

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Celebration of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 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

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Sunday 8:00 - 8:45 am

Sacrament of the Sick

Offered the first Friday
of the month after 9:00 am
& 6:00 pm Mass.

Marriage or Baptism

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

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HOLLY LAKE RANCH, TX 75765

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
DT 4 : 1 - 2; 6 - 8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 15 : 2 - 5

2ND READING:
JAS 1 : 17 - 18; 21B - 22; 27

GOSPEL:
MK 7 : 1 - 8; 14 - 15; 21 - 23

**"Nothing that enters one
from outside can defile that
person; but the things
that come out from within
are what defile."**

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Church Organizations

Parochial Administrator	Fr. John Gomez
Financial Council	Charlie Clymer
Pastoral Council	John Rigney
Virtus	Justin Mahaffey
Knights of Columbus	Jerry Hauck
4th Degree Knights	Gary Laudt
Legion of Mary	Marge Clymer
	Jane Bidlack
Food Pantry	Bryan Todd
Music Ministry	Lou Masferrer
Rosary Makers	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Welcome	Anna Parker
Bereavement	Eva/Jess Corrigan
Altar Flowers	

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 8/24 SAT: 67 8/25 SUN: 109

Collections from 8/24 - 8/25:

Offertory	\$ 2,321.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 0.00

SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

1st & 2nd: "Building & Maintenance Fund"
7th & 8th: "Catholic University of America"

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 8/31:	5:00 pm Mass Fundraiser Drawing Tickets go on sale
Sun 9/1:	9:00 am Mass Fundraiser Drawing Tickets go on sale
Mon 9/2:	9:00 am Communion Service Diocesan Offices Closed Parish Office Closed
Tues 9/3:	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 9/4:	9:00 am Mass
Thurs 9/5:	9:00 am Mass
First Fri 9/6:	9:00 am Mass/6:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Healing Service
Sat 9/7:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Patriotic Rosary 5:00 pm Mass Wild West Casino Tickets go on sale
Sun 9/8:	9:00 am Mass Knights of Columbus Breakfast Wild West Casino Tickets go on sale
Mon 9/9:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 9/10:	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 5:00 pm Fundraising Meeting
Wed 9/11:	9:00 am Mass
Thurs 9/12:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Legion of Mary Meeting 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Business Meeting (6:30 pm Rosary)

Pope's September Intention



For the cry of the earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



Remember the sick of our parish: Suzanne DiCarlo; Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Mary Ott; Emily Walker; Elizabeth Egan; Cindy Sue Erdag; Emeress Aiwohi; Fr. Ariel Cortes; Joe Bonneville; Wauneta Winton; Joe Fazzio; Sharon Kroll; Jeri Garfield; Ethan Cowles; Lupe Leal; Jason McCormick; Eloise Sanchez; Linda Hedgecock; Juan & Barbara Delgado; John Buchanan; Dale Boman; Avery Boultinghouse; Bishop Joseph Strickland; Rosemary Seltzer; Elaine March; Libby Paladino; Jo & Doris Hoffman; Roy Marchak; David Borel; Verna Sloan; Mike Stephens; Kathy Bowers; John McGrane; Msgr. Ron Diegel; Chris & Dave Paape; Richard & Dottie Schuetz; John Fabitz; Jodie Woods; 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: Mitchell, LTJG Navy (Son-in-law of Stan & Terrie Evans). Ben Clymer, Air Force (Grandson of Charlie & Marge). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). CPI 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).

Mass Intentions



Sat 8/31	Geri Simoncelli+ (Mary Catalano)
Sun 9/1	Emma Seely+ (Ann Marie Vancas)
Tues 9/3	Chris Cunnningham+ (Ann Marie Vancas)
Wed 9/4	Peggy Vancas+ (Ann Marie Vancas)
Thurs 9/4	Michael Vancas+ (Ann Marie Vancas)
Fri 9/5	Ed Cohen+ (Ann Marie Vancas)



Special Observances

Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of Church (*Prefect of Rome; O.S.B.; papal legate to Constantinople; as pope, noted for liturgical reform and chant; sent missionaries to England; wrote on many moral and theological subjects e.g. "Moralia" on Job, "Dialogues", and "Pastoral Rule"; one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; called himself the "servus servorum Dei"; patron saint of music.*)

Thursday: St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin (*Mother Teresa was born in Skopje, then part of the Kosovo Vilayet of the Ottoman Empire; in 1950, she founded the Missionaries of Charity that had over 4,500 sisters active in some 133 countries as of 2012; her congregation oversees homes for those who are dying of various diseases; it also runs soup kitchens, dispensaries, mobile clinics, children's and family counselling programs, as well as orphanages and schools; her sisters profess "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor"; Mother Teresa received a number of honors, among them the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979; she died on September 5, 1997; she was canonized on September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis and inscribed in the liturgical calendar for the United States in 2022.*)

Fundraising

Holy Spirit's 12th Annual Dinner & Casino Night is quickly coming upon us. Our **Wild Wild West** themed evening is schedule for Saturday, October 26th. Drawing tickets for 5 chances to win \$500 Visa Gift Cards will go on sale this weekend. **Please pick up your packet of Drawing Tickets after each Mass at the table outside—just look for the persons wearing cowboy hats.**

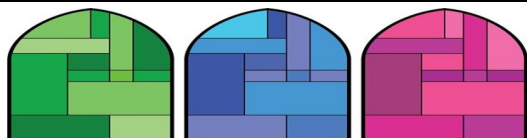
Saddle up, Cowboys and Cowgirls!!!!



