

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

This week's Celebration of the Mass

Saturday 9:00 am
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
after 9:00 am & 5:00 pm
Mass.

Marriage or Baptism

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

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Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
EX 3 : 1 - 8A ; 13 - 15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 103 : 1 - 4 ; 6 - 8 ; 11

2ND READING:
1 COR 10 : 1 - 6 ; 10 - 12

GOSPEL:
LK 13 : 1 - 9

"...I shall cultivate
the ground around
it and fertilize it;
it may bear fruit
in the future."



Third Sunday of Lent

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 Bryan Todd
Food Pantry	
Music Ministry	
Rosary Makers/Prayer Blankets	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Welcome	
Bereavement	Eva/Jess Corrigan

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance:	3/15	SAT: 74	3/16	SUN: 110
Collections from 3/15 - 3/216:				
Offertory			\$	3,505.00
Building & Maintenance			\$	300.00

MARCH SECOND COLLECTIONS

3/1 & 3/2: "Building and Maintenance Fund"
 3/5 (Ash Wednesday): Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe
 3/15 & 3/16: Black & Indian Missions
 3/29 & 3/30: Catholic Relief Services

MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 3/22:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 3/23:	9:00 am Mass Lenten Class with Jane Bidlack
Mon 3/24:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 3/25:	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 3/26:	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 3/27:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Legion of Mary 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Fri 3/28:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Makers 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross Lenten Soup Supper
Sat 3/29:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 3/30:	9:00 am Mass Donut Sunday Lenten Class with Jane Bidlack
Mon 3/31:	9:00 am Communion Service

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues 4/1:	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 4/2:	9:00 am Mass 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 4/3:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Legion of Mary
Fri 4/4:	9:00 am Mass/ Stations of the Cross/ Healing Service 9:30 am Rosary Makers 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm Mass/Healing Service Lenten Soup Supper - Rosary Makers

Pope's March Intention



For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



Remember the sick of our parish: Mary Janick; Erin Sine; Ryan Melton; Randy Munoz; Stan Evans; Jess & Eva Corrigan; Bridget Hlavenka; Rosemary Seltzer; Maureen Tucker; Lou Masferrer; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; Elizabeth Eagan; LaMarylis & Carl Hodges; Wyatt Cesarz; Elaine March; Dale Boman, Elmer Mulhollon, Ram Singh, Evelyn Murfin, Pat Schmeier, Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Mary Ott; Emly Walker; Cindy Sue Erdag; Emeress Aiwohi; Fr. Ariel Cortes; Joe Bonneville; Wauneta Winton; Joe Fazzio; Sharon Kroll; Jeri Garfield; Ethan Cowles; Lupe & Leo Leal; Linda & Don Hedgecock; Juan & Barbara Delgado; Avery Boultinghouse; 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; Jodie Woods; Jean Hamilton; Kathleen Fleming; Jaye Anderson; Greg Mooney; Karee Haney; Charlie Parker; Jacob Stephens.



Remember those who have died: George Duke, parishioner.



Remember the active military of our parish: Senior Chief Petty Officer, James Nichols, (Nephew of Dcn John & Cindy Sue Erdag). 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; Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno AMT 2nd 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 3/22	Mike Stephens (Bob and Anna Parker)
Sun 3/23	Mike & Eileen Robards (Bob and Anna Paker)
Tues 3/25	Healing of Fr. Ariel (Carolyn Aucoin)
Wed 3/26	Cosme Arredondo+ (Ann Marie Vancas)
Thur 3/27	Pat Gallardo+ (M/M Clymer)
Fri 3/28	Mike Stephens (Bob and Anna Parker)



Special Observances

Tuesday: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD *Though Christmas commemorates the birth of Christ, the Annunciation commemorates the Incarnation within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Most certainly, this solemnity celebrates the Virgin Mary's perfect "Yes" to the plan of the Father. We celebrate her humility, obedience, docility, and especially her motherhood of God and man.*



New Monthly Food Ministry Fundraising Program

Jesus said, "Feed my people"

Grocery bags are located in the narthex with a list of suggested needed items. If you are interested in helping the HS Food Ministry, please pick up a bag after this weekend's Masses (3/15 & 3/16). You can return the bag of groceries the following week. We will have someone available to help carry your bag for you. **OR....**

Let us do the shopping for you. Monetary donations envelope are also available in the narthex. You can place the envelope in the weekend collection basket.

QUESTIONS: Bob Mailliard (503-559-6022) or Bryan Todd (972-672-4218)

Please Join us **Knights of Columbus**
Friday Fish Fry
Feb 28th - Mar 21st - April 11th

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 12 yrs. & under free)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Hall
1612 FM 2869

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 Holy Spirit's contact person: Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or email him at: justin.mahaffey@icloud.com

Catholic Relief Services—Operation Rice Bowl

Help communities around the world affected by hunger and poverty. On Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, we are called to repentance and deeper communion with God and neighbor through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In a special way, Lenten almsgiving enables us to grow in generosity, actively participate in the body of Christ and respond to God's call to love and care for others. CRS Rice Bowls help families in countries like Nigeria, Guatemala, and Bangladesh to access nutritious food, and build sustainable livelihoods which can help them adapt and thrive in the face of climate change.

Pick up a family rice bowl (cardboard box) in the narthex. During this Lenten season, it is recommended that each donation should equal the cost of the item you have chosen to forego during Lent (ie \$1.65 for a pack of gum). Collect your family's weekly offerings in the box.

Rice Bowls will be collected on Holy Thursday.

