

# 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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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 26, 2025

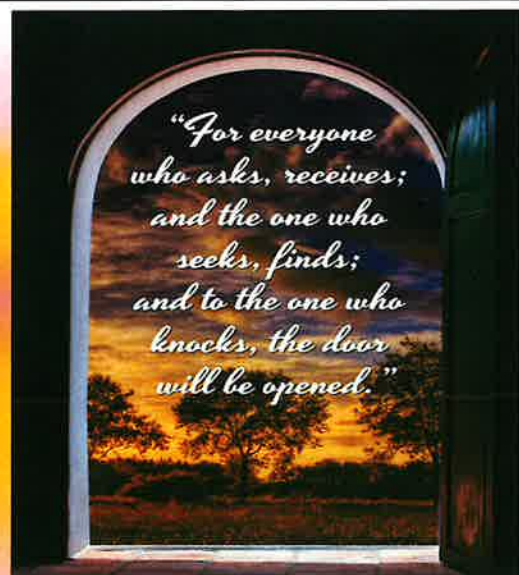
## TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:  
GN 18 : 20 - 32

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:  
PS 138 ; 1 - 3 ; 6 - 8

2ND READING:  
COL 2 : 12 - 14

GOSPEL:  
LK 11 : 1 - 13



# Seventeenth 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

### PARISH SUPPORT

<b>Attendance:</b>	7/19	SAT: 72	7/20	SUN: 77
<b>Collections from 7/19 - 7/20:</b>				
Offertory		\$	2,394.00	
Building & Maintenance		\$	200.00	

### JULY SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.

### JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sat 7/26:</b>	5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun 7/27:</b>	8:30 am Mass
<b>Mon 7/28:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service
<b>Tues 7/29:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
	Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
<b>Wed 7/30:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	<b>10:30 am Bible Study</b>
	<b>3:00 pm Cenacles of Life</b>
<b>Thurs 7/31:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	<b>9:30 am Legion of Mary</b>

### AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Fri 8/1:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	<b>9:30 am Rosary Makers</b>
<b>Sat 8/2:</b>	9:00 am Patriotic Rosary* (see announcement)
	5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun 8/3:</b>	8:30 am Mass
<b>Mon 8/4:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service
<b>Tues 8/5:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
	Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
<b>Wed 8/6:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	<b>3:00 pm Cenacles of Life</b>
<b>Thurs 8/7:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	<b>9:30 am Legion of Mary</b>
<b>Fri 8/8:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	<b>9:30 am Rosary Makers</b>

Coming soon—

## Back to school



## 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:** Vicki Hauck; Elaine Arellano; Dale Boman; 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 Schmeer, 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

<b>Sat 7/26</b>	<b>Carolyn Aucoin</b>
<b>Sun 7/27</b>	<b>Cooper Anderson+</b> (Ruddie)
<b>Tues 7/29</b>	<b>Lourdes Moniz</b> (M/M Evans)
<b>Wed 7/30</b>	<b>Donna Wilkinson</b> (Jane Bidlack)
<b>Thur 7/31</b>	<b>Tuyen Tran</b> (Ann Marie Vancas)
<b>Fri 8/1</b>	<b>Ruddie Anderson</b> (M/M Clymer)



### SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Saturday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Names for the parents of Mary found in the 2nd century 'Protoevangelium of James'; veneration of Anne originated in the 6th century East; patroness of childless women and miner; devotion to Joachim dates from the 8th century.)

**Tuesday: Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus,** (In the household of Bethany, Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Martha generously offered Jesus hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words, and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of Jesus who humiliated death itself.)

**Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church** (Peter called "Chrysologus" which means "of golden speech" for his exceptional preaching ability; 170 homilies are extant; bishop of Ravenna.)

**Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest** (Ignatius was a soldier, founded the 'Compania de Jesus'; approved by Pope Paul III in 1540; authored the 'Spiritual Exerciser'; founded the Roman College; at his death, the Society number 1,000 members in seventy-six houses in twelve provinces, including Brazil, Japan, and India; today numbers some 14,840 members; devoted 'ad maiorem Dei gloriam'; patron saint of retreatants and soldiers.)

**Friday: ST. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church** (Alphonsus was a lawyer; founded the Redemptorists (C.S.S.R.), today numbering some 4,786 mentors; opposed Jansenism, stressing Christ's love ("copiosa apud eum redemptio") and Mary's intercession; bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti; master of moral theology; patron of confessors and moral theologians.)



