

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

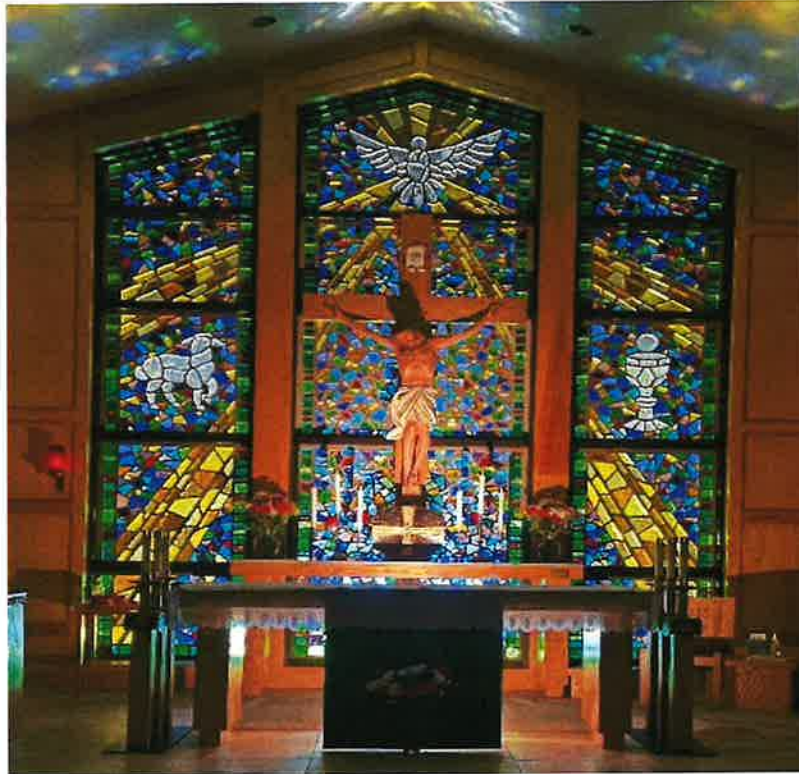
DIocese of TYLER

## This week's Celebration of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 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

Tuesday 9:45 - 10:30 am  
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
Sunday Upon request

## Sacrament of the Sick

Offered the first Friday  
after 9:00 am & 5:00 pm  
Mass or by request.

## Marriage or Baptism

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

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 6, 2025

## TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:  
IS 66 : 10 - 14C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:  
PS 66 : 1 - 7 ; 16 ; 20

2ND READING:  
GAL 6 : 14 - 18

GOSPEL:  
LK 10 : 1 - 12 ; 17 - 20

**"THE HARVEST  
IS ABUNDANT  
BUT THE  
LABORERS  
ARE FEW."**

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Church Organizations

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	Deacon John Erdag



## Pope's July Intention

**For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.**



**Remember the sick of our parish:** Judy Terry; Chris Paladino; Erin Sine; Ryan Melton; Randy Munoz; Stan Evans; Jess & Eva Corrigan; Elaine March & Rosemary Seltzer; Maureen Tucker; Lou & Ray Masferrer; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; LaMarylly & Carl Hodges; Wyatt Cesarz; Dale Boman, Elmer Mulhollon, Ram Singh, Pat Schmeier, Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Mary Ott; Emly Walker; Cindy Sue Erdag; Emeress Aiwohi; Fr. Ariel Cortes; Joe Bonneville; Wauneta Winton; Joe Fazzino; Juan & Barbara Delgado; Avery Boultinghouse; Jo & Doris Hoffman; Roy Marchak; David Borel; Verna Sloan; Mike Stephens; Kathy Bowers; Msgr. Ron Diegel; Chris & Dave Paape; Richard Schuetz; Jodie Woods; Jean Hamilton; Kathleen Fleming; Jaye Anderson; Greg Mooney; Karee Haney; Charlie Parker; Jacob Stephens.

