

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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
AM 8 : 4 - 7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 113 : 1 - 2 ; 4 - 8

2ND READING:
1 TIM 2 : 1 - 8

GOSPEL:
LK 16 : 1 - 13



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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



Mass Intentions

Sat 9/20	John McGrane+ (M/M Clymer)
Sun 9/21	Jerry & Vicki Hauck (Ellis Family)
Tues 9/23	Michael Vancas (Ann Marie Vancas)
Wed 9/24	John McGrane+ (Knights of Columbus)
Thur 9/25	Robert Parker (Knights of Columbus)
Fri 9/26	Al+ & Evelyne+ Murfin (Murfin Family)



Remember the sick of our parish: Rebecca Niebrugge; Greg Mooney; 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 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).

Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2025 Life Chain

Holy Spirit will be participating again in the 2025 Life Chain on FM 2869 on Sunday, October 5 at 2:00 - 3:00 pm. This year will be the 11th year that Holy Spirit will take a stand for Pro-Life by being part of this National Life Chain Event.

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. Nearly 2000 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sundays in October and November.

For information contact : Richard Boultinghouse, Life Chain Chairman, 903-850-0105 or rbhouse61@aol.com

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance:	9/13	SAT: 68	9/14	SUN: 70
Collections from 9/13 - 9/14				
Offertory		\$	2,238.00	
Votive Candles		\$	36.00	
Catholic University of America		\$	209.00	
Flowers		\$	50.00	
Building & Maintenance		\$	2,642.00	

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.

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 9/20:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 9/21:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 9/22:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 9/23:	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 9/24:	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 9/25:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Council 1514 - Fr. Joe Dean Assembly (4th Degree Knights)
Fri 9/26:	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Makers
Sat 9/27:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 9/28:	8:30 am Mass 
Mon 9/29:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 9/30:	9:00 am Mass Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 10/1:	9:00 am Communion Service (Father at Convocation) 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 10/2:	9:00 am Communion Service (Father at Convocation) 9:30 am Legion of Mary
Fri 10/3:	9:00 am First Friday Mass/Healing Service 9:30 am Rosary Makers



leaves coming soon



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.

Holy Spirit Food Ministry

Our monthly Fill-a-Bag to Fight Hungry Ministry is this weekend. Please pick up a grocery bag in the narthex after Mass on September 20th & 21st. 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 HLR 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).

BIG BUCKS RAFFLE

REMINDER: 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.



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 are available after each weekend Mass or in the parish office during the week.

Be there or be square!



For VIRTUS training contact: Justin Mahaffey
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Special Announcements

- Our parish has now been incorporated as a Texas non-profit corporation. This is part of a broader diocesan effort to strengthen governance, clarify civil responsibilities, and support parish operations. Our official parish corporation name is: **Holy Spirit Catholic Church - Holly Lake Ranch**. Additionally, the Diocese has filed an Assumed Name Certificate (DBA): **Holy Spirit Catholic Church** to coincide with previous business records.

The diocese has requested us to place the following short statement in our parish bulletin:

Holy Spirit Catholic Church - Holly Lake Ranch is a parish organization of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tyler, organized as a Texas not-for-profit corporation. The IRS recognizes this organization as a 502 ©(3) charitable entity. For more information, please contact the parish office.

- **DONUT SUNDAY!!!**
Next Sunday, September 28th immediately following the 8:30 am Mass, we will serve coffee and donuts.
- **Annual Community Fall Festival!**
On Sunday, October 26th from 5 - 7 pm at Summit Heights Fellowship Church. All are invited to enjoy Carnival games, inflatables, and a live band.



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Saturday: **Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions Martyrs** (Andrew, born in Seoul, Korea, was a convert to the faith and was ordained Korea's first native priest. His father was a martyr. In 1846 Andrew was tortured and beheaded along with his lay associate, seminarian Paul Chong Ha-sang, Between 1839 and 1867, 103 martyrs gave their lives for the faith in Korea.)

Tuesday: **St. Pius of Pietrelcina Priest** ("Padre Pio" was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in the small village of Pietrelcina. A Capuchin priest who received the stigmata, he spent 50 years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Despite such notoriety, he would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." His life was devoted to to Eucharist and to prayer. He died September 23, 1968 at age 81. Pope John Paul II announced the inclusion of his memorial in the General Roman Calendar in June 2002. He is considered the patron saint of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents.)



Friday: **Sts. Cosmas and Damian Martyrs** (Cosmas and Damian died at Cyrrhus in Syria; brother physicians known as "avapyupot" — meaning moneyless one—for their gratuitous care of the sick; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patrons of physicians, surgeons, druggists, barbers, and the blind.)

The One Mediator

"There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all."
- 1 Timothy 2:5

Just the other day, I had a conversation with an evangelical friend who was criticizing Catholics who seek intercession from Mary and the saints. And of course, he quoted the verse from today's Second Reading: "There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

His contention was that if Jesus is our one mediator, then there is no need for anyone else coming in between. I love getting into this discussion with my Protestant friends, because they place so much weight on this one verse as their Scriptural justification. And we can also use it to help explain the Catholic teaching on intercessory prayer.

First, I let them know that yes, indeed, Catholics do believe that Jesus is man's sole mediator to God. Jesus, being fully man and fully God, is uniquely connected to both God the Father and man. Through His divinity and humanness, He is the only one capable of reuniting man with God. And in His sacrificial act upon the cross, He did just that - mediated our salvation with the Father. That's what Paul means in this chapter of his letter to Timothy, and he even expressly says it when he ended the verse noting that Jesus "gave Himself as ransom for all".

But it goes further than that. Jesus forever continues His intercession for us in His glorified eternal priesthood. Hebrews 7:25 reminds us, "Therefore He is always able to save those who approach God through Him, since He lives forever to make intercession for them". He does this from His throne, but more distinctly at every Mass as He re-presents His sacrifice on the cross for us.

So, these are the two qualifications of the Mediator: His salvific act on the cross that reunited us with the Father, and His perpetual role as our Intercessor in Mass and at the Father's right hand. My friend agreed, but challenged that I was only supporting his position that Christ is the one mediator.

That's when I reminded him again of the unification of Christ's human and divine natures, and our role as His Church. Jesus is the head of the Church, and we are the body. The fact that the Head is our one mediator does not prevent Him from using His Body. Not because he needs us to, but because He wants us to. He chooses to use His body, His Church, to reach out to the world with His divine love.

So many places in Scripture, we're called to pray for each other. Paul even begins today's letter to Timothy by asking that "supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone". If Paul intended that Jesus was the only way for mediation, why would he three lines earlier ask us to intercede for others? Even my friend agreed that he asks others to pray for him.

But he balks at asking 'dead people' to pray for him. And that's where he's wrong. Because we aren't 'dead' in heaven. The Body of Christ is alive in heaven. Our union with others doesn't end with physical death. Romans Chapter 8 tells us, "Neither death nor life shall be able to separate us from the love of Christ." The Body of Christ cannot be separated. Those who are alive in heaven are still connected to the Body of Christ on earth. And who would you rather have pray for you, a sinner of this world, or someone who's reached the beatific vision? The answer, of course, is both.

Should we pray directly to Jesus our one, true mediator? Absolutely! But we should also frequently ask for the "Blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God".

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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