



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF TYLER

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## Celebration of the Mass

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
Monday	6:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	9:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am
<b>Communion Service</b>	
Friday	6:00 pm

## Adoration

Tuesday	9:45 am - 12:30 pm
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

## Reconciliation

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 pm
Sunday	Before Mass (upon request)
1st Friday	5:00 - 5:45 pm

## Sacrament of the Sick

Offered the first weekend of the month during each Mass

## Marriage or Baptism

Contact the parish office six (6) months prior to the anticipated date

## Church Staff

Pastor:	Reverend Timothy John Kelly, STL, D. Min. lismakera@gmail.com	903-330-9142
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## Church Organizations

Financial Council	Charlie Clymer
Virtus	Justin Mahaffey
Knights of Columbus	Michael Jernigan
4th Degree Knights	Gary Laudt
Legion of Mary	Marge Clymer
	Jane Bidlack
Food Pantry	Bryan Todd
Music Ministry	Cathy Ellis
Rosary Makers	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Welcome Committee	Anna Parker
Bereavement Committee	Eva & Jess Corrigan



# Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024

## TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:  
EX 20 : 1 - 17

RESPONSORIAL:  
PS 19 : 8 - 11

2ND READING:  
1 COR 1 : 22 - 25

GOSPEL:  
JN 2 : 13 - 25

# Third Sunday of Lent



## Pope's March Intention

For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



### Remember the sick of our parish:

Harry Needham. Eva Corrigan. Lupe Leal. Jo Hoffman. Jason McCormick. Eloise Sanchez. John & Mary Ott. Linda Hedgecock. Juan & Barbara Delgado. John Buchanan. Dale Boman. Avery Boultinghouse. Bishop Joseph Strickland, Fr. Mark Kusmirek. Rosemary Seltzer. Elaine March. Mike Jernigan. Libby Paladino. Jo & Doris Hoffman. Roy Marchak. Emly Walker. Jim Hickey. David Borel. Verna Sloan. Mike Stephens. Kathy Bowers. John McGrane. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. John Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Wanda & George Duke. Jean Hamilton. Kathleen Fleming. Jaye Anderson. Greg Mooney. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jacob Stephens. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.



### Remember the active military of our parish:

Ben Clymer, Air Force (Grandson of Charlie & Marge). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). Staff Sergeant, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).



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## The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



## Special Observances

- Monday:** St. Casimir (Polish prince known as the "brother & defender of the poor"; patron of Poland and Lithuania)
- Thursday:** St. Perpetua & Felicity (Perpetua) Noble lady; (Felicity) her slave (+ at Carthage in 203 under Septimus Severus)
- Friday:** St. John of God Religious (Shepherd, soldier, entrepreneur, laid foundation for the Order of Hospitaliers; patron of hospitals and the sick of nurses and booksellers)



## Mass Intentions

- Sat 3/2** Wanda Stephens+ (Mike Stephens)
- Sun 3/3** Michele Karr Lotzer (Kim Sine)
- Mon 3/4** Ada Choate & Family (Elaine & rosemary)
- Tues 3/5** Deacon Sam Mullen
- Wed 3/6** Kathy Harry
- Fri 3/8** Mann Family (Elaine & Rosemary)

## PARISH SUPPORT

**Attendance:** 2/24 SAT: 70 2/25 SUN: 83

### Collections from 2/24 - 2/25:

Offertory	\$ 2,862.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 300.00

### MARCH SECOND COLLECTIONS

3rd & 4th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"

9th & 10th: Hunger Relief in the Diocese

24th & 25th: Black and Indian Missions

29th: Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land

30th & 31st: Caring for Priests Collection

**Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, must be compliant on your Ethics and Integrity training with VIRTUS.**

**To sign up for training, please notify our contact person: Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or email him at: [justin.mahaffey@icloud.com](mailto:justin.mahaffey@icloud.com)**

## Lenten Time Changes

All Fridays (during Lent): Stations of the Cross will be conducted at 4:45 pm. Immediately following, Father will offer Mass (5:00ish pm). Immediately following:

**March 1, 8, 22: Soup Supper**

**March 15: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (Adults \$15; Children under 5 free)**

## "For Lent For Life" (Operation Rice Bowl)

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families support our sisters and brothers across the globe to overcome hardships like hunger and climate change. Through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

