

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (Oct 24 – Oct 30)

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

Monday 9:00 am

Communion Service

Tuesday No Service

Wednesday No Service

Thursday No Service

Friday No Service

Adoration

Tuesday

9:45 am – 12:30 pm

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Reconciliation

Tuesday 9:45 am – 12:30 pm

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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AND 501 (c)(3) TAX-EXEMPT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:

EX 22 : 20 - 26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

18 : 2 – 4; 47; 51

2ND READING:

1 THES 1 : 5 - 10

GOSPEL:

MT 22 : 34 - 30



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pope Leo's October Intention

For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health industry 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 10/24	Beau Funk (Carolyn Aucoin)
Sun 10/25	Deacon John
Tues 10/27	Zachary Ellis (Knights of Columbus)
Wed 10/28	+Rita Dillon (Marie Hansen)
Thurs 10/29	+Mike Dunson (Kim Sine)
Fri 10/30	Richard Boultinghouse (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 Schmeier; 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-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: 10/17 SAT: 65 10/18 SUN: 75

Collections from 10/17 -10/18:

Offertory	\$ 3,007.26
Building/Maintenance Fund	\$ 100.00
Candles	\$ 9.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 25.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 460.00

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

Sat 10/24:	5:00 pm Mass – Fr. Ron Demske
Sun 10/25:	8:30 am Mass – Fr. Ron Demske
Mon 10/26:	9:00 am Communion Service 6:00 pm OCIA
Tues 10/27:	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 10/28:	10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life 4:00 pm Safety Meeting
Thurs 10/29:	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 10/30:	9:30 am Rosary Makers 9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution
Sat 10/31:	5:00 pm Mass

NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 11/1:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 11/2:	9:00 am Mass – All Souls & All Saints 6:00 pm OCIA
Tues 11/3:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 11/4:	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life 4:00 pm Safety Meeting
Thurs 11/5:	9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 11/6:	9:00 am First Friday Mass/Healing Svc. 9:30 am Rosary Makers 9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution

**Next
Saturday
OCTOBER
31st**



Daylight-Saving
Time Ends



Special Mass Observances

Saturday

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

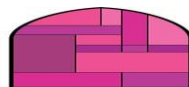
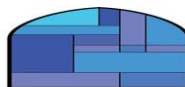
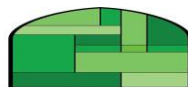
Wednesday

STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Support Advertisement

As the new liturgical year begins, November 29th, we will be offering *business advertisements* in our bulletin. If you or someone you know is interested in securing an advertisement for a business, please contact **Ileana Suchta at**

**469-323-5248 or
ileanasuchta@sbcglobal.net**



Announcements

- ❖ Fr. Francis will return from his vacation on Friday, October 30. Next week, Deacon John will have a Communion Service on Monday (October 26th) **ONLY**. Since this is the month of the Rosary, please pray the rosary on your own Tuesday through Friday.
- ❖ OCIA classes are held each Monday evening at 6:00 pm in St. Jude's Hall.
- ❖ On Monday, November 2nd, Fr. Francis will offer a special Mass at 9:00 am to honor All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.
- ❖ In the next few weeks, the Pastoral Council will publish a parish survey. It is very important that each registered member provide an updated email address so that we can acquire everyone's responses to the survey. Your input is greatly appreciated.
- ❖ **Holy Spirit's Sunday Choir is calling for a musician—whether it be an organist or a guitar player. If you know of anyone who is interested, please contact the church office.**



All Souls Day
November 2nd

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 Tuesday, October 27th.



DIocese of TYLER

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



Knights' Korner



Eats:

Join us **November 1** for the next monthly breakfast!

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!



I once watched an old 1980's movie called "Creator" starring Peter O'Toole as an eccentric college professor. There's one scene in the movie where he was giving his student 12 credits for his class that was titled "The Big Picture". 12 credits for one class on the Big Picture? "It's really big; so big that 12 credits probably isn't enough".

Anyway, this isn't a movie that I'd recommend to anyone; it has all that gratuitous 1980's nudity and profanity, and seriously it isn't what one would call a cinematic masterpiece. But I brought it up, spoiler alert here, because the Big Picture turns out to be Love.

In today's Gospel we have a very narrow minded, legalistic scholar trying to trick Jesus into favoring one of the 10 Commandments over the others. Once Jesus picked one, he'd accuse Jesus of minimizing the others whereby disobeying God. But Jesus turned the tables on him by not choosing one but instead combining them all into one contextual meaning.

Jesus was looking at the Big Picture. And that Big Picture is love. "Love God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and love your neighbor as you love yourself. The whole law and prophets depend on love".

And during this Right To Life Month, I cannot think of a better perspective that we should take when considering how to value the sanctity of life. Preservation of life from conception to natural death based on love. Complete love of God with everything we are and also a personal love towards our neighbor.

Love of God. Why should we love God when we're considering life? Well, for one reason He's the One who gave us life. He created the magnificent and unique person that you are. And He created you to live an amazing life. He also created that magnificent and unique baby who's yet to be born. And He created and holds in His hands the magnificent and unique elderly person and sick person and mentally disabled person as He carries them within His design for their life's ends. He created us, He has a plan for us, He decides when that plan ends.

Also, He created us in His image. His sacred image (Imago Dei). This makes life inherently sacred. Through this divine gift, in His image we are called to mirror the love that He shows to us. We are called to love Him and honor Him in ways that affirm the sacred value of every single human being. By loving life, we are reflecting His love for life.

Love of neighbor. Remember when Jesus said to love our neighbor as ourselves? As we consider Right to Life, we ask who's our neighbor? The unborn child. The terminally ill. The elderly. The interned and convicted. Anybody who is marginalized whom society doesn't see value in. These are our neighbors whom we are called to love as ourselves.

My first thought is how would I feel if at some point society no longer found value in me? How can I allow anybody else to determine when my contribution to society has ended? How can they even establish the limits?

Just because a child isn't fully developed yet in the womb, it's open to a death sentence? Last I checked, our bodies continue to grow throughout our lives. What makes a child in the womb who's growing legs any less valuable than a one-year-old who's just starting to gain strength and balance to walk on those legs? Where's the love for our neighbor, the child who deserves a chance at life?

And woe to the person who has decided that someone older or sicker or more socially outcast has lived long enough. The justification is silly; their quality of life is now so bad that they'd be better off dead. Wow, easy for them to say. It's not them sentenced to death. Is that truly love for our neighbor, or are they simply trying to get rid of a problem?

Even if they are seeking death out of true mercy for their neighbor, it still compromises the ability to believe and trust in God's caring control over them. Love and dignity and respect for neighbor means allowing them to receive the full grace from God and the plan He has for them. We must love our neighbor enough to bring them to God, instead of to the worldly executioner.

"Love God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and love your neighbor as you love yourself." Love. Love. Love. Love of life, and life of love. My friends, that's the big picture.