

# 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.

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 31, 2025

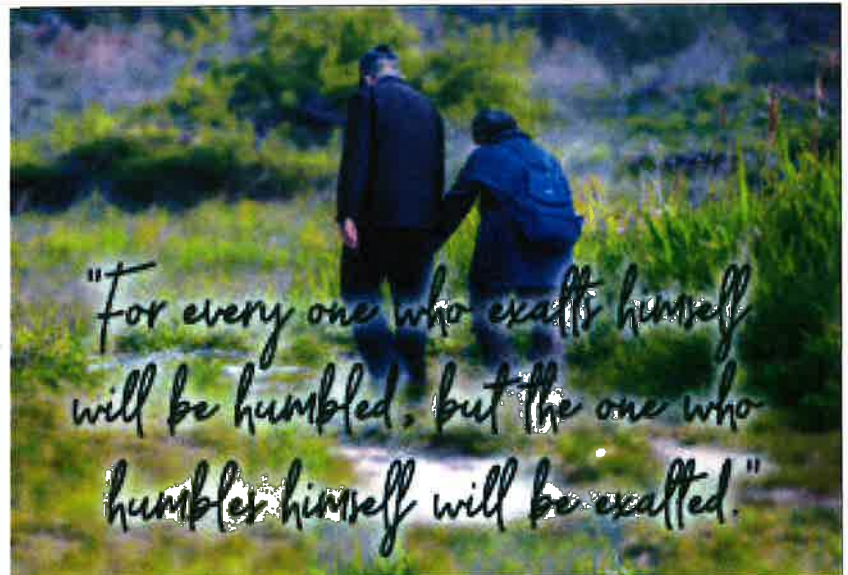
## TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:  
SIR 3 : 17 - 18; 20; 28 - 29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:  
PS 68 : 4 - 7; 10 - 11

2ND READING:  
HEB 12 : 18 - 19; 22 - 24A

GOSPEL:  
LK 14 : 1; 7 - 14



## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Pope Leo'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

<b>Financial Council</b>	Charlie Clymer
<b>Pastoral Council</b>	John Rigney
<b>Virtus</b>	
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Jerry Hauck
<b>4th Degree Knights</b>	Gary Laudt
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Marge Clymer
	Jane Bidlack
	Bryan Todd
<b>Food Pantry</b>	
<b>Music Ministry</b>	
<b>Rosary Makers/Prayer Blankets</b>	Carol Szczepanski
<b>Cenacle of Life</b>	Vicki Hauck
<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>Funeral Preparations</b>	Deacon John Erdag

### PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance:            8/23    SAT: 81    8/17    SUN: 68

#### Collections from 8/23 - 8/24:

Offertory	\$ 3,497.00
Votive Candles	\$ 27.50
Building & Maintenance	\$ 100.00

### 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 8/30**  
**Sun 8/31**  
**Tues 9/2**  
**Wed 9/3**  
**Thur 9/4**  
**Fri 9/5**

**Danny Allen+** (Kathy Boman)  
**Brandon Bidlack** (Jane Bidlack)  
**Dan Dolezal+** (Knights of Columbus)  
**Ernest Coronel+** (M/M Clymer)  
**Philomena McNally** (M/M Clymer)  
**Mayme Pylant** (Ann Marie Vancas)



**Remember the sick of our parish:** LC Dodson; Vicki Hauck; David Barber; Deacon Sam; Elaine Arellano; Dale Boman; ; Marissa Cowles; Judy Terry; Randy Munoz; Jess & Eva Corrigan; Elaine March & Rosemary Seltzer; Maureen Tucker; Lou & Ray Masferer; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; Wyatt Cesarz; Elmer Mulhollon, Ram Singh, Pat Schmeier, Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Emly 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.



**Remember those who have recently died:** **Michael Jernigan, parishioner and husband of Margaret. His funeral memorial Mass will be on Monday, September 8th at 10:00 am (Rosary 9:30 am).**



**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 8/30:** 5:00 pm Mass  
**Sun 8/31:** 8:30 am Mass

### SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mon 9/1:** 9:00 am Communion Service  
**Diocesan and Holy Spirit Offices closed—Labor Day**

**Tues 9/2:** 9:00 am Mass  
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Wed 9/3:** 9:00 am Mass  
**10:30 am Bible Study**  
**3:00 pm Cenacles of Life**

**Thurs 9/4:** 9:00 am Mass  
**9:30 am Legion of Mary**

**Fri 9/5:** 9:00 am Mass/Healing Service  
**9:30 am Rosary Makers**

**Sat 9/6:** 9:30 am Patriotic Rosary  
5:00 pm Mass

**Sun 9/7:** 8:30 am Mass  
**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**  
**Children through 12th grade - Free; Adults: - \$5.00**  
9:30 am Rosary - Mike Jernigan  
10:00 am Funeral Memorial Mass - Mike Jernigan

**Tues 9/9:** 9:00 am Mass  
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**4:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers**

**Wed 9/10:** 9:00 am Mass  
**10:30 am Bible Study**  
**3:00 pm Cenacles of Life**

**Thurs 9/11:** 9:00 am Mass  
**9:30 am Legion of Mary**  
**7:00 pm K of C Council 15174 Meeting (Rosary 6:30 pm)**

**Fri 9/12:** 9:00 am Mass  
**9:30 am Rosary Makers**



## 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 a Food Ministry Donation Envelope, available in the basket in the nathex. All contributions are greatly appreciated and serve to help people in need at HLR 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).



### SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Thought for Monday, Labor Day:** Today is to be observed annually as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation which "will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live" (Pope Francis, 6 August 2015).



**Wednesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church** (Gregory, prefect of Rome; O.S.B.; papal legate to Constantinople; as pope, noted for liturgical reform and chant; sent missionaries to England; wrote on many moral and theological subjects (e.g., his 'Moralia' on Job, 'Dialogues' and 'Pastoral Rule'; one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; called himself the 'servus servorum Dei'; patron saint of music.)

Whatever you do work at it with  
all your heart. As working for the  
Lord, Not for Men.  
-Colossians 3:23

Happy Labor Day!



Need an extra hand around the house?  
Call a Knight. We are here to help with  
small projects around the house.

Call Bruce Becker 214-679-8331.

### Fr. Francis' Recommended Communion Prayer

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and soul.  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul  
in peace with you.



## Special Announcements

- Thank you for the outstanding response to MOVIE NIGHT.
- If you are new to any of the ministries at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, you must be certified through the Diocesan's Ethics and Integrity Program. The purpose of this training is to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable adults in our community. If you have any questions, please contact the church office (903-769-3235).
- Cenacles of Life will resume their weekly prayer session on Wednesday, September 3rd at 3:00 pm.
- Knights of Columbus' Breakfast Returns!! Beginning Sunday, September 7th immediately following the 8:30 am Mass...the best breakfast value in the area. School age students (through high school) eat for free and each adult pays \$5.00 for a full course breakfast.
- Parishioner, Michael Jernigan passed away this week. His Funeral Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, September 8th at 10:00 am (Rosary 9:30 am). Cards may be sent to: 400 Knollwood Lane; Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765.
- **DONUT SUNDAY RETURNS!!!** Beginning Sunday, September 14th immediately following the 8:30 am Mass, we will resume with coffee and donuts.



Are you  
ready for  
this?

### Holy Spirit's BIG BUCKS DRAWING!

Holy Spirit Parish is excited to announce the kickoff of our annual fundraising "drawing" (no longer called raffle). Our goal this year is to raise \$12,000 to support our parish. This weekend, don't forget to pick up or return sold tickets.

**Spread the Word:** Start by reaching out to the people around you—your neighbors, friends, family members, and colleagues. Share with them the purpose and excitement of the fundraiser and invite them to participate by purchasing tickets. Personal invitations are powerful and help people feel truly included.

**Promote Ticket Sales:** The more tickets we sell, the closer we come to achieving our fundraising target. Each ticket sold increases the opportunities to be a winner and helps us fulfill our mission.

**Prizes:** Visa Gift Cards: **1st Prize:** \$1,000; **2nd Prize:** \$750; **3rd Prize:** \$500; **4th Prize:** \$250.

**Ticket Purchase Options:** **Single ticket is \$5.00** OR  
**Six ticket-bundles are \$20.00.**

**Extra tickets are available in the church office.**

**Thank you for your generosity, spirit, and dedication to Holy Spirit Parish.**

## Humility

***"My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." – Sirach 3:17-18***

Today I was sitting on my back porch meditating on this weekend's readings about humility. There was a slight breeze, and I looked up at all the trees on my lot and saw how beautiful and majestic they looked; leaves still green and lush, branches gently swaying and trunks slightly bending in the wind. They seemed a little showy to me.

I began to think about what's really behind their splendor. And we know it's their roots. It's the roots that took them from saplings to full growth. It's the roots that prevent them from crashing to the ground during storms. It's the roots that allow them to absorb the nourishment and moisture necessary for putting out their branches and leaves.

The roots, the basis of the tree, are responsible for all the other parts of it. Yet, the roots are completely hidden. They really are in the "lowest place", grounded in humbleness where no one pays any attention to them or sees what they do to grow the tree.

Obviously, trees grow without any consciousness of humility. They are created to be magnificent. Looking at our world today, I see how easy it is for people to be unconscious to humility, too. Our society teaches us that to be great we must outdo others, outperform them, generally be "better" than them. Being stronger than others is the sign of success. We're acknowledged and rewarded for the success, and often that leads to arrogance.

Today, Jesus teaches about humility. Greatness in Christ's eyes comes from serving others, from elevating others, and from keeping ourselves in the background. In today's Gospel He says, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Our First Reading from Sirach directly tells us to "conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved. Humble yourself, and you will find favor with God."

But this teaching goes against our human nature. We have an inborn drive to be recognized and esteemed by others. And why is humility so important anyway? I mean, does it really matter if I think highly of myself if I'm still loving God and helping others? But you see, that's a contradiction. We can't be both humble and arrogant at the same time. We can't put others before us when we're busy putting ourselves before them.

Being humble leads to interior peace, joy, wisdom, and a greater share in God's glory. That's what Christ wants for us: the more we grow in humility, the more we will experience those things. And that doesn't necessarily mean being passive, either. We can be confident in our abilities, yet still humble in acting them out. Like the roots of the tree.

I know this teaching is extremely hard for us to follow. Yet it is of the utmost importance to Christ. He taught it constantly; in His Beatitudes, in His parables, in His actions. And He also taught it in the most extreme way: through his passion and death.

Jesus, came to earth and purposefully took the lowest place possible, as a condemned criminal. He allowed His reputation to be dishonored by the lies and corruption of His enemies. He allowed Himself to be beaten, scourged, ridiculed, and then stripped naked of all dignity. And then He willingly took on the most humiliating form of death, crucifixion. And He did it entirely to save us. Yet, because He humbled himself so thoroughly, He has been exalted so magnificently. Humble roots grew the glorious Tree of Life.

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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- Dine
- Honor
- Host
- Give
- Lowest
- Higher
- Exalt
- Humble
- Invite
- Repaid



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