**Rice Bowls will be collected Holy Thursday.**

### MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat 3/2:** 9:30 am Communion Service—Patriotic Rosary  
5:00 pm Mass
- Sun 3/3:** 9:00 am Mass
- K of C Breakfast (Children in school free) Adults \$ 5.00**
- Mon 3/4:** 6:00 pm Mass
- Tues 3/5:** 9:00 am Mass  
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Wed 3/6:** 9:00 am Mass
- Thurs 3/7:** 9:00 am Communion Service  
9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting
- Fri 3/8:** 4:45 pm Stations of the Cross  
5:00 pm Mass
- Sat 3/9:** Rosary Makers Game Day  
Time: 10:00 am—2:00 pm (in St. Jude's Hall)  
Cost: \$15 (includes lunch) Tickets sold in advance.  
5:00 pm Mass



- Sun 3/10:** 9:00 am Mass
- Mon 3/11:** 6:00 pm Mass
- Tues 3/12:** 9:00 am Communion Service  
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**6:00 pm Fundraiser Meeting**
- Wed 3/13:** 9:00 am Mass
- Thurs 3/14:** 9:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting  
**7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting**
- Fri 3/15:** 4:45 pm Stations of the Cross  
5:00 pm Mass  
**5:00 pm - 6:30 pm KC Fish Fry**



1. Holy Spirit Choir opening: The Church choir is looking for a new Music Director. This position will work with Father Kelly to select the weekly music for the Mass Celebration. This person will also conduct weekly choir practices. If interested, please contact Bridget Rich in the church office: 903-769-3235 or [holy.spirit2@yahoo.com](mailto:holy.spirit2@yahoo.com)

2. Holy Spirit Choir would like to invite parishioners to prayerfully consider joining our choir. Young or old or older are invited—if you like to sing, come join our fun-loving group! We do have weekly practices. We would like to expand our “band”; if any parishioners play instruments such as guitar, horn, or saxophone, please consider joining our choir, as well.

3. Holy Spirit is in need of a volunteer to clean and polish some of our brass candlesticks and candelabras. If you are interested, please contact Ada Choate 318-787-3131 or [ada\\_choate1@outlook.com](mailto:ada_choate1@outlook.com)

Many thanks to Mary Jane Snodgrass who has begun working on this massive undertaking, however, we still need additional polishers! Contact Ada at the abovementioned information.

### Holy Spirit Food Ministry



Our Food Ministry is ready to meet the challenges of feeding the hungry again this year.

The cost of food has increased about 15% during the last year. We are asking for continued donations of canned meats, vegetables, pasta, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, etc. Please place dry goods in the bin near the church office. Monetary donations can be made by using the Food Ministry donation envelopes in the Narthex and being placed in the collection baskets or dropped off in the office.

We are always looking for volunteers. You might be surprised as to how many parishioners it takes to run this ministry. Please call Robert Mailliard (503-559-6022) or Bryan Todd (972-672-4218) if you have any questions. Also if you know anyone that needs help, contact us.

**PLEASE HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY**

### From the desk of: Fr. Kelly

Last October, on the 150 anniversary of her birth, Pope Francis wrote an Apostolic Exhortation in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux, (also called St. Therese of the Child Jesus or “the Little Flower”). She was a French Carmelite nun who died in 1897 from tuberculosis at the age of 24. It is an open secret that the Little Flower is the Pope’s favorite saint. So it came as no surprise that in 2015, he canonized her parents, Louis and Zélie Martin. There is talk that her sister is also to be made a saint. The Pope’s exhortation is entitled “*C’est la confiance et rien que la confiance qui doit nous conduire à l’Amour*”. (It is trust and nothing but trust that must lead us to Love).

Therese was aware that all grace, that she had no virtue of her own, that her life depended on the grace of God. She lived in an age where Catholics needed to be reminded of the essentiality of God’s free gift of Grace. The 1985 Catechism chose to quote the words that St. Therese addressed to the Lord: “I will appear before you with empty hands”, [29] in order to express that “the saints have always had a lively awareness that their merits were pure grace”.

Such was her trust in God’s grace that she hoped against all hope that sinners would repent and be united with Christ. Before entering the Carmel, Therese had felt a remarkable spiritual closeness to one of the most unfortunate of men, the criminal Henri Pranzini, sentenced to death for a triple murder for which he was unrepentant. By having Masses offered for him and praying with complete confidence for his salvation, she was convinced that she was drawing him ever closer to the blood of Jesus, and she told God that she was sure that at the last moment he would pardon him “even if he went to his death without any signs of repentance”. As the reason for her certainty, she stated: “I was absolutely confident in the mercy of Jesus”.

