

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass

(Oct 10 – Oct 16)

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 am – 12:30pm
Saturday 4:30 pm – 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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026

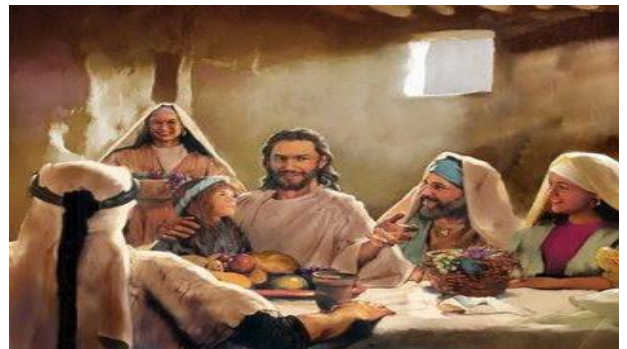
TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
IS 25:6 -10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
23:1 -6

2ND READING:
PHIL 4:12 -14; 19 -20

GOSPEL:
MT 22:1 -14



"Many are invited, but few are chosen"
Matt 22:14

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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 10/10	+Rita Joyce Aucoin	(Carolyn Aucoin)
Sun 10/11	+David Kelly	(Ellis Family)
Mon 10/12	Juan Delgado	(Knights of Columbus)
Tues 10/13	+Marilyn Custer	(Custer Family)
Wed 10/14	David & Ruth Barber	(Mary Ott)
Thurs 10/15	Charlie Clymer	(knights of Columbus)
Fri 10/16	+Cleve & +Peggy Biggs	(Brandi Edwards)



Pray for our Sick

Eva & Jess Corrigan; Mike Stephens; Vicki Hauck; Rocio & Michael Bailey; Daine & Gary Laudt; Mendi Lancaster; Fran Fleming; Mark Edwards; Shepard Cartin; 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; Elain March & Rosemary Seltzer; Maureen Tucker; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; Elmer Mulhollon; Roland & Pat Schmear; Barbara Schneider; Helen Kaczowka; Emily Walker; Joe Bonneville; Juan & Barbara Delgado; Avery Boultinghouse; Joe & Dorris Hoffman; Roy Marchak; David Borel; Verna Sloan; Kathy Bowers; Msgr. Ron Diegel; Chris & Dave Paape; Richard Schuetz; Jodie Woods; Jean Hamilton; Kathleen Fleming; Jaye Anderson; Karee Haney; Charlie Parker; Jacob Stephens; Betty Zwiger

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- US Army Joseph Chandler (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan); Lt Gary Buchanan, Lt William Corrigan (Nephews of Jess & Evan Corrigan); AMT 2nd Class Paul Morena (Grandson of Kathy Boman); Petty Officer 2nd Class - Navy Garner Baker (Grandson of Ed & Francie Baker)

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 9/6 SAT: 71 SUN: 80

Collections from 10/3 -10/4:

Offertory	\$ 4,446.00
Building/Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,291.00
Hall Rental	\$ 600.00
Holy Spirit Food Pantry	\$ 130.00

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 10/10:</u>	5:00 pm Mass
<u>Sun 10/11:</u>	8:30 am Mass Knights of Columbus Breakfast
<u>Mon 10/12:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service 6:00 pm OCIA
<u>Tues 10/13:</u>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 - 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 3:00pm Divine Mercy/Rosary Hour
<u>Sat 10/17:</u>	5:00 pm Mass
<u>Sun 10/18:</u>	8:30 am Mass
<u>Mon 10/19:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service 6:00 pm OCIA
<u>Tues 10/20:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 - 7:00 pm Adoration
<u>Wed 10/21:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
<u>Thurs 10/22:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service 1:00 pm Legion of Mary
<u>Fri 10/23:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service 9:30 am Rosary Makers 9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution

Holy Spirit Food Ministry

The monthly Fill-a-Bag Fight Hunger will be next weekend and it will be for our Thanksgiving gift boxes. Please pick up the "special bag" after Mass this week. Filled bags can be put in the bin outside the church office or handed to a Food Ministry member. 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

Wednesday

St. Callistus I Pope, Martyr

Thursday

St. Teresa of Jesus Virgin,
Doctor of the Church

Friday

St. Hedwig Religious

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Virgin



Rosary Rally
October 24, 2026
9:30 am
Praying for
World Peace



The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently or is in danger, immediately report it to state/ local law enforcement or the **Texas Department of Family and Protective Services: (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org**

Memorial Mass

On Wednesday, October 14th, the 9:00 am Mass will be a Memorial Mass for Marilyn Custer.



HELP SAVE LIVES IN Tyler

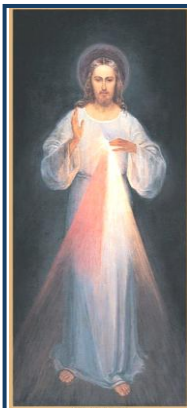
You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

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



Come join us on
Friday, October 16th
at 3 pm for Divine
Mercy/ Rosary Hour.



Men's Conference Deadline
October 14th

Registration for the Diocese of Tyler Men's Conference closes on **Wednesday, October 14th**! Join men from across the Diocese for a day of prayer, fellowship, formation, and renewal centered on the theme **Until Christ is Formed on You** (Galatians 4:19).



