

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 23, 2025

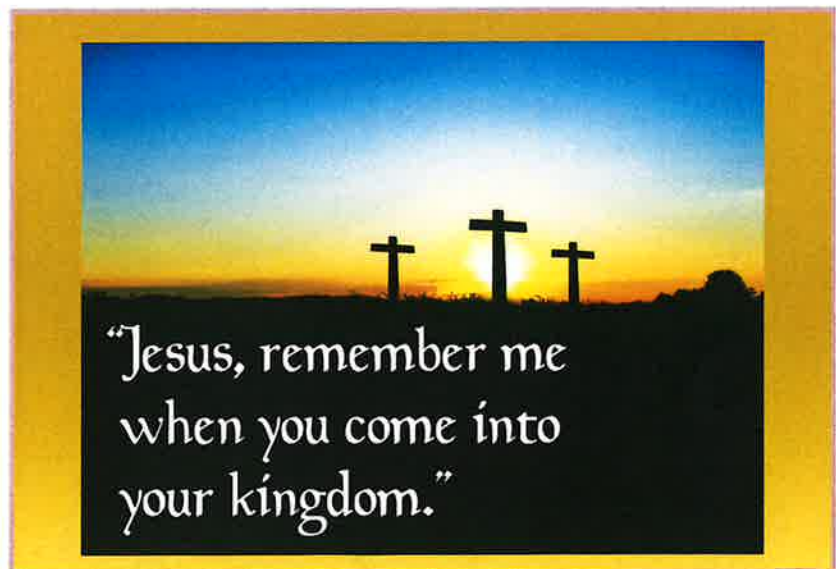
TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING
2 SM 5 : 1 - 3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 122 : 1 - 5

2ND READING:
COL 1 : 12 - 20

GOSPEL:
LK 23 : 35 - 43



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Pope Leo's November Intention

For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to die by suicide might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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
	Bob Mailliard
	Carol Gleaves
Food Pantry	
Music Ministry	
Rosary Makers/Prayer Blankets	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Welcome	

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance:	11/15	SAT: 64	11/16	SUN: 90
Collections from 11/15 - 11/16				
Building & Maintenance		\$	500.00	
Offertory		\$	3,059.00	
Votive Candles		\$	9.00	
Flowers		\$	285.00	
Mass Intentions		\$	0.00	

NOVEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

11/1 & 11/2: Building and Maintenance Fund
 11/8 & 11/9: Christmas Flowers
 11/29 & 11/30: Campaign for Human Development
 Catholic Charities - Diocese of Tyler

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



Mass Intentions

Sat	11/22	Shelley Pollard (Mike Stephens)
Sun	11/23	+Cooper Anderson (Ruddie Anderson)
Tues	11/25	Lucas Godinez (Lou Masferrer)
Wed	11/26	+Carlos Godinez (Lou Masferrer)
Thurs	11/27	+Dean & + Lewis Dunson (Kim Sine)
Fri	11/28	Jeremy Stephens (Mike Stephens)



Remember the sick of our parish: Pat & Sharon Ryan; Marge Clymer; 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; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; Elmer Mulhollon; Pat Schmeier; Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Emily Walker; Cindy Sue Erdag; Joe Bonneville; 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).



**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.**

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

NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 11/22: 5:00 pm Mass
Sun 11/23: 8:30 am Mass
Donut Sunday



Mon 11/24: 9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 11/25: 9:00 am Mass
 Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
 1:00 pm Legion of Mary
 Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wed 11/26: **DIOCESAN AND HOLY SPIRIT OFFICES CLOSED**
 9:00 am Mass

Thurs 11/27:



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 9:00 am Mass

Fri 11/28: **DIOCESAN AND HOLY SPIRIT OFFICES CLOSED**
 9:00 am Mass

Sat 11/29: 5:00 pm Mass
Sun 11/30: 8:30 am Mass

DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 12/1: 9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 12/2: 9:00 am Mass
 Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
 Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wed 12/3: 9:00 am Mass
 10:30 am Bible Study
 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
 5:00 pm Fundraiser Meeting

Thurs 12/4: 9:00 am Mass
 1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 12/5: 9:00 am Mass and Healing Service
 9:30 am Rosary Makers

Happy Birthday, Fr. Francis
 December 3rd



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 October 18th & 19th. 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 anyone who needs help, please contact: Bob Mailliard (503-559-6022).

