

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

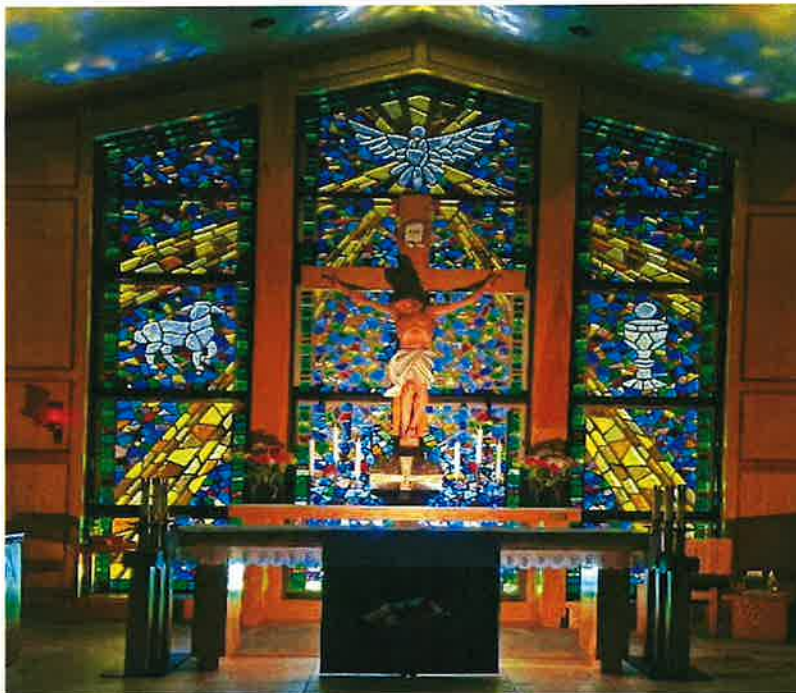
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## Celebration of the Mass (Mar. 14 to Mar. 20)

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
Monday 9:00 am  
Communion Service  
Tuesday 9:00 am  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
**Thursday 8:15 am**  
Friday 9:00 am

## Adoration

Tuesday  
9:45 am - 12:30 pm  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**First Friday**  
**Immediately following**  
**the Mass (1 hour)**



## Reconciliation

Tuesday 9:45 - 12:30 pm  
Saturday 4:30 - 4:45 pm  
(or by appt.)  
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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Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 15, 2026

## TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING  
1 SAM 16 : 1; 6 - 7; 10 - 13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:  
PS 23 : 1 - 6

2ND READING:  
EPH 5 : 8 - 14

GOSPEL:  
JN 9 : 1 - 41



As Jesus cures the  
blind man, so too are we  
brought from darkness  
into light through the  
grace of Baptism.

# Fourth Sunday of Lent



## Pope Leo's March Intention

For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

## Church Organizations

Financial Council	Charlie Clymer
Pastoral Council	John Rigney
Knights of Columbus	Jerry Hauck
4th Degree Knights	Gary Laudt
Legion of Mary	Marge Clymer
	Jane Bidlack
Food Pantry	Bob Mailliard
Rosary Makers/Prayer Blankets	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Funeral Preparations	Deacon John Erdag

## PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance:	3/7	SAT: 76	3/8	SUN: 92
<b>Collections from 3/7 - 3/8</b>				
Building & Maintenance		\$		430.00
Offertory		\$		5,517.79
Votive Candles		\$		40.00
Flowers		\$		774.00

## MARCH SECOND COLLECTIONS

2/28 & 3/1: Building and Maintenance Fund  
3/7 & 3/8: Easter Flowers  
3/14 & 3/15: Catholic Relief Services

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



## Mass Intentions

Sat 3/14	Jeff Taylor (Carolyn Aucoin)
Sun 3/15	Mass for the People of Holy Spirit Parish
	Margaret Shiver (Marie Hansen)
	Pat Bonneville (Knights of Columbus)
	Steve Boswank (Knights of Columbus)
Tue 3/17	+Alan Pike (Ann Marie Vancas)
Wed 3/18	+Joann Listi (Bob & Anna Parker)
Thurs 3/19	
Fri 3/20	



**Remember the sick of our parish:** Mark Edwards; Deidra Hatcher; Shepard Gartin; Erin Sine; Joe Fazzio; Dr. Steve Boswank; Charles McCloskey; Deanie DeLee; Sharon Ryan; Marge & Charlie Clymer; Mary Langhoff; Lillian Speights; Rebecca Niebrugge; Claire Sullivan; Kirk Wilder; David Barber; Elaine Arellano; Marissa Cowles; Judy Terry; Randy Munoz; Jess & Eva Corrigan; Elaine March & Rosemary Seltzer; Maureen Tucker; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; Elmer Mulhollon, Roland & Pat Schmeier; Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Emily Walker; Joe Bonneville; 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; 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).

## Solemnity of St. Joseph (Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

St. Joseph occupies a special place among the cloud of witnesses in heaven. The Church recalls how he watched over the beginnings of the mysteries of human salvation in the life of Christ. St. Joseph, who faithfully cared for the beginnings of these mysteries, faithfully cares for us as these mysteries are perpetuated in our hearts, homes, and communities.

