

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 at first Friday
Mass upon request.

Marriage or Baptism

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

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*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20, 2025*

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
GN 18 : 1 - 10A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 15 ; 2 - 5

2ND READING:
COL 1 : 24 - 28

GOSPEL:
LK 10 : 38 - 42



*"There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better
part and it will not be taken
from her."*

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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

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 7/12 SAT: 100 7/13 SUN: 80

Collections from 7/12 - 7/13:

Offertory \$ 2,676.00
Building & Maintenance \$ 710.00

JULY SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 7/19:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 7/20:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 7/21:	9:00 am Communion Service
	12:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Tues 7/22:	9:00 am Mass
	Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
	1:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
	Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 7/23:	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 7/24:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Legion of Mary
Fri 7/25:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
Sat 7/26:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 7/27:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 7/28:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 7/29:	9:00 am Mass
	Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
	Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 7/30:	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 7/31:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Legion of Mary

AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 8/1:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers



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: Michael Jernigan; Lillian Speights; Marissa Cowles; 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; LaMarylis & Carl Hodges; Wyatt Cesarz; Dale Boman, Elmer Mulhollon, Ram Singh, Pat Schmeier, Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Mary Ott; Emily Walker; Cindy Sue Erdag; Emeress Aiwohi; Fr. Ariel Cortes; Joe Bonneville; Wauneta Winton; Joe Fazzio; 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.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REMOVE OR ADD A NAME/RANK TO EITHER OF THESE LISTS.



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).



Mass Intentions

Sat 7/19	Raymond Barber+ (M/M Barber)
Sun 7/20	Fr. E. Wehner+ (M/M Wood)
Tues 7/22	Anibal Pereira+ (M/M Evans)
Wed 7/23	Fr. P. Berres+ (M/M Wood)
Thur 7/24	Mayme Pylant (Ann Marie Vancas)
Fri 7/25	Charlie Clymer (Marge Clymer)



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church (Capuchin, linguist, military chaplain, diplomat, and minister general; learned exegete, forceful preacher, and controversialist; fifteen volumes of his writings are extant.)

Tuesday: ST. MARY MAGDALENE, (Healed of possession; disciple of Jesus and present at his crucifixion; in Mark, the first to witness to the risen Lord (hence, called the "apostle of the Apostles" [Rabanus Maurus, died 856]); almost universally agreed today that her being identified as the sinful woman of Luke 7:36-50 is unfounded; patroness of the Order of Preachers.)

Wednesday: St. Bridget, Religious (Born in Sweden; mother of 8; mystic prophet and foundress of the Order of the Most Holy Savior ("Bridgettines"); sought to end the luxury and dissipation of the Avignon papacy and the return of the pope to Rome; her 'Revelations' record her spiritual experiences and life; patroness of Sweden; together with St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein] and St. Catherine of Sienna, declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope John Paul II.)

Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest (Born in 1928 in a small mountain village in north Lebanon, he became a monk of the Maronite Rite and was ordained a priest in 1859. Devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he spent the last 23 years of his life as a hermit. Despite temptations to wealth and comfort, Sharbel taught the value of poverty, self-sacrifice, and prayer by the life he lived. He possessed the gift of performing miracles even during his lifetime. His tomb at the monastery of St. Maron of Annaya, Lebanon, is a place of pilgrimage. Sharbel is known as the "Hermit of Lebanon".)

Friday: ST. JAMES, APOSTLE (Brother of John, is called "the Greater" because he followed Christ before the other apostle of the same name; first of the Twelve to be martyred, being decapitated by order of Herod Agrippa; venerated at Compostella, Spain; patron of pilgrims, of Spain, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.)

From the desk of: Deacon John

Today's Gospel about Martha and Mary is an interesting account of Catholic discipleship. And it comes with a warning of a trap that many of us fall into.

At first glance we see two women, both acting in a discipleship way. One is sitting at the feet of Jesus in an intimate communion with God. The other is tending to the needs of the people there and reflecting Christ's call to love and serve others.

But then conflict kicks in. Martha the Server gets irritated that Mary the Pray-er isn't helping her. She has all these people to take care of. She's upset that she has to do it alone. Her joy of serving is wearing thin. She's burning out.

