95 : 1 - 2 ; 6 - 9

2ND READING:
ROM 13 : 8 - 10

GOSPEL:
MATT 18 : 15 - 20

"For where two or three
are gathered together in
my name, there am I in
the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20



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Pope Leo's September Intention

For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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 9/5	Rich Mankowski (Leslie Griffin)
Sun 9/6	The People of Holy Spirit Parish
	Ann Marie Vancas
Tue 9/8	Rocio & Michael Bailey (M/M Hauck)
Wed 9/9	Patton Jones (Eileen Corrigan)
Thur 9/10	+Souls of 9/11 (Ann Marie Vancas)
Fri 9/11	Cremilda Pereira (M/M Evans)



Pray For Our Sick

Mike Stephens; Vick Hauck; 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; Karee Haney; Charlie Parker; Jacob Stephens

Please check both the remembrance lists (sick and military). If your family member can be removed or needs to be added, 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 AirmanUSAF (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); Garner Baker, Petty Officer 2nd Class, Navy (Grandson of Ed & Francie Baker)



PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 8/29 SAT: 75 8/30 SUN: 67

Collections from 8/29 - 8/30

Offertory	\$ 2,254.12
Candles	\$ 4.00
HS Food Pantry	\$ 30.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 412.00

SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

9/5 & 9/6: Building & Maintenance Fund

9/12 & 9/13: Catholic University of America

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

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Sat 9/5:</u>	9:30 am PATRIOTIC ROSARY 5:00 pm Mass
<u>Sun 9/6:</u>	8:30 am Mass
<u>Mon 9/7:</u>	Diocesan offices and Holy Spirit offices CLOSED 9:00 am Communion Service
<u>Tues 9/8:</u>	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
<u>Wed 9/9:</u>	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
<u>Thurs 9/10:</u>	9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Legion of Mary 5:30/6:30/7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting Dinner/Rosary/Meeting
<u>Fri 9/11:</u>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Makers 9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution
<u>Sat 9/12:</u>	5:00 pm Mass
<u>Sun 9/13:</u>	8:30 am Mass
<u>Mon 9/14:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service
<u>Tues 9/15:</u>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 12:30 pm FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 2:00 pm PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
<u>Wed 9/16:</u>	9:00 am Mass 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
<u>Thurs 9/17:</u>	9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Legion of Mary
<u>Fri 9/18:</u>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Makers 9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution 3:00 pm Divine Mercy & Rosary Hour

**“CHURCH
IS WHO WE ARE
NOT WHERE WE GO”**



SPECIAL MASS OBSERVANCES

Saturday:

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin

Wednesday:

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Tuesday:

THE NATIVITY OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Upcoming Parish Event:

25th Ordination Anniversary

Please join us as we honor
Rev. Francis O'Dowd
on
Sunday, October 4, 2026
Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Immediately followed by reception at
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Parish Hall
1612 S. FM 2869
Holly Lake Ranch, Texas 75765

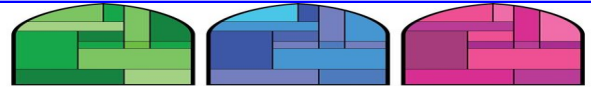
Your presence will be greatly appreciated
Please RSVP: 903-769-3235

Special Healing Prayer Requests

- Mike Stephens is experiencing continued heart issues .
- Vicki Hauck, on 10/30, was hospitalized. On 9/3, she was transferred to a rehab facility where she will remain for 1 - 3 weeks.



**Many thanks for
your prayers.**



Announcements

- ♦ **REMINDER:** The Diocesan Offices, as well as Holy Spirit Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th to celebrate Labor Day.
- ♦ On Tuesday, September 15th, both the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council will have their respective quarterly meetings. If anyone has any **"constructive comments or observations"** that you would like to share with either the Finance Committee or the Pastoral Council, please provide it **in writing** to the church office by Tuesday, September 8th.

*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*



Knights' Korner



Eats:

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

Meetings:

September is coming and so are the **planning meeting (September 8 at 4:00 pm)** and the **regular meeting (September 10 at 5:30 dinner/6:30 Rosary/7 meeting)**. Following our regular meeting, members are invited to socialize on the porch. This is conversation at its best, covering all subjects interesting to Catholic men. If you're interested in joining the Knights for this meeting, scan the below QR code to become a member.

