

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

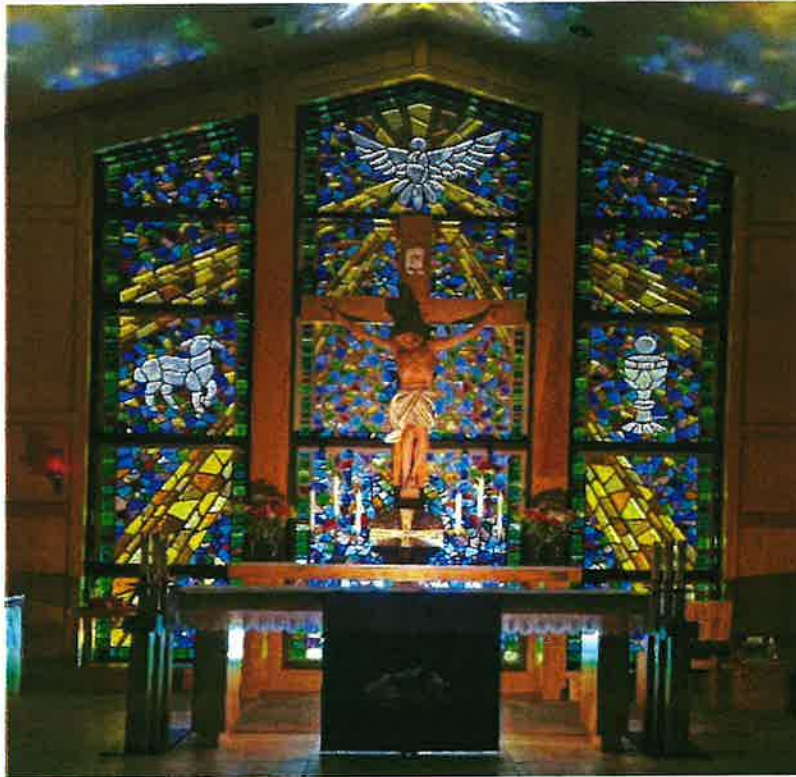
DIOCESE OF TYLER

## Celebration of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
Monday 9:00 am  
Communion Service  
Tuesday No Mass  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Thursday No Mass  
Friday 9:00 am  
Communion Service

## Adoration

Tuesday  
No Adoration  
(12/24 & 12/31)



## 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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Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas  
December 25, 2024

## TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:  
IS 52 : 7 - 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:  
PS 98: 1 - 6

2ND READING:  
HEB 1 : 1 - 6

GOSPEL:  
JN 1 : 1 - 18

*In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.*



## A Christmas Message from Fr Gomez

It is with sincere joy that I wish a holy and blessed Christmas to you all. May the love and peace of our Lord Jesus be in your hearts.

I welcome all of you to Holy Spirit Parish today; our frequent Mass-goers, our visitors, and especially those of you who haven't been to Mass for some time. What a wonderful and grace-filled occasion that we are all gathered here as we celebrate our Lord Jesus. Together, may we grow in His strength and grace.

Christmas is a time to celebrate God's presence in our lives. To know that He is always with us. To find comfort and love through and in His presence. With extreme gratitude, we thank Him for becoming like us, here on earth, for our Salvation. With joyful enthusiasm, we praise Him for His Eucharist as He walks with us through our lives. And with confident hope, we wait in anticipation for His glorious coming again.

Emmanuel – God is with us. That's the joy of Christmas. That's the joy in our hearts. That's the joy we spread with the world.

And with this joy brings hope. We must fan this flame of hope, not only within ourselves, but throughout the world. As Catholics, we are called to bring our hope in Christ with solidarity to the world. So that all people can gain new strength and certainty for the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. This is why the Holy Father has designated the 2025 Jubilee Year as the Pilgrims of Hope.