Knights' Korner



Eats:

Great news Holy Spirit Parishioners! This weekend, **October 11**, our **monthly breakfast** returns, the best value in town.

Want to join 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!



40th Anniversary of the
Diocese of Tyler

Be Conformed to Christ:
Go Out to the World

November 2026



Summit Heights Fall Festival

Once again, Holy Spirit is helping Summit Heights with their Fall Festival. We need parishioners to donate 2-liter sodas (any variety). Please bring them to the church office by Wednesday, October 21st.



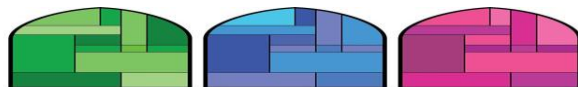
All Souls Day

All Souls Day is just a few weeks away. Holy Spirit will once again honor those parishioners or their family members who have died in the year 2026. Please provide a picture to the parish office no later than October 27th.



Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House Lake Dallas, TX
<https://montserratretreat.org>

#44 – Women's Retreat	October 15 – 18
#42 – Men's Retreat	October 22 – 25
October Saturday of Reflection	October 24
#96 – Couples Retreat	October 29 – November 1
#35 – Retiro para hombres, mujeres y parejas	November 6 – 8
#46 WomenS Retreat	November 12 – 15
November Saturday of Reflection	November 14
#50 – Men's Advent Retreat	December 3 - 6



Announcements

- ❖ Come join us after Mass this Sunday for fellowship and good food in St. Jude's Hall—sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
- ❖ Next Sunday, we will have a second collection for *World Mission Sunday*. These monies support pastoral and evangelical programs and the needs of mission dioceses; they are distributed in the pope's name.
- ❖ Fr. Francis will be on vacation from Sunday, October 18th (afternoon) until Friday, October 30th (afternoon). We will have Communion Services during those two weeks. Fr. Ron Demske will say Masses on the weekend of October 24th and 25th.



Advent Retreat

BE CONFORMED TO CHRIST! GO OUT TO THE WORLD!

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



St. Paul Meeting Room, Diocese of Tyler
 1015 E. Southeast Loop 323
 Tyler, TX 75701

*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 6:00 pm
 Holy Spirit Catholic Parish Hall*



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

The Mother, The Father, The Family

By Deacon John

I wrote the below article a few years ago, and every couple of years, I like to reprint it during Right to Life Month. It's an important message about the many victims of abortion, not just the baby. During this month of October, I urge us all to be visibly active in our fight for life. Too many people are forever scarred by the evil of abortion, and we must do everything we can to put an end to it.

This election year is so important as our state of Texas is already allowing mothers to put their babies to death. Self-managed abortion via mail delivered Cytotec and Mifepristone abortion pills accessed on-line from out-of-state suppliers is currently legal despite strict laws that prohibit in-state service providers. We must fight this loophole in our laws.

Please join us today (Sunday, Oct 11 at 2:00pm) outside the church as we rally in Prayer Chain along FM2869. And come to St Peter & Paul Chapel in Tyler on Thursday afternoons in October at 4:00pm to pray with other Holy Spirit parishioners as we participate in the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil along Loop #323. This peaceful, but visible, protest can make a difference at the ballot box. Can't make Thursday? Check the link here to sign up for other vigil times:

www.40daysforlife.com/en/tyler

"Deliver me Lord from the wicked; preserve me from the violent." – Psalm 140:2

Yesterday, a woman came to see me about my last week's article on Respect Life month. She was probably in her early 60's and she told me that she had had an abortion when she was 17 years old. It was the 1970's, Roe v Wade was still fresh, and social sympathy for a woman's right to choose was all the rage.

She said that at the time, she believed that what she was doing was the best solution for her and the baby. Even though she was embarrassed and guilty about her situation, she felt she couldn't give it a healthy and happy life. So she terminated her pregnancy. It wasn't until a couple of years later that she became more aware of the full value of life, that she realized exactly what she had done. That's when the real guilt and regret came upon her.

She told me that she had gone to Confession and contritely repented for her sin. But to this day, the guilt and shame still haunts her. I reminded her that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God has forgiven her. She told me that she knew that God had forgiven her; but was afraid that her child hadn't.

We talked for quite a while yesterday, and through that time I found myself recognizing that there are many victims of abortion. While we as Catholics are loudly shouting out for the child, we often don't think about the pains of the others. The pain of the mother who is wracked with guilt and sorrow. The pain of the father who may not have had a voice in the decision, or who had too much voice in the decision. The pain of the grandparents who will never play with their grandchild. While we focus on saving the lives of babies, we fail to remember that we also must save the lives of the mothers, the fathers and the families. They all need genuine love, understanding and healing.

So during this Respect Life month, I ask you to pray for all victims of abortion. With a special shout out to this woman who so graciously allowed me to share her story. Meet them with caring and compassion. So many of us have been either directly or indirectly affected by abortion. The arms of the wicked one are far reaching, and the memory of the violence is long standing. Let's support each other in love and prayer.

With much gratitude...



My dear parishioners,
This may have been my 25-Year Jubilee but this was our celebration of the life and love of Jesus Christ our Lord. I am so grateful for the opportunity to share this occasion with all of you. I am so humble by all of the thoughts and good will wishes. May God bless each of you.

Fr. Francis O'Dowd