Mary on the other hand is still sitting with Jesus. She doesn't recognize her sister's pain. She doesn't react to her sister's needs. Or to the needs of the other people. She just sits there. Martha complains to Jesus, who responds back to her that she is anxious and worried about too much. He tells her that Mary is doing the better part by remaining with Him. But that too can be risky if it remains in inaction.

Both Martha and Mary show different halves of discipleship life. But as we know, it takes two halves to make a whole. This is the trap I was referring to. Because like Martha and Mary, so many Catholics today are either one or the other. Either we serve without Jesus being the primary element within us, or we sit without being Jesus to others. And that results in either resentment like Martha or complacency like Mary.

Today's Gospel is inviting us to combine both Martha and Mary. To be strong and joyful disciples means finding the balance between action and contemplation. It calls us to serve with a heart deep in prayer, and to pray with an awareness of our call to serve. And when it's done with a heart for Jesus, those things become united: prayer spills over into love and service, and love and service pull us back into prayer.

What Jesus is saying about Mary doing the better part is that she is building her discipleship foundation with Him first. Our acts of service must always begin by including Him. Because we can't serve alone. If we don't start out with a strong and committed relationship with Jesus, we lose sight of the real purpose of what we're doing, sharing the love of God with others. When we don't include Jesus, our work changes from joyful love to becoming a burden. And we become resentful like Martha. And we can burn out.

This is why we must always keep our bond with Jesus healthy and full. A bond that can only be achieved through a dedicated prayer life. I'm not talking about just being present for public rosaries or saying grace before meals. I'm talking about directed time focused solely on the Lord. Heartfelt, intimate, enthusiastic conversations in prayer that deepen our relationship with Him and allow us to continuously walk with Him in our lives.

We should always take the opportunity in sacred silence during Communion at Mass to get to know Christ more deeply. We should take advantage of alone time with Jesus exposed at the altar at our Tuesday Adorations to share our innermost feelings with Him. We should always have Him with us; waking up each day saying hi to Him, and going to sleep each night saying goodnight to Him. Loving Him with all our hearts, minds, souls and strengths.

This helps to discipline ourselves to recognize Christ throughout our everyday actions. Because we can't just sit there. We must act to serve others. We grow to be conscious and deliberate in acknowledging Christ in our daily encounters and experiences, as if He's another person standing right beside us. Because He is. And our love for Him expands into our love for others so that we desire to serve them. It's not a burden, it's joy.

Martha and Mary. Two intriguing characters in our Gospel today. Both devoted and strongly attracted to Jesus; combined, showing us full discipleship. Learning from their examples, we too will grow evermore closer to Christ.

Martha and Mary, pray for us.

Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Our monthly Fill-A-Bag to Fight Hunger Ministry is this weekend. Please pick-up a grocery bag in the narthex after Mass on July 19th and 20th. Then, return the filled bag the following week. Filled bags can be put in the bin outside the church office or handed to a Food Ministry member. Thank you for your continuing support of this crucial ministry that serves our community at Holly Lake Ranch and its surrounding area.

If you know of a resident in need, please obtain their name and phone number. Please provide their information to:

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



Special Announcements

- For last week's **Special Collection** for the victims of the Central Texas Flood, we are proud to announce that thanks to your generosity, Holy Spirit Church has donated **\$2,552.00** for the diocesan relief effort. Thank you for your loving contributions. **KUDOS TO YOU ALL!**
- Finance Committee will have the next quarterly meeting on Monday, July 21st at 12:00 noon in St. Jude Hall. Any constructive observations or input must be presented in writing by Monday, (7/21) morning.
- Pastoral Council will have the next quarterly meeting on Tuesday, July 22nd at 1:00 pm in St. Jude Hall. Any constructive observations or input must be presented in writing by Tuesday (7/22) morning.
- Hispanic Missals are located in the narthex—please return them after each Mass.
- If you participated in the parish AED training and would like to view the video, please contact the church office.



Holy Spirit Council 15174

Last week at the Installation of the Holy Spirit Council Leadership For the 2025 - 2026 Fraternal Year the following were recognized:

2024 Knight of the Year: Brother James Cormier
2025 Knight of the Year: Brother LC Dodson
2025 Family of the Year: Brother Charlie Clymer and Lady Marge Clymer

Additionally, we welcomed Very Rev. Francis O'Dowd as our new Chaplain.

Please join us in congratulating our fellow Knights and welcoming Fr. O'Dowd to Council 15174.