This Thursday, March 19th, is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, everyone is encouraged to attend **Mass (at 8:15 am)** on this 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.

## MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sat 3/14:</b>	5:00 pm Mass Claire Ellis Pines Camp Fundraiser
<b>Sun 3/15:</b>	8:30 am Mass Claire Ellis Pines Camp Fundraiser
<b>Mon 3/16:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service <b>6:00 pm OCIA</b>
<b>Tues 3/17:</b>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration <b>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm St. Patrick's Day PotLuck Dinner</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
<b>Wed 3/18:</b>	9:00 am Mass 3:00 pm <b>Cenacles of Life</b>
<b>Thurs 3/19:</b>	<b>8:15 am Mass - Solemnity of St. Joseph</b> 1:00 pm <b>Legion of Mary</b>
<b>Fri 3/20:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>9:30 am Rosary Makers</b> 3:00 pm Divine Mercy and Rosary Hour 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Soup Supper)
<b>Sat 3/21:</b>	5:00 pm Mass
<b>Sun 3/22:</b>	8:30 am Mass
<b>Mon 3/23:</b>	9:00 am Communion Service <b>6:00 pm OCIA</b>
<b>Tues 3/24:</b>	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration
<b>Wed 3/25:</b>	9:00 am Mass 10:30 am <b>Bible Study</b> 3:00 pm <b>Cenacles of Life</b>
<b>Thurs 3/26:</b>	9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm <b>Legion of Mary</b>
<b>Fri 3/27:</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>9:30 am Rosary Makers</b> 4:30 pm Stations of the Cross <b>5:00 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry</b>



March 20th

## 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 narthex. All contributions are greatly appreciated and serve to help people in need at HLR and its surrounding community. Additionally, we are, once again, in need of plastic grocery bags.

If you of a resident in need, please obtain their name and phone number. Please provide their information to: Bob Mailliard (503-559-6022)



### SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Tuesday: St. Patrick Bishop** (Founded metropolitan See of Armagh; authored "Confessio", the famous "Lorica" {Latin "breastplate"}, a work praising Christ; patron of Nigeria; apostle and patron of Ireland.)

**Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem Bishop, Doctor of the Church** (Pastor and teacher; authored 18 "Catecheses" and 5 "Mystagogical Catecheses" devoted to the liturgy and the sacraments.)

**Thursday: SAINT JOSEPH Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Declared Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX and Guardian of the Redeemer in 1989 by Pope Paul II; patron of workers and carpenters and fathers.)



Holy Spirit is looking for a parishioner who is interested in organizing an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Please contact the church office (903)769-3235.



## BRUNCH WITH

*Leifa Lawler*

TICKETS REQUIRED.  
ADMISSION IS  
DONATION BASED  
\$10 SUGGESTION

Join us for brunch and an inspiring morning, as we welcome acclaimed Catholic author and speaker Leifa Lawler.



The author of *The Summa Domestic Order and Wonder in Family Life*, Leifa is a beloved writer, homemaker, and mother of seven who speaks passionately about cultivating beauty, order, and creativity within the heart of the home.



<https://tinyurl.com/LeifaLawlerBrunch>

**28 MARCH  
2026**  
FROM 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**CATHEDRAL CENTER**  
423 S. Broadway Tyler TX 75702

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)



## Special Announcements

- As you leave the church today, don't forget to stop and shop the special magnets made by Claire Ellis.
- Beginning, Tuesday, March 17th, Mass offering requests will open up for the second quarter (April - June). Please stop by the church office with your requests (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am - 12 noon).
- Come join us for a St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner—corned beef will be provided; parishioners are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm in St. Jude's Hall. Additionally, we will also be honoring Bridget Rich's 15 year-service to our parish.
- Due to diocesan commitments, Fr. Francis will offer Mass on Thursday, March 19th at 8:15 am - The Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Friday, March 20th, come pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary at 3:00 pm in our church.
- Holy Spirit Church will host a Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday, March 31st. Fr. Andrew and Fr. Francis will be available at 6:00 pm and continue through adoration.
- During the Lenten Season, we will "walk" the Way of the Cross each Friday, beginning at 4:30 pm. This Friday, March 20th, a Soup Supper will be available for those participating in the Stations.

### Virtual Q&A Session

## DO'S AND DON'TS OF THE SACRAMENTS

MARCH 16, 2026 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Find Zoom link at  
[www.dioceseoftyler.org/events](http://www.dioceseoftyler.org/events)



## Knights' Korner

### Eats:

The last Holy Spirit Council Fish Fry is Friday, March 27th. Join us. Our next breakfast is on April 12th.

### How is your Lent?

Join us in the nave of Holy Spirit Church (where the parishioners sit) before the Blessed Sacrament inside the tabernacle, the 3rd Friday (March 20th) at the hour of mercy (3pm) before the 4:30 pm Stations in the Church. Our Lent is about prayer and repentance!

