HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass
(Oct 31 – Nov 6)

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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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
WIS 6 : 12 – 16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
63 : 2 – 8

2ND READING:
1 THES 4 : 13 - 18

GOSPEL:
MT 25 : 1 - 13



The wise virgins prioritize the groom's celebration by anticipating the need for additional oil...
Wisdom prompts us to prepare for His return and prioritize Him above all else.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Leo's November Intention
For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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	**11/7**	**Edward Perry Willson** (Barbara Velez)
Sun	**11/8**	**Michael Speights** (M/M Speights)
Tues	**11/10**	**Aidan Hauck** (Knights of Columbus)
		+Mary O'Dowd nee Cavanaugh (47th Anv.)
Wed	**11/11**	**Vicki Hauck** (Nitja McGrane)
Thurs	**11/12**	**+Wanda Stephens & Shelly Pollard** (Mike Stepens)
Fri	**11/13**	**Tiernan Harrington** (Knights of Columbus)



Pray for our Sick

Eva & Jess Corrigan; Mike Stephens; Vicki Hauck; Rocio & Michael Bailey; Diane & 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; Elaine 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

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-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: 10/31 SAT: 79 11/1 SUN: 81

Collections from 10/31 - 11/1:

Offertory	$ 3,312.03
Building/Maintenance Fund	$ 1,463.00
Mass Intentions	$ 310.00
Holy Spirit Food Pantry	$ 930.00

NOVEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

10/31 & 11/1: Building & Maintenance Fund
11/2: All Souls' Day
11/7 & 11/8: Christmas Flowers
11/14 & 11/15: Campaign for Human Development
11/21 & 11/22: Catholic Charities – Tyler Diocese

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

NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 11/7:	9:30 am Patriotic Rosary
	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 11/8:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 11/9:	9:00 am Communion Service
	6:00 pm OCIA
Tues 11/10:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
	4:00 pm Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting
	6:00 - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 11/11:	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
	4:00 pm Safety Meeting
Thurs 11/12:	9:00 am Veteran's Day Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
	5:30 – 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary/Dinner/Meeting
Fri 11/13:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution
Sat 11/14:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 11/15:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 11/16:	9:00 am Communion Service
	6:00 pm OCIA
Tues 11/17:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration
	6:00 - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 11/18:	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
	4:00 pm Safety Meeting
Thurs 11/19:	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 11/20:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution
	3:00 pm Divine Mercy & Rosary Hour

Holy Spirit Food Ministry

This month's Fill-a-Bag will gather the following food items for our Christmas boxes:

cake mixes with icing, Jiffy muffin mix, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, brown gravy packet, cranberry sauce, and $30 gift cards (to help pay for meat products)

Donations will be picked up next weekend (November 14th -15th). If you know of anyone who needs help, please contact Bob Mailliard (503-559-6022).

Thank you for your generosity.



Special Mass Observances

Monday
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

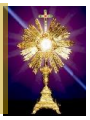
Tuesday
St. Leo the Great Pope, Doctor of the Church

Wednesday
St. Martin of Tours Bishop

Thursday
St. Josaphat Bishop, Martyr

Friday
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Virgin

Don't forget that you can spend time with the Lord during adoration on Tuesdays from 9:30 am—12:30 pm and again from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.



2026 Christmas Donation Opportunities

Toys for Tots: Unwrapped donations can be dropped in the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Box (which will be located outside the church office) from November 14th – December 15th.

Angel Tree: Wish tags from our Christmas Tree will be available from November 14th – December 15th. Unwrapped gifts must be placed in a white plastic trash bag.