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES



Saturday: St. Cecilia Virgin, Martyr (Also known as Cecily; known from her legendary 'Passio', a poem which exalts Christian virginity; honored in Rome since the 5th c; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patroness of sacred music because of the song of God in her heart.)

Monday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac Priest, and Companions (During the 17th-19th centuries in Vietnam, 130,000 Christians suffered cruel martyrdom, many by decapitation or strangulation; today 117, most of them killed during the reigns of Emperors Minh-Mang and Tu-duc are remembered; they include 11 Spanish Dominicans, 10 members of the Society Foreign Missions of Paris, and 96 Vietnamese, and 59 lay persons, including 1 seminarian and 10 Dominican tertiaries; all canonized 19 June 1988 by Pope John Paul II.)



Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria Virgin, Martyr (A learned woman of the 4th c who, according to legend, following her conversion at age 18, preached the Gospel throughout Alexandria in Egypt. While imprisoned by the emperor Magnus Maximus, she converted both the empress and the leader of the armed forces and for this she was martyred. Legend has that upon her death, after a wheel of torture (known as "Catherine's wheel") broke, her body was carried by angels to Mt. Sinai. St. Joan of Arc was thought to have heard her voice. Venerated in the East since the 9th c, she is a patron saint of philosophers, preachers, librarians, and young unmarried women.)



Special Announcements

- In response to a request brought before the Pastoral Council, attached please find a listing of the Diocese of Tyler's "Outreach and Social Services". Also, please refer to the "Catholic Hospitals" listing to acquire the Catholic chaplain associated with each hospital.
- **In observance of Thanksgiving, the Diocesan offices and Holy Spirit's offices will be closed Wednesday, November 26th through Friday, November 28th.**
- At Thanksgiving Mass (9:00 am), parishioners are invited to bring the bread and wine from their Thanksgiving meal for a special blessing.
- Just a reminder...First United Methodist Church invites our parishioners to their Christmas Concert, "Sounds of Praise" featuring their Handbell Choir, on Sunday, December 7th at 4:00 pm.
- **Holy Spirit's Christmas Potluck is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th. More information will follow in the next couple of weeks.**

Toys for Tots Marine Corps Reserves



Unwrapped donations need to be dropped off in the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots box (located near the church office) no later than Sunday, December 13th.

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.



Happy Thanksgiving

We hope this Thanksgiving you and your family experience the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church's Office Staff

Jesus, remember me!

“Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.”

I've got to tell you, it took a lot of guts for Dismas the thief to ask for such a favor while Jesus was suffering.

I mean after all, Jesus is dying on the Cross in terrible agony. He's been beaten, scourged, spit on, forced to carry a wooden beam on His shoulders for miles with crowds lining the streets ridiculing Him. Nails are pounded through His wrists and ankles as He's attached to that beam, and then hoisted up on the Cross.

He's crucified between two criminals; additional humiliation for this innocent man. As He hangs there looking down, He sees people on the ground sneering and jeering and mocking Him. Above Him, attached to the Cross, is a sign for everyone to see that reads “This is the King of the Jews” in Latin, Greek and Hebrew.

You'd think that the last thing Jesus would want to do is to remember this moment or anyone who was involved. Especially a criminal whose crimes were so bad that he really did deserve his punishment of crucifixion.

But Jesus was remembering. In fact, He was thinking of everyone when His first words on the Cross were, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

The thief Dismas, hanging next to Jesus, probably heard Him say that. Right then, the thief's heart was moved. He sees that Jesus is innocent and doesn't deserve this punishment. He recognizes that Jesus is indeed our King, and that He's freely suffering this horrible death out of love for His subjects. As the other criminal continues to revile Jesus, Dismas rebukes him acknowledging that they deserve to hang, but Jesus does not.

Realizing all of this, Dismas contritely begs Him, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” He asks this with an open heart full of repentance and trust that has brought a connection with Jesus. A personal connection of hope and need; one that allows him to call Jesus by name.

In fact, this is one of the very few times in the gospels that someone addresses Jesus by name. Before this, it's always been “Lord” or “Rabbi” or “Teacher.” And Jesus is always called by name when the person is in deep despair. This is how we recognize how close Christ the King comes to us by His death. How He connects with us. It was that connection that gave Dismas the courage to beg Jesus to remember him.

Even in His most desperate hour, Jesus promises Dismas something that changes his life. Our lives, too. Jesus replies, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” He's saying to the whole world that God will not forget us. Jesus does not forget any of us. He calls us to Himself at every moment of His life, and at every moment of ours. Our King accepts us into His Kingdom.