Christmas Eve marks the official beginning of the 2025 Jubilee Year with the Rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St Peter at 7:00pm. Around the world, dioceses will begin the Jubilee celebrations in the Cathedrals on December 29, 2024. In the Diocese of Tyler, this will occur at the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on that day. Look forward in the coming weeks to many more details about the Jubilee Year activities within our diocese.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all our parishioners. I am so grateful for your dedicated support to Holy Spirit Parish, your frequent prayers for our new bishop, and also for your diocesan support to the Bishop's Annual Appeal and Priest for Tomorrow programs. You are truly a most blessed Christmas gift to me, and I look forward to seeing our parish continue to grow even greater in holiness of spirit, charity and fellowship in the coming year.

On behalf of myself, Father Ariel, Deacon John, and our parish staff we pray that this Christmas season be a time of grace for you and your families, and that your hearts always remain a warm manger to tenderly hold the Christ child.

Merry Christmas and may God always bless you!

*Fr John Gomez*

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

## Church Organizations

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

### PARISH SUPPORT

<b>Attendance:</b>	12/21	SAT:	12/22	SUN:
<b>Collections from 12/21 - 12/22:</b>				
Offertory			\$	0.00
Building & Maintenance Fund			\$	0.00

### JANUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS

1/4 & 1/5: "Building and Maintenance Fund"  
1/25 & 1/26: Retirement Fund for Religious

## DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sat 12/28:</b>	5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun 12/29:</b>	9:00 am Mass
<b>Mon 12/30:</b>	9:00 am <b>**COMMUNION SERVICE**</b>
<b>Tues 12/31:</b>	No Mass

Holy Spirit Office will be closed today

## JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Wed 1/1:</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>
	9:00 am Mass

Holy Spirit Office will be closed today

<b>Thurs 1/2:</b>	No Mass
<b>Fri 1/3:</b>	9:00 am <b>**COMMUNION SERVICE**</b> <b>Followed by a Healing Prayer Service</b>

<b>Sat 1/4:</b>	9:30 am Patriotic Rosary
	5:00 pm Mass

<b>Sun 1/5:</b>	9:00 am Mass
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### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

<b>Mon 1/6:</b>	9:00 am <b>**COMMUNION SERVICE**</b>
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<b>Tues 1/7:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
	Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

<b>Wed 1/8:</b>	No Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life

<b>Thurs 1/9:</b>	No Mass
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9:30 am Legion of Mary

<b>Fri 1/10:</b>	9:00 am <b>**COMMUNION SERVICE**</b> 9:30 am Rosary Makers
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## Pope's January Intention



For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



**Remember the sick of our parish:** Lou Masferrer; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; George Duke; Elizabeth Eagan; LaMarylis & Carl Hodges; Wyatt Cesarz; Dale Boman; Elmer Mulhollon, Ram Singh, Evelyn Murfin, Joyce McConnell, Pat Schmeier, Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Mary Ott; Emily Walker; Cindy Sue Erdag; Emeress Aiwohi; Fr. Ariel Cortes; Joe Bonneville; Wauneta Winton; Joe Fazzio; Sharon Kroll; Jeri Garfield; Ethan Cowles; Lupe & Leo Leal; Jason McCormick; Eloise Sanchez; Linda & Don Hedgecock; Juan & Barbara Delgado; John Buchanan; Avery Boultinghouse; 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; 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.

We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died especially: **Joann Ray** passed away on 11/13 in her home in Magnolia, Tx. **Mary Jenkins**, daughter of Joann, address: 21075 Titian Dr. Magnolia, TX 77355

**Remember the active military of our parish:** Corporal Steven Blackburn, US Army (Nephew of Michael & Kathleen Laurel) Cody Mitchell, LTJG Navy (Son-in-law of Stan & Terrie Evans). Ben Clymer, Air Force (Grandson of Charlie & Marge). Captain Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). 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 Eamma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

## Mass Intentions

**Sat 12/28**  
**Sun 12/29**  
**Wed 1/1**

**Maria del Refugio Marquecho+** (Rocio Kolinko)  
**Nathan Laviage+** (Ann Marie Vancas)  
**Jane Bidlack** (Elaine & Rosemary)



## Special Observances

**Saturday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs** (The massacre of the Innocents who bore witness to the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from sin and frees us from death.)

**Sunday: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH** (Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.)

**Tuesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope** (As bishop of Rome, organized public worship and dedicated the Lateran basilica; represented at the Council of Nicea which condemned Arianism; one of the first non-martyrs venerated as a saint.)

