

# 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  
Tuesday 9:00 am  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Thursday 9:00 am  
Friday 9:00 am  
**Communion Service**

## 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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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 26, 2025

## TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:  
SIR 35 : 12 - 14, 16 - 18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:  
PS 34 : 2 - 3, 17 - 19, 23

2ND READING:  
2 TIM 4 : 6 - 8, 16 - 18

GOSPEL:  
LK 18 : 9 - 14



# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Pope Leo's October Intention

For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

### 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
	Bob Mailliard
<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



### Mass Intentions

<b>Sat 10/25</b>	<b>Terrie &amp; Stan Evans</b> (40th Wedding Ann.)
<b>Sun 10/26</b>	<b>Johnny Gozales</b> (Knights of Columbus)
<b>Mon 10/27</b>	<b>Gary Laudt</b> (Knights of Columbus)
<b>Tues 10/28</b>	<b>Dan Dolezal +</b> (Knights of Columbus)
<b>Wed 10/29</b>	<b>Bernard O'Dowd+</b> (Fr. Frances)
<b>Thurs 10/30</b>	<b>Rev. Msgr. Ron Diegel</b> (Knights of Columbus)



**Remember the sick of our parish:** Mary Langhoff; Lillian Speights; Rebecca Niebrugge; Greg Mooney; Claire Sullivan; Kirk Wilder; David Barber; Deacon Sam; Elaine Arellano; 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, 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).



October  
The Month of the Holy Rosary



**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.**

### PARISH SUPPORT

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>10/25</b>	<b>SAT: 66</b>	<b>10/26</b>	<b>SUN: 64</b>
<b>Collections from 10/25 - 10/26</b>				
Offertory			\$	3,459.00
Votive Candles			\$	38.50
Flowers			\$	50.00
Building & Maintenance			\$	222.00

### Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison

	September 2025	September 2024
Income:	\$ 38,839.	\$ 37,074
Expenses:	20,128*	13,709
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 18,711</b>	<b>23,365</b>

**\*Miscellaneous expenses under previous administration and Fr. Frances' approval of \$ 1,400 for septic systems repairs.**

### OCTOBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

10/4 & 10/5: Building and Maintenance Fund  
10/18 & 10/19: World Mission Sunday  
10/25 & 10/26: All Souls Day

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

### OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sat 10/25:</b>	5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun 10/26:</b>	8:30 am Mass
	<b>5:00 - 7:00 pm Community Fall Festival</b>
	<b>Summit Heights Fellowship Church</b>
<b>Mon 10/27:</b>	9:00 am Mass
<b>Tues 10/28:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
	Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
<b>Wed 10/29:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	<b>10:30 am Bible Study</b>
	<b>3:00 pm Cenacles of Life</b>
<b>Thurs 10/30:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
<b>Fri 10/31:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service
	<b>9:30 am Rosary Makers</b>

### NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sat 11/1:</b>	9:30 am Patriotic Rosary
	5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun 11/2 :</b>	
	
	8:30 am Mass
	<b>Knights of Columbus "Best Breakfast in Town"</b>
<b>Mon 11/3:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service
<b>Tues 11/4:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
	Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
<b>Wed 11/5:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	<b>3:00 pm Cenacles of Life</b>
<b>Thurs 11/6:</b>	9:00 am Mass
	1:00 pm Legion of Mary
<b>Fri 11/7:</b>	9:00 am Mass/Healing Service
	<b>9:30 am Rosary Makers</b>

## Holy Spirit Food Ministry

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 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).

## November – The Month of All Souls

During November, we are called in a special way to remember “our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection”. Holy Spirit will have a place of remembrance for all family and friends who have passed away this past year (November 2024 to November 2025). Parishioners are invited to provide a digital picture of your loved one to the church email ([holy.spirit2@yahoo.com](mailto:holy.spirit2@yahoo.com)), so that we may recognize him or her throughout the month of November.

Additionally, we will place a Book of Remembrance in the narthex in which the families of your beloved dead (previously deceased) can be remembered in prayer throughout November (*i.e. Deceased family of O’Dowd and Cavanaugh*). The book will be placed on the altar during each Mass that is said during the month.

## What is Purgatory?

*“All who die in God’s grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to attain the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name ‘Purgatory’ to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1030-1031).

November is the Month of All Souls. We pray for the souls of all the faithful departed in purgatory. It makes sense for us to reflect on the doctrine of purgatory and its roots—and our need to pray for the departed.

Why is it necessary for most of us? Jesus declared that we must “be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48; Revelation 3:2). Other Scriptures also teach that we are called to ultimate perfection (e.g., 2 Corinthians 7:1; James 1:4). Further, heaven is described in the Bible as a place of those who have been made perfect (Hebrews 12:23; Revelation 21:27).

The Church takes these promises of ultimate perfection very seriously. If that perfection is not attained by the time of death, then, before entering heaven, the Church understands from the word of God that we must undergo a final purification.

Ultimately, there are souls who will be saved, but “only as through fire,” according to the text. Thus, there seems to be a sort of purification accomplished for some. On the day of judgment, what is imperfect or unbecoming will be burned away, and what is good will be purified.