Today's solemnity reminds us of all that. Christ our King is truly the Lord of the world, and He will never forget us. And He acts for us. When mankind was lost in sin, reuniting us with God required a perfect sacrifice. Our King Jesus died for us as that perfect sacrifice so that we could live forever with Him. And out of His infinite love for us, He still remembers us as He continues to bring His sacrifice for us at every Mass. To re-present Himself to the Father on our behalf. That's our King.

But it's important to remember that His death on the Cross is redemptive, not substitutionary. Just because Christ the King sacrificed Himself for us, doesn't mean we are automatically saved. Only one of the criminals crucified with Jesus was promised Paradise. Dismas had a conversion of heart and begged Jesus to remember him. And he was rewarded with Paradise. The other one was not.

This is important for us, too. Like Dismas, we need constant conversion of heart. We must participate in our salvation. We must turn to Him in repentance and awareness that it was our sins that brought Him to the Cross. We must always be personally grateful for the sacrifice of our King. The King who wants to be close to us.

And we must constantly beg of Him: “Jesus, remember me!”



Outreach and Social Services

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Tyler

The mission of Catholic Charities – Diocese of Tyler is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire Church and other people of good will in East Texas to do the same.

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Ministries:
Parish and Outreach Nursing
Feeding the Hungry
Disaster Relief
Immigration Legal Services
Infant Safety
Educational Opportunities

* Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2016, Tyler, Texas 75710

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Tyler

Founded in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.

See web site or contact each parish for information and schedules.
Web: <http://svdptyler.org>

Locations (Conferences):

Athens - St. Edward Parish
Jefferson - Immaculate Conception Parish
Lindale - Holy Family Parish
Longview - St. Mary Parish
Longview - St. Matthew Parish
Palestine - Sacred Heart Parish
Paris - Our Lady of Victory Parish
Texarkana - Sacred Heart Parish
Tyler - Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Parish Outreach/Food Pantries

Many parishes have ministries to assist those in need. Contact each parish for information and schedules.

Catholic Hospitals

Jacksonville

CHRISTUS Mother Frances Jacksonville
2026 S. Jackson St.
Jacksonville, Texas 75766
Phone: (903) 541-4500
Health System: CHRISTUS Health

Longview

CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Medical Center - Longview
700 E. Marshall Ave.
Longview, Texas 75601
Phone: (903) 315-2000
Health System: CHRISTUS Health
Mission Integration: Jamey Brogan
Chaplain: Rev. Uchenna Uzoechi

Lufkin

CHI St. Luke's Health - Memorial Lufkin
1201 W. Frank Ave.
Lufkin, Texas 75904
Phone: (936) 634-8111
Health System: CommonSpirit Health

Madisonville

CHI St. Joseph Health Madison Hospital
100 W. Cross St.
Madisonville, Texas 77864
Phone: (936) 348-2631
Health System: CommonSpirit Health

Marshall

CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Medical Center - Marshall
811 S. Washington Ave.
Marshall, Texas 75670
Phone: (903) 927-6000
Health System: CHRISTUS Health

San Augustine

CHI St. Luke's Health-Memorial San Augustine
511 E Hospital St
San Augustine, Texas 75972
Phone: (936) 275-3446
Health System: CommonSpirit Health

Sulphur Springs

CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital Sulphur Springs
115 Airport Rd.
Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482
Phone: (903) 885-7671
Health System: CHRISTUS Health
Pastoral Care: Rev. Justin Wylie

Texarkana

CHRISTUS St. Michael (Ark-La-Tex) Hospital
2600 Saint Michael Dr
Texarkana, Texas 75503
Phone: (903) 614-1000
Health System: CHRISTUS Health
Mission Integration David Karchut
Pastoral Care: Chip Chipman
Chaplain: Rev. Ignatius Nwankwocha

Includes:
CHRISTUS St. Michael Rehab Hospital

Tyler

CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital
800 E. Dawson St.
Tyler, Texas 75701
Phone: (903) 593-8441
Health System: CHRISTUS Health
Mission Integration: Andy Navarro
Pastoral Care: Steve Murray
Chaplain: Rev. John Robinson Thason

Includes:
CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Louis & Peaches Owen
Heart Hospital
Tyler ContinueCARE Hospital at Mother Frances

Winnsboro

CHRISTUS Mother Frances Winnsboro
719 W. Coke Rd.
Winnsboro, Texas 75494
Phone: (903) 342-5227
Health System: CHRISTUS Health