

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

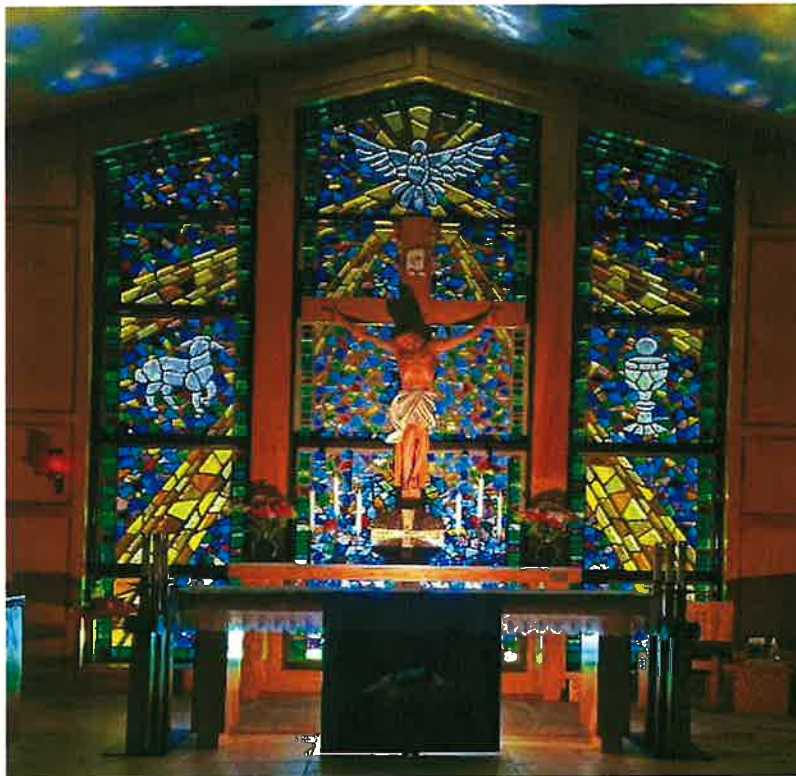
DIOCESE OF TYLER

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
Weekdays 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.

1612 S FM 2869
HOLLY LAKE RANCH, TX 75765

Parish Priest:	Fr. Francis O'Dowd PP; VF	903-769-3235	
Deacon:	Dcn. John Erdag	949-285-5695	jerdag@hotmail.com
Office Manager:	Bridget Rich	903-769-3235	holy.spirit2@yahoo.com
Secretary:	Kim Sine	903-769-3235	holy.spirit2@yahoo.com

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
ECCL 1 : 2 , 2 : 21 - 23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 90 : 3 - 6, 12 - 14,
17

2ND READING:
COL 3 : 1 - 5 , 9 - 11

GOSPEL:
LK 12 : 13 - 21

"Take care to
guard against all
greed, for though
one may be rich,
one's life does
not consist of
possessions."



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pope's August Intention

For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Church Organizations

Financial Council	Charlie Clymer
Pastoral Council	John Rigney
Virtus	
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: 7/26 SAT: 88 7/27 SUN: 99

Collections from 7/26 - 7/27:

Offertory	\$ 3,044.00
Votive Candles	\$ 32.00
Second Collection - Church of Africa	\$ 153.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 0.00

Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison

	June 2025	June 2024
Income:	\$ 19,325.00	\$ 18,867.00
Expenses:	15,063.00	16,931.00
Net Income:	\$ 4,262.00	1,936.00

AUGUST SECOND COLLECTIONS

8/2 & 8/3: Building and Maintenance Fund
8/16 & 8/17: Holy Spirit Faith Formation

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Please remember Holy Spirit in your Will.



Mass Intentions

Sat 8/2	am	Dan Dolezal+	(M/M Clymer)
	pm	Joe Crowell	(M/M Clymer)
Sun 8/3		George Duke+	(Knights of Columbus)
Tues 8/5		Peggy Vancas	(Ann Marie Vancas)
Wed 8/6		Alexander Walters	(Knights of Columbus)
Thur 8/7		Pat Bonneville	(Knights of Columbus)
Fri 8/8		Vincent Miller	(Knights of Columbus)



Remember the sick of our parish: Vicki Hauck; Elaine Arellano; Dale Boman; Michael Jernigan; Marissa Cowles; Judy Terry; Randy Munoz; Jess & Eva Corrigan; Elaine March & Rosemary Seltzer; Maureen Tucker; Lou & Ray Masferrer; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; Wyatt Cesarz; Elmer Mulhollon, Ram Singh, Pat Schmeier, Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Emily Walker; Cindy Sue Erdag; Emeress Aiwohi; 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).

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

AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 8/2:	9:00 am Patriotic Rosary* (see announcement) 5:00 pm Mass
Sun 8/3:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 8/4:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 8/5:	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 8/6:	9:00 am Mass 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 8/7:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Legion of Mary
Fri 8/8:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Makers
Sat 8/9:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 8/10:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 8/11:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 8/12:	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm 4:00 pm K of C 15174 Officers' Meeting Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 8/13:	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 8/14:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00 pm K of C Council 15174 Meeting
Fri 8/15:	9:00 am The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Diocesan Offices closed Holy Spirit Offices closed 9:30 am Rosary Makers

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. The person/family in need is not required to be a member of our church.

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 OBSERVANCES

Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop (Considered the founder of the canons regular in the West, uniting the clerical and monastic life; defender of St. Athanasius; tortured and exiled to Palestine by Constantius; with St Hilary and opponent of Arianism.)