**Wednesday: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** (We seek God's blessings as did Mary. Because of her Son, we can confidently call God, "Abba".)

**Thursday: St. Basil the Great Bishop, Doctor of the Church** (A hermit who became bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia; noted for his learning; foe of Arianism; wrote a rule on monasticism; source of Eucharistic Prayer IV; along with Sts. Gregory Nazianzen, Athanasius, and John Chrysostom, considered one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church.)

**St. Gregory Nazianzen Bishop, Doctor of the Church** (Patriarch of Constantinople; noted for his knowledge of sacred Scripture; called 'theologus' for his outstanding teaching abilities and eloquence.)

**Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus** (Through the particular efforts of St. Bernardine of Siena, devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus—'Yahweh is salvation'—was promoted through the inscription of the monogram of the Holy Name, HIS (an abbreviation of the Greek name for Jesus), and the addition of the name of Jesus to the Hail Mary.)

## Pope Francis Appoints Bishop Greg Kelly as Bishop of Tyler



Pope Francis has appointed Most Rev. Gregory Kelly, Auxiliary Bishop of Dallas, as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Tyler. The appointment was announced in Washington, D.C., on December 20, 2024 by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

"I am grateful to the Holy Father for this surprising pre-Christmas gift, and I am eager to begin this ministry in the New Year," Bishop Kelly said.

"I am grateful to Pope Francis for his manner of shepherding the Universal Church, and for his pastoral concern for this local Church of Tyler. I am honored that he has entrusted this responsibility to me, and I hope to learn how to best fulfill this ministry. I look forward to getting to know you, to know the richness of this local Church, and to learn how best to lead this flock along the path the Risen Lord marks out for us to follow together in the time ahead."

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, Bishop of Austin, will continue to lead the Diocese of Tyler as the apostolic administrator until Bishop Kelly's installation on February 24, 2025.

"I have known Bishop Kelly for many years as a bishop. He is a humble man who loves the Church and is faithful to our Holy Father Pope Francis," Bishop Vásquez said. "Bishop Kelly has a heart filled with love for his brother priests, and he is a man of deep prayer. I believe he will be an excellent shepherd of this local Church and that he will lead the clergy and people of God to know and love Jesus Christ."

Bishop Gregory J. Kelly was born to John and Marilean Kelly on February 15, 1956 in LeMars, Iowa. He was baptized at St. Mary's Church in Alton, IA. He grew up in Colorado Springs, CO, attending Sacred Heart Elementary School, St. Mary's High School and Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, CO.

Bishop Kelly entered Holy Trinity Seminary in 1976 and received his BA and Masters of Divinity degrees from the University of Dallas. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Dallas on May 15, 1982 at his home parish of Sacred Heart. He served 4 years as Associate Pastor at All Saints Church in Dallas and in 1986 was assigned as Chaplain of the University of Dallas. In 1995 he was named Vocations Director for the Diocese of Dallas and in 1996 was appointed Pastor of the newly-established parish of St. Gabriel the Archangel in McKinney, Texas. He served in that position until January, 2008 when he was named Vicar for Clergy by now-Cardinal Kevin Farrell.

Bishop Kelly has served on the Presbyteral Council and as a member of the College of Consultors for the last 17 years. He has also chaired the Priests' Personnel Board and has served on the boards of the University of Dallas, St. John Paul II High School in Plano, and Catholic Charities of Dallas. He served briefly as interim Rector of Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving in the spring of 2014. On February 1, 2013, he was given the title of Monsignor by Pope Benedict XVI.

On December 16, 2015 Monsignor Kelly was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Dallas by Pope Francis and was ordained at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe on February 11, 2016. On April 18, 2016 he was appointed Vicar General and appointed to serve as the Moderator of the Curia.

Bishop Kelly attributes his vocation to the deep faith and example of his parents, John and Marilean, both deceased. Also, to his childhood Pastor, Father George Julian, OMI, whose example of priesthood inspired his own.

Bishop Kelly will be installed as the Bishop of Tyler on Monday, February 24, 2025. Additional details about the installation Mass will follow in the new year.