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**Remember the active military of our parish:** Senior Chief Petty Officer, James Nichols, (Nephew of Dcn John & Cindy Sue Erdag). Sergeant Steven Blackburn, US Army (Nephew of Michael & Kathleen Laurel) Cody Mitchell, LTJG Navy (Son-in-law of Stan & Terrie Evans). Ben Clymer, Sr Airman USAF (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). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

### PARISH SUPPORT

**Attendance:** 6/28 SAT: 66 6/29 SUN: 98

#### Collections from 6/28 - 6/29:

Offeritory	\$ 4,163.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 350.00

### JULY SECOND COLLECTIONS

7/6 & 7/7: Building and Maintenance Fund  
7/26 & 7/27: Church in Africa

## JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sat 7/5:</b>	9:30 am Patriotic Rosary 5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun 7/6:</b>	8:30 am Mass - NEW MASS SCHEDULE
<b>Mon 7/7:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service
<b>Tues 7/8:</b>	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm <b>4:00 pm Knights of Columbus - Planning Meeting</b>
<b>Wed 7/9:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>10:30 am Bible Study</b> 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
<b>Thurs 7/10:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>9:30 am Legion of Mary</b> <b>7:00 pm Knights of Columbus - Officers' Installation</b>
<b>Fri 7/11:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>9:30 am Rosary Makers</b>
<b>Sat 7/12:</b>	5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun 7/13:</b>	8:30 am Mass
<b>Mon 7/14:</b>	10:00 am Memorial Mass for Evelyn Murfin
<b>Tues 7/15:</b>	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
<b>Wed 7/16:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>10:30 am Bible Study</b> 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
<b>Thurs 7/17:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>9:30 am Legion of Mary</b>
<b>Fri 7/18:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>9:30 am Rosary Makers</b>



**Fr. Francis O'Dowd**

## Mass Intentions

<b>Sat 7/5</b>	<b>Joseph+ and Ann+ Pericak</b> (Mary Catalano)
<b>Sun 7/6</b>	<b>Ellen Walsh</b> (Jane Bidlack)
<b>Tue 7/8</b>	<b>Cathy Keefe+</b> (M/M McDermott)
<b>Wed 7/9</b>	<b>Regina Kim</b> (Ann Marie Vancas)
<b>Thur 7/10</b>	<b>Patricia Gallardo+</b> (Knights of Columbus)
<b>Fri 7/11</b>	<b>Patricia Gallardo+</b> (Knights of Columbus)



## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Saturday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest** (Doctor turned priest; popular preacher who founded in Milan the Clerics Regular of St. Paul (Barnabites) for the reform of society; today they number some 335 members; sought collaboration between the clergy and the laity; promoted frequent communion.)

**St. Elizabeth of Portugal** (Named after her great-aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary; queen and mother; lover of the poor; peacemaker in the royal family; later a Franciscan tertiary; patroness of Catholic Charities.)

**Wednesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companion, Martyrs** (The 120 martyrs honored today died between 1648 and 1930. Most of them (87) were born in China and were children, parents, catechists, or laborers, ranging from 9 years of age to 72. This group included 4 Chinese priests. The 33 foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious, especially from the Order of Preachers (including St Francis Capillas—protomartyr of China), the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the Friars Minor, Jesuits, Salesians, and Franciscans Missionaries of Mary. Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied the prisoner Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse (Paris Foreign Mission Society) to his martyrdom in Beijing. Moved by the bishop's courage, Augustine sought baptism and not long after was ordained a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized by Pope John Paul II in October 2000.)

**Friday: St. Benedict, Abbot** (Wrote famous monastic Rule noted for its wisdom, moderation, and need for obedience: "Let all follow the Rule as their guide in everything, and let no one rashly depart from it."; founded 12 monasteries including Monte Cassino; Benedictines O.S.B. today number some 6,665 religious; considered the "Patriarch of West Monasticism"; a patron of Europe.)

## Affirmation

*"I have observed Satan falling like lightning from the sky" – Luke 10:18*

Over the years, I've realized that a very strong motivator of mine is a need for affirmation for things I do. Even if a tangible success is visible, it's still important to me to receive confirmation that I did right. It's not because of personal pride or that I'm looking to be acknowledged. But instead, it's a validation that the things I'm doing are beneficial to the people I'm doing them for. If they are, I keep doing them. If they aren't, I move to other methods. But it's all based upon an assurance that I'm serving others well.