Office Closures



*In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, both The Diocesan and Parish offices will be closed on:
Monday, September 2, 2024.*



Special Parish Announcements

Immagean (Martin) Kelly: She departed this life on August 10, 2024 in Lawrence, Kansas. In her retirement, Immagean, a lifelong Catholic, fully dedicated herself to her faith. The Rosary always held a special place in her heart, and she prayed it daily. Her deep love for the Rosary led her to establish the Holy Spirit Rosary Makers here at Holy Spirit where she was a member of our parish for 15 years. Her legacy lives on through the countless lives she touched.

Other special prayer request: Please continue to keep Fr. Ariel in your prayers this week.

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

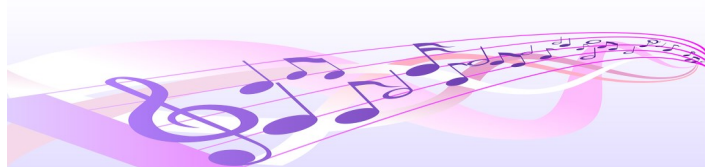
To sign up for training, please notify our contact person:
Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or
email him at: justin.mahaffey@icloud.com



Holy Spirit Food Ministry

We are preparing for our holiday season. Please help us acquire the following items:

boxed cake mixes; cans of cake frosting; 16 oz jars of peanut butter; jars of jams and jellies; boxes of cereal; and instant potatoes. We also like to provide \$20 gift cards from Walmart or Brookshire's so that families can add "famous family recipes" to their holiday meals. Finally, we need Holiday Boxes to deliver the donations. Any help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or are interested in helping us distribute the Holiday Boxes, please contact Bob Maillard (503-559-6022) or Bryan Todd (972-672-4218).



Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come sing with us. If interested, please call Lou Masferrer (214-663-8608).

KNIGHT'S of COLUMBUS

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On Sunday, September 8th we will host our monthly KC Breakfast—the best deal in town!

Adults \$5.00
Children (school age) Free
Take home meals available



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Perpetua and Felicity <https://ucatholic.com/saints/perpetua-and-felicity/>

In the year 203, amidst the oppressive atmosphere of Septimus Severus' persecution, Saint Perpetua made the life-altering choice to embrace Christianity, fully aware of the mortal danger this entailed. Inspired by her conviction, her brother also embarked on the path to become a catechumen, mirroring her courageous step. The decision plunged her father into a state of despair, driven by his deep concern for her welfare. At 22, Perpetua, a figure of education and vibrant spirit, and a mother to a nursing infant, faced intense societal and familial pressure to renounce her newfound faith. The historical silence on her husband's existence leads many to speculate she was a widow, adding another layer of vulnerability to her situation. Yet, her resolve was unshakeable. In a poignant exchange with her father, Perpetua likened her identity as a Christian to the undeniable reality of a water jug's existence – fundamental and unchangeable. This steadfast declaration incited her father to violence, a reaction that underscored the profound divide her faith had created within her family. However, the ensuing separation, a consequence of her arrest, brought her a brief respite from familial conflict, despite the grim circumstances of her imprisonment.

Perpetua's baptism prior to her imprisonment marked the beginning of a journey characterized by divine encounters and prophetic gifts. Enclosed within a suffocatingly dark and overcrowded prison, she faced the terror of her predicament with a focus on spiritual endurance, encouraged by a divine message received at her baptism. The prison's harsh conditions were especially torturous for Perpetua, separated from her infant son, and for Felicity, a fellow catechumen who was pregnant. The intervention of two deacons, who improved their conditions, allowed Perpetua brief moments of solace with her child and highlighted the compassion within the Christian community. Facing the inevitability of martyrdom, Perpetua remained resolute, even as her father and the judge pleaded for her to recant. Her imprisonment was marked by visions and spiritual insights, including prayers for her deceased brother Dinocrates, which provided her with a sense of purpose amidst her suffering.

Felicity, too, faced her own trials with a serene faith, fearing that her impending childbirth might delay her martyrdom and separate her from her companions. Miraculously, she gave birth just in time to join them in their final journey.

The prison officials, witnessing the Christians' dignified resilience, were at times swayed by fear or respect, illustrating the complex dynamics between the early Christians and Roman authority. On the eve of their execution, the martyrs transformed their public humiliation into a testament of faith, challenging both the spectators and their executioners with their unwavering spirit.

In the arena, the refusal to don pagan robes symbolized their ultimate rejection of Roman polytheism and an assertion of their freedom in Christ. Despite the brutal spectacle designed to break their spirits, Perpetua and her companions faced their deaths with a transcendent calm, turning a moment of intended degradation into a profound witness of faith.

Perpetua's last words were to her brother: "Stand fast in the faith and love one another."