

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (Oct 3 to Oct 9)

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Monday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Tuesday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Wednesday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Thursday 9:00 am
Communion Service
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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
IS 5 : 1 - 7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
80 : 9 ; 12 - 16 ; 19 - 20

2ND READING:
PHIL 4 : 6 - 9

GOSPEL:
MATT 21 : 33 - 43



October

The Month of the Rosary

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Ro-
sary Makers' Mission is to spread
love and devotion to Our Lady
throughout the world with the
rosaries we make.

Please join us in St. Jude's Hall on
Fridays after the 9:00 am Mass.

For information:
Carol Szczepanski 903-638-9974

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Pope Leo's October Intention

For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

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 10/3	Megan Passmore & Monique Dougherty (C. Aucoin)
Sun 10/4	The People of Holy Spirit Parish
	Bob Mailliard (Ellis Family)
Tue 10/6	James Falgo (Knights of Columbus)
Wed 10/7	Ann Marie Vancas (Ellis Family)
Thur 10/8	+Lewis R. Dunson (Kim Sine)
Fri 10/9	Msgr. Ron Diegel (Knights of Columbus)



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 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:	9/26	SAT: 59	9/27	SUN: 83
<u>Collections from 9/26 - 9/27</u>				
Offertory			\$	2,150.65
Candles			\$	15.00
Building & Maintenance Fund			\$	275.00
Catholic Univ of America			\$	50.00
Hall Revenue			\$	1,640.00
Holy Spirit Food Pantry			\$	220.00

OCTOBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

10/3 & 10/4: Building & Maintenance Fund
10/17 & 10/18: World Mission Sunday

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

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Sat 10/3:</u>	9:30 am  Patriotic Rosary
	5:00 pm Mass
<u>Sun 10/4:</u>	8:30 am Mass
	6:30 pm Fr. Francis' Silver Jubilee Reception Immediately following
<u>Mon 10/5:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service
<u>Tues 10/6:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
	4:00 pm Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
<u>Wed 10/7:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
<u>Thurs 10/8:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
	6:30/7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary/Meeting
<u>Fri 10/9:</u>	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution
<u>Sat 10/10:</u>	5:00 pm Mass
<u>Sun 10/11:</u>	8:30 am Mass
<u>Mon 10/12:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service
<u>Tues 10/13:</u>	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
<u>Wed 10/14:</u>	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
<u>Thurs 10/15:</u>	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
<u>Fri 10/16:</u>	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution



**St. Francis of Assisi
(October 4)**





The Parishioners of Holy Spirit Catholic Church would like to congratulate Fr. Francis O'Dowd for his twenty-five years of service to the Holy Mother Church.

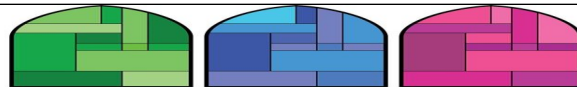
"May God hold you in the palm of His hand; and may you always walk in sunshine."

Book Give-away

Recognizing the Right to Life Month, we are providing each parishioner the book entitled, "Persuasive Pro-Life" by Trent Horn.



Drawing on the latest developments in the post-Roe landscape, Horn helps you cut through the rhetoric of the pro-choice side in order to accurately frame the legal, historical, and scientific issues surrounding abortion. Then he demonstrates – with vivid personal examples from his years of campus activism – the importance of being charitable, no matter how strident the other side might be. We must be not just warriors for the pro-life cause, he says, but ambassadors for it.



Announcements

- ◆ As a reminder: September 25th through November 1st is the annual **40 Days for Life Campaign**. To learn more about this worldwide mobilization go to: 40daysforlife.com/Tyler
- ◆ This weekend's second collection is for the Building and Maintenance Fund.
- ◆ Come help us celebrate Fr. Francis's "**Silver Jubilee**" tonight. Mass 6:30 pm followed by a "come and go" reception in St. Jude's Hall.
- ◆ October is upon us....October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. No other popular devotion has a feast day, much less an entire month, devoted to its honor.
- ◆ On Thursday, October 8th, we will have our annual Fall Clean-up. We will begin at 6:30 am and then attend the Communion Service at 9:00 am.
- ◆ Holy Spirit's office phone system has been updated. All members of our Office Staff have their own message mailbox: Father Francis - 3; Deacon John - 4; Kim Sine - 5; Kathy Mahaffey - 6.