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest (Founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, today numbering 885 members, devoted to the worship and apostolate of the Eucharist as the center of the life of the Church and society; in 1858 founded the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, a contemplative women's community; influenced the founding of the Eucharistic Fraternity for the laity, the Association of Priest Adorers, and international Eucharistic congresses.)

Monday: St. John Vianney, Priest (University known as the "Cure of Ars"; compassionate spiritual counselor who spent usually no less than 11 hours a day in the confessional in the winter, 16 in the summer; patron of priests and the parish clergy.)

Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Following the declaration of Mary as Oeotokog 'God-bearer' by the Council of Ephesus in 431, Pope Sixtus III erected in Rome this oldest basilica in the West dedicated to the Mother of God.)

Wednesday: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (Celebrated by 5th century East Syrians, this feast was inserted into the general calendar in 1457 by Pope Callistus III to celebrate the defeat, announced in Rome on August 6, of the Turks at Belgrade. August 6 occurs 40 days before the feast of the Triumph of the Cross.)

Thursday: St. Sixtus II, Pope and his Companions, Martyrs (Sixtus and 4 deacons were arrested on August 6 258 while celebrating the Eucharist in the cemetery of Callistus; by order of Valerian, there were decapitated that same day.)

St. Cajetan, Priest (From Venice; cofounded with Gian Pietro Carafa (later Pope Paul IV) the Theatines (today, 'the Congregation of Clerks Regular'), numbering 175 religious; devoted to reform, prayer, and ministry, especially to the poor and the sick.) **Friday: St. Dominic, Priest** (Dominic de Guzman, born in Caleruega, Spain; founded the Order of Preacher (O.P.), numbering 5,770 religious; an elective, fraternal form of community life devoted to contemplation, study,



Happy
dog days of
Summer!



Special Announcements

- On Sunday, August 10th at 4:00 pm, there will be a church community Back to School Prayer Rally. It will be held at Hawkins High School.
- 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).
- JOIN OUR CHURCH CHOIR! Are you enthusiastic and have a love for music? We invite you to join our church choir! No prior experience is necessary. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 2:00 pm in the church.
- The choir is looking for a back up organist . Additionally, anyone who plays any other instrument is interested in enhancing our church services, please send Carol an email at: caroljmbg@gmail.com

MONTSERRAT Jesuit Retreat House

Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House | Lake Dallas, TX
<https://montserratretreat.org>

2-Day Open Men/Women/ Couples Retreat #98	August 15-17, 2025
3-Day Women's Retreat #39	September 4-7, 2025
2-Day Young Adults (ages 18- 35) Retreat #90	September 26-28, 2025
3-Day Women's Retreat #44	October 16-19, 2025
3-Day Men's Retreat #42	October 23-26, 2025
2-Day Hispanic Retreat Men/ Women/Couples #35	October 31 - November 2, 2025
3-Day Women's Retreat #46	November 6-9, 2025
3-Day Couples Only Retreat #96	November 13-16, 2025

Rich in God's Eyes

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." – Luke 12:15

A priest was invited to a wealthy Texas man's home for dinner. After the meal, the host led him up to a rooftop patio with a great view of everything around. The man waved his hand around and said, "Twenty-five years ago I had nothing. Now as far as you can see, it's all mine." He pointed to the south at the sprawling fields of grain and said, "That wheat is all mine." He turned and pointed to the herds of cattle in the east and said, "The cattle are all mine." He pointed to the north at the oil rigs and said, "Those are all mine." He turned to the west and pointed at a beautiful forest and said, "That too is all mine." He paused, expecting the priest to compliment him on how successful he was. Instead, the priest put his hand on the man's shoulder and pointed heavenward and asked, "How much do you have in that direction?"

The message of today's Gospel is not that it is wrong to be rich. The brother deserved his inheritance. We can sympathize with that. We all want what is rightfully ours. The rich man in Jesus' parable had obtained his wealth honestly – through the productiveness of his land and his own hard work. Honest hard work is to be commended.

What is wrong is that they were so concerned with gaining and maintaining their wealth for their own earthly happiness that there was no place for God in their lives. It was their greed and lust for earthly riches that was wrong.

In the second reading, St. Paul tells us to "put to death the greed that is idolatry". We must learn that our true treasure is being a child of God regardless of how wealthy we are. Living for our own greed instead of as His children is not only wrong, it's spiritually deadly. The man in the parable is going to die that night, and despite all of those great earthly possessions, he will appear before God empty-handed, completely devoid of heavenly treasures. I sure wouldn't want to be in his shoes.

As children of God, we gain His grace by living His commands to "love God with all our hearts, all our beings, all our strength, and all our minds; and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves". That's what we're called to do and that's how we gain His riches. We must examine our consciences and ask God to remove any earthly attachments that detract us from the actions of His grace.

That doesn't mean that we can't try to get ahead in life. But we cannot pay more attention to that than to God. What is not important is growing rich on earth. What is most important is that we grow rich in what matters to God.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

M I N H E R I T L W E
A H H Z X A W T G M C
T P Z G V N N A H P I
T L L U D G R E E D G
E I I A L W C I R S R
R F R R N H S R N E A
F E O D K D E E B C I
D H U C X Q P S W P N
C A R E D P O T E Q K
I F R L E D R B A R N
O X A O F B S P E F I

- Inherit
- Care
- Guard
- Greed
- Land
- Barn
- Grain
- Rest
- Life
- Matter



SUNDAYKIDZ