

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese of TYLER

This week's Celebration of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Monday 9:30 am
Funeral Rosary & Mass
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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
WIS 9 : 13 - 18B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
90 : 3 - 6; 12 - 17

2ND READING:
PHILM 9 - 10; 12 - 17

GOSPEL:
LK 14 : 25 - 33

*"Whoever does
not carry his
own cross and
come after me
cannot be
my disciple."*

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Pope Leo's September Intention

For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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	
Funeral Preparations	Deacon John Erdag

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance:	8/30	SAT: 65	8/31	SUN: 110
Collections from 8/30 - 8/31:				
Offertory		\$		3,348.00
Votive Candles		\$		0.00
Building & Maintenance		\$		360.00

Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison

	August 2025	August 2024
Income:	\$ 19,191.00	\$ 27,193.00*
Expenses:	17,023.00	18,167.00
Net Income:	\$ 2,168.00	9,026.00

*Income increase in August 2024 due to \$10,000 donation.

SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

9/6 & 9/7: Building and Maintenance Fund
9/13 & 9/14: Catholic University of America

Thank you for your generous contributions.
Please remember Holy Spirit Catholic Church in your Will.



Mass Intentions

Sat 9/6	Mary Evans+ (M/M Evans)
Sun 9/7	Mirek Kolinko (Knights of Columbus)
Tues 9/9	Cremilda Pereira+ (M/M Evans)
Wed 9/10	Katie Clymer (M/M Clymer)
Thur 9/11	Tuyen Tran (Ann Marie Vancas)
Fri 9/12	Ariel Cortes (M/M Clymer)



Remember the sick of our parish: Claire Sullivan; Kirk Wilder; 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 Masferrer; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; 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.



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). 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

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CELEBRATE!
Sunday,
September 7th



Mon 9/8:	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 5:00 pm Fundraiser Meeting
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
Sat 9/13:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 9/14:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 9/15:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 9/16:	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 9/17:	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 9/18:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Legion of Mary
Fri 9/19:	9:00 am Mass/Healing Service 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

Monday: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY This 5th century feast marks the anniversary of the dedication of a basilica in Jerusalem built, according to tradition, on the location of the home of St. Anne, the mother of Mary; patroness of Cuba.

Tuesday: St Peter Claver, Priest (Catalonian Jesuit who served in the Colombian mission in Cartagena; for 38 years devoted to caring for African slaves, baptizing over 300,000; called himself "the slave of the slaves forever"; patron of Colombia and of all missions to black peoples.)

Friday: THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY God the Father is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, her name is a name of honor, a holy name, a maternal name, and a name responsive to the needs of the Church.



We're gonna dance 'til we drop!

Join us for food, fun, and a fab 50's (60's and 70's too) sock hop. Our guest DJ will be Dale Cummings.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church will host an old fashioned sock hop on Friday, October 24th. Doors open at 6:30 pm (dinner will be served at 7:00 pm). Tickets are \$30 per person; there is limited seating so get your tickets early. Participants are encouraged to dress in 50's attire.

Tickets will be available starting Sat., Sept. 13th.

Be there or be square!



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.



Special Announcements

- 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).
- *Knights of Columbus' Breakfast Returns!!*
Today, 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's 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.

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BIG BUCKS RAFFLE

For those of you who have not picked up your family's raffle tickets, please stop by the table under the portico after each Mass this weekend. As always, if you need additional tickets, come by the church office. Our goal this year is to raise \$12,000 to support our parish.

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.

Christ Breaks Down Barriers

"So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me." – Philemon 17

When Paul wrote today's Second Reading, the short letter to Philemon, slavery was a matter of society. In the first centuries of the Roman Empire, the entire world economy was based on slavery. Since this was a common factor of life, many people were subjected to slavery. Slaves were considered possessions, and harsh treatment and extreme suppression were deemed necessary to prevent them from revolting. A master could put a slave to death for as small a matter as dropping a glass while serving dinner. This is the background behind St Paul's letter to Philemon.

Philemon was a rich man in Colossae whom Paul converted to Christianity. Paul was now in prison in Rome where a young man named Onesimus was assisting him. It turns out that Onesimus was a run-away slave, and his owner was Philemon. Somehow, Onesimus had made his way to Rome, become a Christian, and befriended Paul. Then at some point, Paul and Onesimus decided to send Onesimus back to his master.

Knowing the danger that this posed, Paul wrote this letter to Philemon on behalf of Onesimus. Paul didn't write an attack against the institution of slavery - it was so ingrained at the time that no one could conceive of society without it. Instead, Paul asks Philemon to have mercy on Onesimus by telling him that Onesimus is no longer a slave, but a brother, because he has become a Christian. He knows that Philemon has every right to treat Onesimus harshly, but he asks him to be merciful instead - for Christ's sake.

And that's the point of today's reading. Mercy and love for others through Christ. We see that because of Jesus, and in Jesus, all false divisions among people dissolve and we are made into one family. This is the very heart of our Christian life.

Unfortunately even today, while slavery is no longer an acceptable economic model in our society, we still see sin and the divisiveness of it causing war, racism, prejudice and injustice within the world. Yet we have faith that it is Christ who can reunite the world, overcoming all divisions. As Christians, we *must* live in His model. And through the characters in Paul's letter we can see how this message applies to us in three possible ways:

First, we may be like Philemon. There may be someone in our life who has wronged us, creating a breach in our relationship. And Christ may be asking us, just as St Paul was asking Philemon, to welcome that person back as a brother. Legend is that Philemon freed Onesimus as soon as he returned. And there is actually evidence indicating that Onesimus may have become the bishop of Ephesus. Acting like Philemon helps us in growing in compassion and care for others as brothers in Christ; even those who have wronged us. And it also could help the one we are showing mercy to. It could be that God has great plans for someone who we need to accept back, to forgive, to set free.

Second, we may be like Onesimus. He may have run away from his problem, but running away didn't solve it. And now Christ was giving him the grace to face up to it. There may be something in our lives that we have run away from: a responsibility, a failure, a painful tragedy. Yet it hasn't gone away, we're still haunted by it. Turning to Jesus can give us the strength to turn back to our trouble, to deal with it and to restore things in our lives.

Third, we may be like St Paul. He knew and loved both Onesimus and Philemon and desired that they peacefully reunite. And he used his friendship and authority to bring that peace between them. As Catholics, we should feel the same way with our society's divisiveness. As Christ's Church we must be the peacemakers and bring people together. We have Christ's authority to do it; with patience and understanding for all needs, and compassionate guidance towards Christ's commands.

Christ came to heal the divisions that sin causes in the world - divisions between man and God, and between man and man. Today, let us renew our commitment to be His followers. Let's ask Him to grant us the grace to forgive others, to approach our own fears, and to be His conduit for unity in the world.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

G H L U F Q L J Z H T
 A C R O S S Q K U W R
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 J W S M T S U A H Z F
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 M R C A R R Y S K E B
 S S A M E N K I N G L

- Travel
- Life
- Disciple
- Carry
- Cross
- Tower
- Cost
- King
- Troops
- Same



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Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765
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We're gonna rock around the clock!

**FRI
OCT 24**

*Join us for food,
fun, &
a fab*

Fifties
sock hop



Dance to music from the 50s, 60s and 70s by

Dale Cummings

Doors open: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Dancing: 8 PM - 10 PM

NO BYOB



Tickets
Limited Seating
Dinner & Dancing
\$30 per person
972-769-3235

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Holy Spirit Catholic Church
St. Jude's Hall