

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (Sept 12 to Sept 18)

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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
SIR 27 : 30 - 28 : 7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
103 : 1 - 4 ; 9 - 12

2ND READING:
ROM 14 : 7 - 9

GOSPEL:
MATT 18 : 21 - 35



Jesus answered, "I say to you,
not seven times but seventy-seven times."
Matthew 18 : 22

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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 9/12	Hilary Moore (Carolyn Aucoin)
Sun 9/13	The People of Holy Spirit Parish
	M/M Juan Martinez (Knights of Columbus)
Tue 9/15	Joseph Fazio (Knights of Columbus)
Wed 9/16	Veronica Lopez (Ellis Family)
Thur 9/17	Vicki Hauck (Ellis Family)
Fri 9/18	+Spec. Michael G. Karr, Jr. (Kim Sine)
	Michael Hauck, Brother at Arms (M/M Hauck)



Pray For Our Sick

Eva Corrigan; Mike Stephens; Vick Hauck; Rocio & Michael Bailey; Dianne & Gary Laudt; Mendi Lancaster; Fran Fleming; Mark Edwards; Shepard Gartin; Joe Fazio; 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: 9/5 SAT: 67 9/6 SUN: 119

Collections from 9/5 - 9/6

Offertory	\$ 4,318.83
Mass Intentions	\$ 85.00
HS Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,093.00

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 9/12:</u>	5:00 pm Mass
<u>Sun 9/13:</u>	8:30 am Mass
	Knight of Columbus Breakfast
<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
<u>Sat 9/19:</u>	5:00 pm Mass
<u>Sun 9/20:</u>	8:30 am Mass
<u>Mon 9/21:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service
<u>Tues 9/22:</u>	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
<u>Wed 9/23:</u>	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
<u>Thurs 9/24:</u>	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
<u>Fri 9/25:</u>	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution

**Forgive others
as quickly as
you expect
God to forgive you.**

Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Monthly Fill-A-Bag to Fight Hunger is next weekend. Please pick up a grocery bag in the narthex after each Mass. *Thank You* for your continuing support of this crucial ministry that serves HLR and the surrounding community. The following weekend, you can return the bag to the bin or hand it to a Food Ministry member. 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:

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday:

Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday:

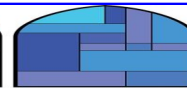
St. Robert Bellarmine Bishop, Doctor of the Church
St. Hildegard of Bingen Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Monday:

THE EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS

Wednesday:

St. Cornelius Pope, Martyr
Cyprian Bishop, Martyr



Announcements

- ◆ Come join us after Sunday Mass (9/13) in St. Jude Hall for the Knights of Columbus *Best Value in Town* Breakfast. Cost: \$5 and under 18 eat for free! Dine in or "take out".
- ◆ The 4th quarter Mass Intentions (October - December) will open on Monday, September 14th. As a reminder, parishioner requests are filled one per week. We try to accommodate specific dates; however, from time to time we will have special remembrances that must take priority. Due to Father's vacation, in the second last half of October, the Mass Intentions will be offered during Communion Services.
- ◆ On Tuesday, September 15th, both the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council will have their respective quarterly meetings.
- ◆ Friday, September 18th, come join us for Divine Mercy/Rosary Hour at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary.



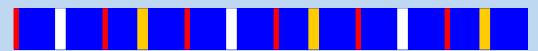
40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Tyler

*Be Conformed to Christ:
Go Out to the World*

Coming November 2026!



Knights' Korner



Eats:

See you **October 11** for our monthly breakfast, best value in town. This is a date change to avoid interfering with other Holy Spirit activities.

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 activity counts toward our Star Council. This is a great opportunity to hear the various financial products that are available (not 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. Time is running out. Don't miss this opportunity to hear the major reason for the Knights! Father McGivney will be proud!

Meetings:

October is coming and so are the **planning meeting** (October 6 at 4:00 pm) and the **regular meeting** (October 8 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.

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!



*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

Special Healing Prayer Requests

- * Eva Corrigan recently fell and broke her hip. She will be in Quitman's Rehabilitation Hospital for a few more weeks.
- * Mendi Lancaster, daughter of Gary & Dianne Laudt, recently experienced additional health issues.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, provide them all they need.

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

Holy Spirit parishioners are invited to celebrate this special event with Father Francis. In lieu of gifts, please offer your prayers, support, and friendship.



Be Forgiving & Be Forgiven

“Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.” – Sirach 28:2

By Deacon John

When I was much more athletic, I used to play in a men’s soccer league. Whenever we played, if one of our teammates got fouled, it was up to us other players to foul the other team. It seemed right. We were standing up for our teammate and getting even for the grave injustice that was brought upon him, and our team. It didn’t matter if the referees judged the foul against him or not, it was our right to get our own payback.

“Don’t get mad, get even.” Doesn’t it seem like that’s the prevailing way of life today? And it’s not just in sports; it’s everywhere in our culture. Ever see an action movie? They’re all the same. The hero is minding his own business, doing good, when suddenly, the villain strikes against him or his family or his dog or whatever. A lot of bullets, screaming car chases, loud explosions, and the grand finale face off ends in the villain’s demise. We cheer for the hero, pleased that he’s received his vengeance, and we walk away from the theater feeling good. It’s human nature. We see fairness in it and we call it justice.

So, it makes today’s readings about forgiveness all the more difficult for us to receive. Our society doesn’t value forgiveness. In fact, forgiveness is often seen as a weakness, not a strength. But in today’s Gospel, Jesus commands us to forgive; truly forgive from our hearts. Why?

Well, one big reason is love. If we sincerely love each other as we’re commanded to, it doesn’t make sense to want to hurt another person, even when they’ve hurt us. Can you imagine purposely getting back at your spouse every time you think you’ve been hurt? Of course not. Out of love, you forgive and work things out. Now, expand that feeling to the world. Love and forgive, and work things out.

Also, forgiveness is liberating. There are many things that are done to us that are very difficult for us to accept. Often, it’s tough to reconcile with it and that weighs heavy upon us. But forgiveness isn’t about meekly giving in and forgetting. Instead, forgiveness is about us surrendering our right to get even. We are not condoning the bad behavior that’s been done to us. But we’re deferring the judgement of the injustice to where it belongs; into the hands of God. This allows us to be free of it. Give away the pain. Because when we have forgiven and are no longer dwelling upon vengeance, we ourselves are able to heal from the hurt.

Most importantly, though, we must forgive each other because we’ve been forgiven. Contrary to what we may think, there isn’t a day that goes by without us committing a sin. It may not be a grave offense, but we certainly fall way short of God’s standards. Every day, we hurt God. Yet He always forgives us. Always. And if you go around believing that someone who’s hurt you doesn’t deserve forgiveness, then you must honestly ask yourself if you deserve forgiveness.

When we think like that, we know we need to pray to God constantly, “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us”. If we’re always asking God to forgive us, we should always look to forgive those who hurt us. And as Jesus says, forgive them from the heart. He knows that our generous forgiveness of others should be because we understand the forgiveness that God has extended to us. That’s what the above verse from our first reading from Sirach means. Be forgiving and be forgiven.



Forgiveness is the only way to heal your emotional wounds. Forgive those who hurt you no matter what they’ve done because you don’t want to hurt yourself every time you remember what they did. When you can touch a wound and it doesn’t hurt, then you know you have truly forgiven.