Now, this entry unto salvation “through fire” cannot be in heaven since there is no pain and loss is not suffered there. Nor can it be hell since that is an eternal fire from which there is no escape (Matthew 25:41).

Hence, there must be some place of purifying fire through which some pass in the life to come. Each person’s work will be judged; it will be tested by fire. Some shall receive reward. Others will suffer loss.

Our Catholic tradition calls this purgatory.

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## Special Announcements

- Don’t forget about the community’s Fall Festival on Sunday at Summer Heights Fellowship Church 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- The new “Workbook for Lector, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word” have arrived. All lectors are reminded to “check out” your books this weekend. Please complete all information on the sign-out sheet because we are going to publish a list of lectors and their phone numbers.
- All Souls Day envelopes are in the narthex of the church.
- As the Month of November is upon us, Father is once again opening up Mass Offerings. We do have many slots available; however, please be considerate of other parishioners’ desires to have Mass said for their loved ones.
- Once again, at Mass on Veteran’s Day, November 11th, parishioners are invited to share their pictures of all family members who have served in the Armed Forces.



## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Tuesday:** St. Simon, Apostle (Called “the Canaanite” and also “the Zealot”, an anti-Roman party; possibly preached in Egypt and Persia; mentioned in the Roman Canon.)

**St. Jude, Apostle** (Also known as Thaddeus, “Courageous”; may have preached in Palestine and Persia; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patron of those in despair, or in hopeless situations (perhaps because of the similarity of his name with that of Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus and despaired.)

## 2026 Diocesan Women’s Retreat

Women of the parish, you’re invited to the 2026 Diocesan Women’s Retreat on Saturday, March 21, at the Brookshire Center in Tyler. This retreat is a beautiful opportunity to be strengthened and encouraged in your faith through prayer, the sacraments, fellowship, and community. Parishioners in the Diocese of Tyler have early access to register during the month of November. Last year the retreat sold out in early January, so we encourage you to take advantage of this early access window before registration opens to the public.



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)

## Humility in Worship

*“for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted” – Luke 18:14*

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about two men in the temple. One was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. There was quite a contrast between them; one appeared to be a very holy, devout person, the other was not. But in the parable, Jesus reveals exactly who “went home justified”.

The Pharisee entered the temple, took his prominent spot and then prayed about himself. He wasn’t praying to God; he was praying to be seen by others. This Pharisee was simply doing his duty in the temple, just as he did his duty to be seen in his fasting and paying tithes. He wasn’t trying to reach out to God, to continue to form a relationship with God. He thought it was already complete.

This man is not unique. There are many people who believe they are well received by God because they are “good people”. They exalt themselves as they speak proudly of how they have helped others, their community service, their tithing, or their self-perceived position they hold in the church. They look at their resume and believe God would certainly want someone like them in His Kingdom. They don’t need to grow; they’re already there.

And the worst part is that the Pharisee probably didn’t even realize that’s what he was doing. He actually thought he was a wonderful disciple of God because of all the great things he had done. In fact, his prayer was some off-handed thankfulness to God that he wasn’t bad like “the rest of humanity”. He was only aware of his goodness, and not his sinfulness.

The tax collector on the other hand realized his sinfulness. He knew he was unworthy to approach the Lord. Instead, he entered the temple and stood in the back. He was ashamed to face God and wouldn’t even look to heaven. He beat his breast and prayed for mercy. He prayed sincerely and contritely, fully enveloped in his time with God.

I know this is just a story that Jesus was telling, but I wonder what it was that brought the tax collector to the temple. Maybe a time of crisis. Maybe a guilty conscience. Maybe years of being without God finally caught up to him. Or maybe he’d been there just the week before and he returned because he knew he had sinned again during that week.

But I guess it doesn’t really matter. The point is, he knew exactly where he stood with God, that he was a sinner. And he came to the temple to spend time with God seeking forgiveness in his unworthiness. Well let me tell you, at that exact point of time, he was the most worthy person in the world.

God’s biggest desire is for us to seek Him. To recognize our failures and to come to Him in contrition and trust. To be aware of His love and acceptance, and to humbly ask for His merciful forgiveness. To give glory to Him when we realize we’ve been forgiven. To realize that we are still unworthy, yet despite that unworthiness He chooses to join us, and we experience profound joy as we physically unite with Him in Communion. This is what God wants to give us. It’s our temple experience. Our Mass.

So I ask you, in our Mass, are you more like the tax collector, or the Pharisee? Do you fully engross yourself in this sacred and sublime time with God, or are you just going through the motions? Do you recognize your opportunity for forgiveness or do you think you’re already worthy? Jesus said that the tax collector left the temple and went home justified and the Pharisee did not. He said that whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. So, when we attend Mass, let’s always be humble to God and find exaltation from Him; not from ourselves.

### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

W Z V T F H U M B L E  
I Q F I T M G Y O K D  
R L V T E S X X G T U  
R O W H M D N I S C W  
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L E O J L R F S S M Z  
P X O M E R C I F U L  
R A I K L E T A X I J  
A L Z W J Z D Q O A Z  
Y T E S I N N E R Z Y  
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- Temple
- Pray
- Pharisee
- Tax
- Fast
- Tithe
- Sinner
- Merciful
- Exalt
- Humble



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