### Special Announcements

- As next weekend is First Friday, just a reminder—Holy Spirit will offer a Mass at 9:00 am only. Father will travel to Overton for the evening Mass. If someone needs “healing prayers” please let Father know prior to the Mass—the healing service will be conducted during the Mass.
- For First Saturday, we will continue the Patriotic Rosary; however, starting with Saturday, August 2nd, the start time will be 9:00 am. Additionally, if Father is here, there will be a Mass prior to the recitation of the Rosary.
- At this time, our Mass intention requests are so numerous that all days through October have been determined. As per Fr. Francis, if you have a “special” intention please speak to Father personally.
- Holy Spirit is looking for any parishioner(s) interested in helping with the altar prep (ie: flowers, altar linens, priest vestments, etc) please contact the church office (903-769-3235).
- Bilingual (Spanish) Missals are located in the narthex—please return them after each Mass.

### Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Due to increased costs of groceries, the Food Ministry is in need of nonperishable food donations. If you can contribute, place donations in the box outside the church office. Or, for monetary donations, use a Food Ministry Donation envelope, available in the basket in the narthex. All contributions are greatly appreciated and serve to help people in need at Holly Lake Ranch and its surrounding community.

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).

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)

St. John Catholic Church—Emory contact information for *The Virtuous Retreat* (August 16th) is: 214-288-8164.

From the desk of: **Deacon John**

### Knock and The Door Will Be Opened

**“For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” – Luke 11:10**

When it comes to today's Gospel, I almost always preach on the Lord's Prayer part of it. I do that for two reasons. The first is that it really is a great prayer. The perfect prayer. Taught to us by Jesus Himself. And it has all the elements of how we should approach our Father. So, we study it and frequently recite it.

The second reason is a little more personal in that I really don't like the parable. It's super uncomfortable for me. I mean here's a guy who wakes up his neighbor in the dead of night to get some loaves of bread. His neighbor is obviously perturbed about being woken up, so he's not super thrilled about helping. The guy is obviously anxious about having to feed a late visitor, and is probably a little embarrassed about being out of bread and having to wake his neighbor. This is not a comfortable scenario.

In this parable, Jesus intends that we are the guy needing the loaves and God the Father is the neighbor. We get that. But it kind of gives us a fearful impression of the Father. That we're angering Him when we go to Him with our needs. I've got to be honest, instead of relentlessly banging on my neighbor's door and making him angry, I'd probably take my visitor to the local all-night Waffle House.

Is that what Jesus wants us to get out of this parable? That God gets irritated with us or disinterested in us when we need something? That we must bang down His door, hound Him until He relents? Yank Him away from running the universe just so we'll get off His back? Of course not.

But the point of this parable is very subtle. It's about communication; more directly, it's about how difficult the communication between us and the Father has become. In the parable, there are many barriers between the two people. It's the middle of the night. The door is locked; lights are out. One guy is sound asleep. The other is upset that he wasn't prepared for his late-night arrival. This is not a prime environment for a loving dialog.

But isn't that the way we are with God ourselves? Look at today's world that we live and the barriers between us and God. Constant pain and hate and death bringing separation, fear and loneliness. Immoral social sympathies dragging this fallen world deeper into sin. And we're stuck in the muck of it all. How do we turn to God with heartfelt love and trust with all the despair and need that's going on around us? How do we know He won't get angry with us?

No wonder why we have to pound on the door to get God to hear it. That door's thick and obstructed. Maybe we don't know if we should knock. (After all, it's our fault that we didn't have enough bread). Or maybe, like me, we don't want to knock. (He'll get mad at me; I should solve my own problems).

But Jesus tells us to knock. Repeatedly and relentlessly. No human father would ever give their child a snake if he asked for a fish, or a scorpion if he asked for an egg. “If a worldly father, who is wicked, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

Jesus is telling us that these things blocking us from going to God don't matter. Whatever is interrupting our hearts from turning to God the Father in trust and hope and faith can be overcome. Whatever time of night, whatever need we have, whatever fear and guilt we bring along with it, we can knock on His door, and it will be opened. He is always ready to pour His loving grace on us. Just turn to Him and knock.



“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Lk 11:9

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## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 V P X B R I V N M M K  
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