Easter Flowers



We are accepting donations for the Easter Lilies & Hydrangeas for our altar. You can make donations "In honor of" or "In memory of" loved ones. Please use the special marked offertory envelope dated March 15th. Extra envelopes available in the Narthex of the church.



Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Lenten Schedule

- Sun. 3/23** **Lenten Class with Jane Bidlack (immediately following Mass)**
- Fri. 3/28** **9:00 am Mass and Stations**
4:30 pm Stations of the Cross
5:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper
- Sun. 3/30** **Lenten Class with Jane Bidlack (immediately following Mass)**
- Fri. 4/4** **FIRST FRIDAY**
9:00 am Mass/Stations of the Cross/Healing Service
4:30 pm Stations of the Cross
5:00 pm Mass/Healing Service
5:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper
- Fri. 4/11** **9:00 am Mass and Stations**
4:30 pm Stations of the Cross
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- Sat. 4/12** **HOLY SPIRIT LENTEN RETREAT**
8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Light breakfast and Lunch will be served. Please RSVP call or text 817-637-9381 by April 9th.

St. Paddy's Potluck



If you didn't make it to our St. Paddy's Day celebration—you missed a grand ole time. There was lots of food, laughter, singing, and, of course, some awesome door prizes. Come join us *next year!*



The Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 15174 are hosting a parish-wide

JUBILEE RETREAT

Father Ariel and Deacon John invite you to learn of Jubilee 2025 as **Pilgrims of Hope**. Learn how your participation can lead to a Plenary Indulgence.



Everyone is welcome: men and women, young and old, cradle, non-cradle, and new Catholics.

DATE: Saturday, April 12, 2025

TIME: 8:30am - 1:30pm

PLACE: Holy Spirit Catholic Church

FREE Light Breakfast & Lunch will be served but we need to know you're coming. Call or text 817-637-9381 to reserve your spots by **April 9**.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. ~[Luke 1:38](#)

Reflection: In the fifth century, bishops engaged in a fierce theological debate over the unity of the divine and human natures of Christ, referred to as the “hypostatic union.” Nestorius, the Archbishop of Constantinople, argued that there were two underlying hypostases, or substances, in Christ, one human and one divine. He believed that the humanity of Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, but not His divinity. Therefore, Nestorius believed Mary should only be called the “Christ-bearer” and not the “God-bearer” (*Theotokos*). Saint Cyril, the Archbishop of Alexandria, argued that the divine and human natures of Jesus were united in one hypostasis. Divinity and humanity were perfectly united and, therefore, Mary is properly called the *Theotokos*, or “Mother of God,” not just the “Mother of Christ.” God was born of her, not just His body. Mary conceived a Person in her womb, and that Person was both God and man, perfectly united as one. In 431 the Church held a council at Ephesus at which Cyril’s position was adopted and Nestorius’ position was condemned. Nestorius was then removed as Archbishop of Constantinople.

Today’s celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord recalls the historical event of the Angel Gabriel appearing to the Virgin Mary, as found in [Luke 1:26–38](#). It also celebrates the Church’s faith in the underlying reality that took place at that moment in time. It celebrates the Incarnation, making this solemnity not only a Marian solemnity, but first and foremost a Christological one. Though Christmas commemorates the birth of Christ, the Annunciation commemorates the Incarnation within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Most certainly, this solemnity is also a Marian celebration. We celebrate the Virgin Mary’s perfect “Yes” to the plan of the Father. We celebrate her humility, obedience, docility, and especially her motherhood of God and man.

This solemnity is also a celebration of the Father in Heaven because it reveals the beginning of the pinnacle of His perfect plan of salvation. That moment in time, the moment of the Incarnation, holds significance beyond comprehension. This moment was in the mind of the Father in Heaven from all eternity and took place in a hidden way, known only to this lowly and humble virgin.

As we celebrate this glorious solemnity, ponder all these central mysteries of our faith. Faith must be celebrated, not only believed. It must be proclaimed, rejoiced in, loved, and lived. Profess your faith in the Incarnation and seek the intercession of the Virgin Mary. Ask her to pray for you that you may imitate her “Yes” to the will of the Father in Heaven, so that you can continue to bring forth His divine Son in your soul, so that He will continue to be made manifest to the world through you.

Prayer: *Most glorious and ever-virgin Mary, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to you to announce the coming of God within your virginal womb, you inquired with humility how this could be. The Archangel spoke further, and you assented to this divine mystery with all your heart. Please pray for me, that I may always consent to the will of God in my life so that your divine Son may also be conceived in my soul to continue His saving work of redemption. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You*



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March 14, 2025

Rev. Ariel Cortes
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Dear Father Cortes,

It is with great joy that I appoint you as the Chaplain to the Legion of Mary in the Diocese of Tyler. The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic organization dedicated to evangelization, prayer, and service, under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Inspired by deep faith and devotion, its members seek to grow in holiness through prayer, works of charity, and outreach to those in spiritual and material need. Following the example of St. Louis de Montfort, the Legion embraces true devotion to Mary as a sure path to Christ, striving to imitate her faith and obedience in all their apostolic endeavors.

As chaplain, your role will be to provide spiritual guidance and pastoral support to the Legion of Mary members in our diocese. Your ministry will include fostering their formation in prayer and apostolic mission and ensuring that their works align with the mission of the Church. You will also serve as a source of encouragement to the members as they dedicate themselves to their Marian spirituality and apostolic endeavors.

I am grateful for your willingness to accept this responsibility, and I trust that your guidance will strengthen and inspire the Legion of Mary in our diocese. Please be assured of my prayers and support as you undertake this important ministry.

May Our Lady, Mother of the Church, intercede for you in your service to Christ and his people.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Gregory Kelly
Bishop of Tyler