### Joining the Knights of Columbus:

Scan this QR code with your smart phone. It will bring up the Knights of Columbus website for joining. We're Council #15174. We're waiting for you!



SCAN ME

## “Sight And Insight”

**“Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.””**  
 – John 9:39

Today's Gospel is about sight and insight. Here we have a man who was known to be blind from birth. Now suddenly, he could see. In Jesus time, the Jews believed that blindness and other physical handicaps were a punishment from God for sin. To be healed meant that his sins were removed.

So when the Jews saw that Jesus healed the man, they brought the beggar to the Pharisees for their consideration. But rather than acknowledge that the man had been cured, the Pharisees responded that Jesus was not of God because He had healed the man on the Sabbath. Working on the Sabbath was against the law of Moses.

The Pharisees questioned the blind man twice, as well as his parents. The man gave sound reasoning of why Jesus was a man of God and proclaimed the supernatural form of healing that he had experienced. But instead of opening their eyes to Jesus, the Pharisees wouldn't accept being taught by a beggar.

Such hypocrites! It was attested by several people that the man was blind and that he could now see. And if blindness is from sin, then the only way he could be healed is through the forgiveness from God. If the healing lifts what is supposedly God's judgment on the beggar, his family, or both, then how can Jesus *not* be an agent of God in some form or another? But rather than deny their assumptions, the Pharisees remain steadfast in their judgment and miss the truth. They had sight, but no insight.

In their blindness, they fell back on the blind man's sinfulness. “You were born totally in sin, and you are trying to teach us?” They rebuked him and threw him out of the synagogue. But that was okay to the beggar. He was thrown out of the synagogue, but he recognized that he shouldn't be there if Jesus wasn't there. So he left and followed Jesus. Now that he could see, he didn't want to take his eyes of Jesus.

In this day and age, it seems like we have a lot of Pharisees still. Many people reject Jesus because they want control of their own lives. They think that if they acknowledge Christ, they won't be able to follow their own desires and seek their own pleasures. So they remain blind to Him. We all know people like that. They have sight, but no insight.

But it's not just others in the world. All of us here today are making an effort to follow Christ, to keep our priorities right, and yet, we still have our falls and failures. It's hard for us, too, to not be blinded by the world. To be accepted, we often join in with how others act. To be successful, we condone self-serving, maybe even dishonest acts that might be used to promote ourselves. To enjoy ourselves, we allow our concerns to be for our own wants and not those of others. We may have sight, but our insight might be darkened.

Lent is the time for self-reflection, assessment and conversion. It's a time to have our eyes opened to see the Messiah, and to regain the insight to fully follow Him. It's the time to ask God to show us more clearly His presence, truth, and love.

It was truly a great gift when Jesus healed the man's blindness, but it was an even greater gift when Jesus revealed Himself as the Messiah. We are called to be like the man in today's Gospel, accepting the gift from Jesus so that we may truly see Him as our Savior, too.

### LENT 2026 | Reflect. Repent. Restore.

<b>SUNDAY</b> 4th Sunday of Lent March 15	<b>MONDAY</b> March 16	<b>TUESDAY</b> March 17	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> March 18	<b>THURSDAY</b> March 19	<b>FRIDAY</b> March 20	<b>SATURDAY</b> March 21
<p><b>“Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”</b></p> <p>Eph 5:8 - 9</p>	<p><b>If possible, spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking God to fill you with his grace so that you may draw ever closer to the Body of Christ.</b></p>	<p><b>On this memorial of Saint Patrick, pray for missionaries and all who are called to spread the Gospel.</b></p>	<p><b>“The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges...In every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks at the door of the community.”</b></p> <p>Pope Leo XIV. Dilexi te, no. 5</p>	<p><b>Today is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph. Pray for all fathers and those who exercise a father's responsibility, that they may give the children in their care an example of self-sacrificial love.</b></p>	<p><b>As spring brings new life to the earth, take a walk in your community to praise God in his creation. (Bonus points if you pick up trash as you walk!)</b></p>	<p><b>In Lent, we are called to renew our baptismal commitment. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.</b></p>



*Holy Spirit Parish  
St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck  
&  
Bridget Rich Retirement Wake*



*When: Tuesday, March 17, 2026*

*5:30pm—7:30pm*

*Where: St. Jude Hall*

*All are invited!!!!*

*Corned Beef will be provided.  
Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert.*

*And come with your favorite Bridget Rich story  
as we show our appreciation for her  
15 years of dedicated service to  
Holy Spirit Parish*



**Please  
join us**

# Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry

*Jan 30th - Feb 13th - Mar 6th - Mar 27th*

**FRIED CATFISH W/ALL THE TRIMMINGS:**

- French Fries
- Hush Puppies
- Beans
- Coleslaw
- Desserts
- Coffee/tea



**Dinner served from  
5:00—6:30pm**

**Tickets at the door**  
**Carry-out available**

**Adults \$15**  
**(Children 12 yrs. &  
under free)**

**Holy Spirit Catholic  
Church Hall  
1612 FM 2869**