Remember:

We remember in a special way the many Knights such as NYFD Lt. Daniel O'Callaghan and other souls that were lost and injured on the 25th Anniversary of 9/11. "If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Romans 14:8

September 26 Details:

We have scheduled a Knights of Columbus Financial product information session for **Saturday, September 26**, here at St. Jude Hall. There is no cost and it is a great opportunity to hear about all of the various financial products that are available (not just insurance). 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!



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

THREE TO THRIVE

United at the Altar

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 | 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Limited childcare is available (pre-registration is required).
This event is sponsored by the Office of Family Life and Catholic Nacogdoches

Sacred Heart Catholic Church | 2508 Appleby Sand Rd, Nacogdoches, TX 75965



THIS WORLD IS LOUD, BUT YOUR FAITH IS LOUDER.
IT IS TIME TO TAKE COURAGE, TRADE YOUR
HESITATION FOR A DEEP TRUST IN GOD.



The call is for you, world-changer, dreamer, quiet disciple to step into the light. This is not just another day - it's a movement to help you live boldly, brightly and without fear!

Join us for a day of dynamic speakers, inspiring breakout sessions, games, dancing, Catholic vendors, Mass, confessions and more!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

AT JAMA GLOBAL CENTER
22092 FM RD 19, LINDALE, TX 75771



FIND MORE INFORMATION AT: WWW.DIOCESEOF TYLER.ORG/DCVC

DTMC DIOCESE OF TYLER

MEN'S CONFERENCE

UNTIL CHRIST IS FORMED IN YOU

NOV. 14TH

AT BISHOP THOMAS K. GORMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

9A.M.-4P.M.
TICKETS: \$50

REGISTER AT:
WWW.DIOCESEOF TYLER.ORG/DTMC

We Are The Church

“Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.” – Romans 13:10

By Deacon John

There's a fad right now called "going off the grid". People are looking to get away from our wacky society, so they head out to the wilderness, plop down a log cabin, and live out the rest of their lives without another soul in sight. Getting back to our nation's roots – the early settlers dealing with nature and life on their own. I have to admit, one of the attractions of my move to Texas was to get away from overcrowded SoCal.

But the true reality for the vast majority of us humans is that we are communal. We need each other. We depend on each other for support. We help each other. We protect each other. We find strength in each other.

We also rely on each other for our spiritual lives. And that is very important to God. Jesus didn't simply instill His Spirit on individuals; He created a Church. A Church established to unite us as one body. His body. The Church is the Body of Christ. We are not only individual disciples on our personal journeys to God. We are also a part of a much bigger picture.

Today's readings have a very strong message for us as the Church. The Gospel shares that where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, there He is in the midst of them. He is always with us in His community, the Church. This means that as individuals we are not only accountable to God. As members within our parish community, we're also accountable to each other as the holy Body of Christ. I think we often miss this point.

If we hurt another through gossip, through criticism, through judgement, through negative actions, or by ignoring them, we are not only hurting that person and God. We're also offending the holiness of the entire parish community. Divisiveness is the trap of the evil one. He wants nothing more than to separate us from each other; especially at the parish level where he can destroy that holiness of our parish community. We must always be on the lookout for that trap and not fall into it.

We have the responsibility to our neighbor to always behave as the Body of Christ as we are accountable to each other, as well as to God. And we become much better people when we accept this responsibility. Sure, doing God's will to please Him can be a motivator. But too often that simply means having a spiritual connection with God without the tangible connection with His Body, the Church. Acting to others in love for them, and not just because we know God wants us to, is the spiritual maturation that we're called to achieve. This is what strengthens the Church.

In our second reading from St Paul to the Romans, Paul reminds us of the commandment to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. When we love each other as the Body of Christ, we see our community as Christ Himself. Which it is. We see the totality of ourselves within Jesus Christ, whom we serve. Then identifying that love of Christ in the community, we become more loving brethren to all. Jesus came to fulfill the law and, as Paul says, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Our parish has a beautiful stained-glass window behind the altar. I didn't count each piece, but I estimate that it's made up of more than 5,000 tiles. Individually, these tiles are simply colored pieces of glass. But put together, those 5,000 tiles depict an image of the Holy Spirit shining the glory of God's Church to the world.

I love looking at that window and pondering how each individual tile represents each individual one of us. And how it's us together, with the Holy Spirit inside us, who forms that picture in the window. His Church reflecting the glory of God.

We are the reason for Christ's mystery, and the result of it. We need each other, and we need Jesus. We have each other, and we have Jesus. We are the Body of Christ. We are the Church.