How great was her emotion when she learned that Pranzini, after mounting the scaffold, “suddenly, seized by an inspiration, turned, took hold of the crucifix the priest was holding out to him and kissed the sacred wounds three times!” This intense experience of hoping against all hope proved fundamental for her: “After this unique grace, my desire to save souls grows each day”.

Pope Francis is known for falling asleep during his prayer. In 2017, a journalist quizzed him about this. After he admitted his weakness, he told the journalist that his favorite had told him that God understands when a Christian falls asleep in prayer. “When I go to pray, I sometimes fall asleep. St. Therese of the Child Jesus also did this. She said that the Lord, God, the Father likes it when one falls asleep,” the Pontiff explained.

Taken from “*Pearls of Wisdom*” by Susan Lautenbach

*On her deathbed, she could not swallow the Communion host. The impossibility, however, of receiving Holy Communion did not sadden Therese. “No doubt, it is a great grace to receive the sacraments. When God does not permit it, it is good too! Everything is grace!”*

## “Zeal For Thy House”

By Deacon John

*“Zeal for your house will consume me.” – John 2:17*

In today’s Gospel, Jesus arrives in Jerusalem to find that the Temple courtyard has become a marketplace for money changers and animal merchants. It was the time of Passover, the holiest time of the year for the Jews. This was an annual holiday where the Jews were prescribed by law to make pilgrimage to the Temple for purification through sacrifice in remembrance of their ancestors’ exodus from slavery in Egypt. Jerusalem, and the Temple, were bustling with crowds and activity.

So, Jesus gets there during this holy time and what does He find? People in prayer? Levites reciting Psalms? Priests imposing absolute piety and religious passion in the Temple area? No. Instead He sees sellers and traders and even the Temple leaders themselves who seem only interested in gaining mass amounts of money at the expense of the pilgrims. They would prevent the people from sacrificing the animals they had brought and then overcharge them for their “perfect” animals. Often the prices were too much for the people to afford, so they were not able to complete their sacrifice. Money changers were there to convert various currencies to the shekel which was the only currency allowed to pay the Temple tax. The exchange rate could be exorbitant.

Jesus, in a “zeal for thy house that consumed Him”, made whips out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. His anger was righteous. The Temple was supposed to be a place where people could go to pray, to encounter God and develop their friendship with him. But all of these sellers and money changers had turned it into a bazaar. The place that should have helped people find God had become full of roadblocks to finding God. So, Jesus drove them away from God’s house.

Why did the people even need to go there? Why does God need to have a house? Isn’t He pure Spirit? Isn’t He present everywhere, in Heaven, on earth, and in every other place? I get asked these questions a lot by people who don’t often come to church. And the answer is Yes, He is Spirit and omnipresent.

But God knows that humans are sensory creatures and the physical experience within His house is how we better interact with Him. We recognize His presence more inside the church (especially in His Eucharistic presence) and we’re drawn to the holiness that we feel and smell and see and hear and taste. It’s why all of our Sacraments are given inside the church, especially the Mass, as physical visible signs of His invisible grace. The people felt the presence of God in the Temple.

But then Jesus takes it further. The Jews asked Him by what authority He has to do this, and Jesus replied, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” He was speaking now about the new Temple, His own Body. God is present in the temple building in Jerusalem. But now through the Incarnation of the Word, God had built Himself another house, greater and eternal, that He dwells in and invites us into. The Body of his beloved Son.

Today, through the Eucharist we are invited to dwell in the mystical Body of Christ where we encounter Christ and develop our friendship with Him. And we have “zeal for thy house” in the Body of Christ. Then an amazing thing happens to us. We too become the Body of Christ. In John Chapter 6 verse 56, Jesus says, “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him”. If Jesus lives in us and we in Him, then we are also His Body, we are also His temple. As we are sent forth from the Mass after having received the Eucharist, we are the Body of Christ to the world. And we can go throughout the world showing God; the One who dwells within us.

As we continue our Lenten reflections and conversion, let’s think deeply about this, and what a privilege we are given. Let’s always offer to God a home worthy of Him. Let’s look within ourselves to see the animal merchants and money changers that we need to expel from our temples. Remove any sins that may be roadblocks to letting Christ dwell within us. And live with a zeal for thy house that consumes us.