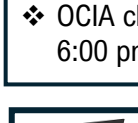
Support Advertisement

As the new liturgical year begins, November 29th, we will be offering *business advertisements* in our bulletin. For more information, please contact Ileana Suchta at

469-323-5248 or ileanasuchta@sbcglobal.net

Announcements

- On Wednesday, November 11th, Father will offer a Veteran's Day Mass. All are invited to bring pictures of loved ones who have served in the armed forces, police, or emergency services.
- Next weekend, November 14/15th our second collection is for the ***Campaign for Human Development*** providing funds to mission dioceses which support specialized trainings, resources, and information to fully include people with disabilities in their communities.
- The Rosary Makers Group will host a ***Pre-Holiday Bake Sale*** the weekend of November 21st/22nd. Stop by and pick out your Thanksgiving goodies!
- The Diocesan Offices and Holy Spirit Offices will be closed from Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving Holidays.
- OCIA classes are held each Monday evening at 6:00 pm in St. Jude's Hall.



All Souls' Book of Remembrance

Holy Spirit's Book of Remembrance is located in the Narthex of the church. Add the name(s) of all of your loved ones who have gone home to the Lord (prior to November 2025). The book will be placed on the altar at all Masses offered during the month of November.

Knights' Korner

Regular Meetings:
This week we have our **planning meeting** Tuesday, **November 10** at 4 pm in St. Jude's Hall, **regular monthly meeting** Thursday, **November 12.** Dinner at 5:30 pm, Rosary at 6:30, meeting at 7 pm with CUF. Our Field Agent Nick York has also planned to join us. Looking forward to seeing y'all.

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!

SCAN ME

"Preparation Plan"

By Deacon John

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." – Matthew 25:13

This Sunday's Gospel is about preparation, as described by Jesus through the parable of the ten virgins. According to the customs of the time, the virgins' role in the wedding was to help keep lamps lit for the bride in anticipation of the coming of the groom. And in not knowing how delayed the bridegroom could be, it was up to them to be vigilant so that when the groom did arrive, the bride would be ready for the wedding feast.

Jesus then sums up the meaning of his parable: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

It's so easy for us to forget this. I think most often we travel through our earthly lives thinking that life will just go on. When it comes to our personal eschatology, we know one of two things will happen to us: either Jesus will come back, or we will naturally die before He comes. Either way, we will 'meet our maker'. And even though we fully know this, we rarely think about its potential imminence.

It's not that we should live in fear that we will die at any moment, but we must have the awareness that we could die at any moment. Or that Jesus could return at any moment. We don't have a clue to either the day or hour; just that it will happen.

Do you like surprises? Most people don't because they're caught unprepared. If your favorite Aunt Ethel knocked on your door without being expected, you might not be so thrilled about her surprise visit. But if you knew she was coming and you cleaned the house and prepared food, you'd probably be super excited to visit with her.

You see? Jesus says, "You know neither the day or the hour", so always be ready. If He arrives and we're unprepared, we might not be so joyful. We'll be filled with anxiety over all the things we should have done to have made ourselves ready. Yet, if he arrives and we're well prepared, it'll still be a surprise, but it'll be a good surprise. And we'll experience the greatest joy of eternity.

What's your preparation plan? Have you attended to the Christian matters in your life, or are you procrastinating? Is there a relationship that you need to fix? Is there someone you need to forgive? Do you need to renew your commitment to your Christian life: daily prayer, attending Mass, regular confession, supporting the parish, an effort to better learn Church teachings and to participate in her mission?

Please take this lesson to heart. Jesus wants us to be ready. Living with the awareness of seeing Him soon makes life more meaningful, more urgent, and more exciting. But we must be prepared.
So let's try an experiment. During this week, let's choose one day and live it as if we know it's our last. Look at what things are important to you that day and see how they fit with your preparation for the coming of the Lord. Also, think about what you should be doing to prepare and see if you are. If not, try adding it.

Then on that day, watch how thinking it's your last affects your relationships, your attitude, your reaction to difficulties, and your decisions. The really important things will appear, well, really important. The smaller things won't.

Then in prayer, talk about your day with Jesus. Ask for His help to continue to live prepared for Him. And promise Him to do whatever it takes to wake yourself up and refill your lamp.
After all, "we know neither the day nor the hour."