2026 Life Chain

Holy Spirit Catholic Church will be participating again in the 2026 Life Chain on FM2869 on **Sunday, October 11th at 2:00 - 3:00 pm**. This year will be the 12th year that Holy Spirit will take a stand for Pro-Life by being part of this National Life Chain Event.

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. Over 2000 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sundays in October and November.

For more information, call **Richard Boultinghouse**, Life Chain Committee Chairman, at 903-850-0105 or rbhouse61@aol.com.

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: Fr. Francis or
Deacon John Erdag
jerdag@hotmail.com (949) 285-5695



“How Is Your Vineyard Growing?”

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.” – Matthew 21:43

By Deacon John

This is the third week in a row that we have a parable involving a vineyard. And in all three we recognize that the vineyard symbolizes God’s kingdom. It’s also the third week in a row where Jesus confronts the Pharisees through His parables warning them about their actions in the vineyard.

Now, I don’t believe that Jesus was looking to pick a fight with the Pharisees. I don’t think He was purposely trying to publicly embarrass them. And I don’t think His motive was to keep them out of the kingdom. Yet He was always very persistent in pointing out their hypocrisy and selfishness in the way they tended the kingdom. Why?

It’s because Jesus was unwilling to give up on the Pharisees. He was actually trying to help them. That’s the good news of this Sunday’s parable. It describes how the landowner sent his servants to collect his produce. Yet the tenants who worked the land wouldn’t give it up and they instead beat and stoned and killed the servants. But the landowner persisted. He sent more servants; they were also killed. But the landowner still persisted. He sent his son, and the tenants killed the son. The tenants didn’t change, so the landowner would eventually have to take away the vineyard from them and give it to other tenants who would produce, but it wasn’t from lack of trying to change them.

The Pharisees were the ones who God entrusted His kingdom to. They were the religious leaders who were supposed to bring God to the people, and the people to God. The big point to remember here is that the tenants are only working the vineyard, they don’t own it. God owns it all. The Pharisees forgot that and got selfish and greedy. They wanted it all.

Just as He did with other sinners, Jesus constantly persisted in trying to get the Pharisees to turn from their ungodly ways. We know He was successful with at least two, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. Although we don’t know for sure, I believe that others probably turned to Him, too. But in the end, it was the Pharisees who killed the Son. Even though Jesus was unwilling to give up on them, they gave up on Him. And through that, the kingdom was turned over to others who produced its fruit – His apostles. And through their succession – us.

Now it’s our turn as the tenants in the vineyard. We’ve all been given our areas of the vineyard to tend. They are in our families and friends. They are in our prayer intentions. They are in strangers in need. They are in unborn babies, the sick and infirmed, and the uncared-for elderly. They are in our daily decisions and choices. They are in our workplaces and our church community. They are our future; in our hopes and dreams. Everything in our lives are our vineyards where we can produce the fruits of the kingdom.

So, how’s it working out? Is your vineyard growing? Are we paying our rent and giving God his due? Are we cooperating with God, or are we rebelling against Him?

Those are sometimes really tough questions. We’re not consistent all the time. Sometimes we’re really on fire and we harvest clusters and clusters of Cabernet grapes. Other times, we’re not quite so blazing and we end up with a box of raisins. But that’s okay, it’s all fruit. We’re only asked to tend to the vineyard. God will manage the produce.

And the good news of the parable is that Jesus will never give up on us, either. For those times that we aren’t quite blazing or if we stop working it all together, or those times where we may get greedy or self-centered with it, He may need to confront us and call us out. But always with the intention to bring us back to producing fruit for Him. And He will never give up on us.

Special Mass Observances - October 4th - 11th

Sunday: St. Francis of Assisi, Friar

Monday: St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

Wednesday: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Friday: St. Denis and Companions, Bishop; Martyrs
St. John Leonardi, Priest