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Origen (185-253 A.D) . <https://www.catholicfaithandreason.org/origen-185-253-ad.html>

*The Fathers of the Church* spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, defended the Church in apologetic writing and fought the many heresies of the first six centuries of Christianity. These men, also called Apostolic Fathers, gave special witness to the faith, some dying the death of a martyr. ...

Thanks to the great Church historian, Eusebius, we know a great deal about Origen, whom Bishop Eusebius credited with having written 6000 books (titles). He was born in Alexandria, Egypt about 185 A.D. in a Christian home. On the occasion of his father, St. Leonidas' martyrdom at the hands of Emperor Septimius Severus in 202 A.D., his life was saved by his mother who kept him from joining his father by hiding his clothes. Probably in his teens or early twenties, he adopted an ascetical lifestyle with fasting, walking barefoot and sleeping on a simple mat and became a catechist. He must have been extraordinarily good at it because he succeeded Clement of Alexandria as the head of the great Catechetical School at Alexandria, which taught the faith to catechumens. He traveled to Rome in 212 A.D., where he met St. Hippolytus, whose great treatise on The Apostolic Tradition was written in 215 A.D. By that time Origen, who was a layman, was nevertheless preaching in Caesarea, at the invitation of the Bishops of Caesarea and Jerusalem. These same Bishops ordained him to the priesthood in 230 A.D. The greatest scholar of Christian antiquity and the father of the homily, he wrote in excess of two thousand works and some estimates are as high as six thousand. He is considered a mystic and the father of the spiritual sense of Scripture. His mysticism was "closely dependent" upon Christian mystery. Christian mystery is at the heart of Origen's spiritual exegesis. One of his disciples alleged that he communicated, "the same divine power that inspired the prophets" and had a gift for explaining God to men. Like many other Church Fathers, Origen assumes the spiritual meaning of the Old Testament.

At a time when heretics like Marcion rejected the Old Testament and many New Testament scriptures and Jews and false Gnostics were adversaries of the early Church, Origen used spiritual interpretation to defend the Old Testament. Cardinal Henri De Lubac shows that this was not an improvisation, but that this type of interpretation was a "weapon of Christians" against unbelieving Jews and Christian Judaizers from the beginning. Jesus used spiritual interpretation when he appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). St. Paul was also a model and Origen constantly referred back to his authority. For example, Paul maintained that the Law was spiritual, in that it contained "the shadow of goods to come" and that what happened to Israel was a figure for us and was recorded for our instruction. Although the epistles of the Apostle contain only a limited number of examples (e.g., the "allegory" of Abraham and his wives in Gal. 4: 21-24) they highlight a method of spiritual understanding that requires us as Christians and disciples of St. Paul to endeavor to understand, "according to the spirit." Although this led Origen to venture "daring" opinions, in the third century when the Church's dogma had not yet been spelled out by Church councils, he did so with considerable humility and a lack of dogmatism. In sum, Origen is a "man of the Church" for whom "redemption through the blood of Jesus," is taught throughout Scripture.

He was tortured and imprisoned during the Decian persecution, probably at Caesarea, and died as a result a few years later, about 253 or 254 A.D. Origen was the first to write a manual of dogmatic theology, entitled *The Fundamental Doctrines*. He wrote, "We maintain that which only is to be believed as the truth which in no way conflicts with the tradition of the Church and the Apostles" (*De princ. I., praef 2*). There is much to learn from Origen. Philosopher and theologian David Bentley Hart wrote:

It was -Origen who taught the Church how to read Scripture as a living mirror of Christ, who evolved the principles of later trinitarian theology and Christology, who majestically set the standard for Christian apologetics, who produced the first and richest expositions of contemplative -spirituality, and who— simply said—laid the foundation of the whole edifice of developed Christian thought.

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**Please  
join us**

# **Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry**

***March 15th & April 12th***

**FRIED CATFISH W/ALL THE TRIMMINGS:**

- French Fries
- Hush Puppies
- Beans
- Coleslaw
- Desserts
- Coffee/tea



**Dinner  
served from  
5:00-6:30pm**

**Tickets at the door**  
**Carry-out available**

**Adults \$15**  
**(Children under  
5 yrs free)**

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