And I don't think that I'm unique in this characteristic. I think a lot of people are motivated this way.

Today's Gospel has kind of a strange quote from Jesus, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky." Bible scholars have a couple of interpretations of this passage, but the one I want to point out today is about affirmation.

The 72 disciples whom Jesus had sent out had returned and were rejoicing that "demons were subject to them because of His name". Jesus, in encouragement to them, said that He was seeing Satan falling from the sky. He wasn't talking about Satan's original fall to earth, or His victory over Satan in the desert. He was talking about the disciples' success in their missions.

This affirmation is very important to them. Even though they saw some physical results, they were only viewing their accomplishments with an earthly perspective. Curing the sick. Warding off demons. Spreading the news of Jesus who would soon be visiting those towns.

They didn't realize the spiritual ramifications of what was happening because seeing Satan fall wasn't visible to them in their mission. But it was to Jesus. He knew the forces of hell were falling before the work that was being done in His holy name. That affirmation from Him was powerful in building their confidence in their mission.

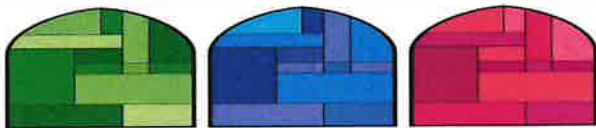
And we cannot fail to understand the relevance of this to ourselves and our missions. Just like the 72, every time we serve another person in love, every time we share the Gospel with another, every time we show Jesus to the world through our actions, every time we turn to Christ in prayer for ourselves and others, the forces of hell fall further behind. We may not see it, but Jesus does.

Sometimes it might not feel like it to us. We may think we're failing in our mission. Heck, the 72 also experienced towns where they had to shake the dust off their feet because the township wouldn't accept Christ's words. Do you ever feel like you're just spinning your wheels, not thinking your discipleship actions are being effective? Find comfort in what Jesus says. He is seeing Satan fall. However poorly we may feel about our Christian actions, He is watching His kingdom be built up stronger.

Then further in this Gospel reading, Jesus gives us more encouragement. He tells us not to get overly sidetracked by the outcome, but instead rejoice that our names are written in heaven. In other words, keep planting the seeds and have faith that He will cultivate them. He will make the difference to them. We will find our joy in our own outcome.

There's such comfort and inspiration in Christ's affirmation of us. And that gives us strength and confidence to keep serving.

I was once asked what I look most forward to about going to heaven. Was it unlimited chocolate pie that doesn't make me fat? Or 18 holes-in-one every time I played the eternal golf course in the sky? Those things sound great, but from the bottom of my heart I can honestly say that the thing I look most forward to is kneeling in front of Jesus and hearing Him say, "Well done my good and faithful servant." It's the affirmation that I'm pleasing my Lord that's the motivator for me.



### Special Announcements

- On July 1st, Holy Spirit officially welcomed Fr. Francis O'Dowd. We will be sharing Fr. O'Dowd with Our Lady, Queen of Angels Mission in Overton, TX. Due to the traveling distance, both churches will have new Mass times on Sunday mornings. Holy Spirit's Mass will begin at 8:30 am (change from 9:00 am) and the Mission's Mass will begin at 11:30 am (change from 11:00 am).
- Holy Spirit Council 15174 invites the parishioners of Holy Spirit to attend the installation of Officers for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year on Thursday, July 10 in St. Jude Hall. We'll gather at 6:30 pm. The award presentations will begin at 7:00 pm followed by light refreshments. Y'all come join us!
- On Monday, July 14th, a Memorial Mass will be held for Evelyn Murfin at 10:00 am. A Rosary will be offered at 9:30 am.

### Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Due to increased costs of groceries, the Food Ministry is in need of non-perishable food donations. If you can contribute, place donations in the box outside the church office. Or, for monetary donations, use the Food Ministry Donation Envelope, available in the basket in the narthex. All contributions are greatly appreciated and serve to help people in need at HLR and the surrounding community.

If you know of a resident in need, please obtain their name and phone number. Please inform Bob Mailliard (503-559-6022) or Bryan Todd (972-672-4218). The person/family in need is not required to be a member of our parish.

**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](mailto:justin.mahaffey@icloud.com)**

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