Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Trudy hung up the phone very slowly. "Well, Jim, there's good news and bad news. The good news is that your mom and dad are coming to Kate's wedding after all. The bad news is that your brother is coming with them." Jim's brother was a missionary for a strict religious sect. When he had learned that Jim and Trudy were becoming Catholic he had erupted in condemnation. They had not spoken since then.

Have you ever hoped someone would not come to an event you were hosting, or scheduled it when you knew the person wouldn't be available? Are there people whose presence in the seat next to you at Sunday Mass would make you uncomfortable? Today's scriptures proclaim that those people have as much right to "recline at table in the kingdom of God" as we do—or more. They suggest that if we want the Lord to "open the door for us," we must be willing to open the door to everyone.

—Virginia Stillwell

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
2025 – 2026

R E G I S T R A T I O N

(Note: ALL CURRENT and NEW STUDENTS)

WHEN: Starts: Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Ends: Thursday, August 28, 2025
Days: Monday thru Thursday
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Where: IHM Hall c/o Sister Tita, OND

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: NO REGISTRATION on WEDNESDAYS or SUNDAYS when CLASSES start!

CLASSES BEGIN:
(a) Wednesday, September 3rd: 7th to 11th Grades
Class Time: 7:00-8:30pm
(b) Sunday, September 7th:Pre-K to 6th Grades
Class Time: 9:30-10:40am

***Religious Education Calendar 2025-2026 will be given upon registration.**

***Baptismal Certificate is required of all new registrants and current students without baptismal records.**

"Please come and register early!"

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

August 30 – Parish Council September 6 – Cursillo

Saturday, August 23rd -
5:00PM-IHM–+Maria Morales & Carlos Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales; for Humberto Diaz

Sunday, August 24th -
8:00AM – Por la Gente de Nolan County
11:00AM – +Martina Herrera; In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Toribio & Erick Medellin

Tuesday, August 26th 9:00AM - HF
For Noah Hernandez & Humberto Diaz;
+Leticia Acopa and Ebelio Solis

Wednesday, August 27th 6:00PM–IHM
+Jovita, Benjie & Daniel Olguin;
Jennifer & Roger Gomez

Thursday, August 28th 9:00AM HF
For the well-being of Tanis Moreno's family

Friday, August 29th 9:00AM– HF
+Emily Gomez, Delfina Balderas,
Camilo & Elvira Martinez

Saturday, August 30th -
5:00PM-IHM–+Daniel Grimaldo, +Agustina Gutierrez; +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez

Sunday, August 31st
8:00AM – +Sara Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarette; +James Falana; en acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de José Carlos
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

JAMAICA September 28, 2025

Holy Spirit Jamaica Committee is getting ready for our annual festival! Once again, we are asking for donations for the bingo prizes, cakes for the cake walk, 2 liter soft drinks, and stuffed animals for game prizes. All donations may be dropped off at the parish office and the cakes the day before the Jamaica. If you would like to help in any other way, please contact Ellie Mendez @ 725-0671. Please remember to pick up your raffle tickets and to return them to Patty Torres (finance). Someone from the finance council will be outside after all the masses. The raffle is the biggest money maker of the Jamaica! Thank you for your help!

- SELL 100 Tickets to have your name entered in a drawing for a CHANCE to win a "NINTENDO SWITCH 2"

12th ANNUAL WEST TEXAS "FISHERS OF MEN" DINNER, Saturday, October 11, 2025, Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Highway 349, Midland, TX.
Honoree: Fr. Bala Anthony Govindu; Speaker: Fr. Craig Vasek Tickets: G R N o n l i n e . c o m (432) 682-1485
GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK

OCIA – Classes start this coming week --

Thursday, August 28th, 6:00pm, Holy Family Hall. Please check the back page of this bulletin for information. ►

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm at IHM. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC? Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

ULTREYA– meets Monday, August 25th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

GRUPO MISIONERO will meet Thursday in the hall @7:00pm.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – will meet this Sunday, August 24th at 4:00pm, Holy Family parish hall.

¡ATTENCIÓN! -- La **ultima clase** de catecismo para adultos en español es el miercoles, 27 de agosto, a las 7:00pm, en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón, 507 W. Alabama Ave con el catequista Victor Rubio Jr.

ST. ANDREW MEN'S MINISTRY – 2nd Annual Catholic Men's Conference, *"A Call to be a Warrior"* September 19-20, 2025, Midland County Horeshoe Arena, Midland, Texas.
Keynote Speaker: Damon West; Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers; Father Larry Richards; Father David Herrera. For information and tickets visit: standrewmm.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14: 1, 7-14

08/16-17, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS	$4410.00
LOOSE PLATE	1328.72
BUILDING FUND	1031.00
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION	1050.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	$7819.72

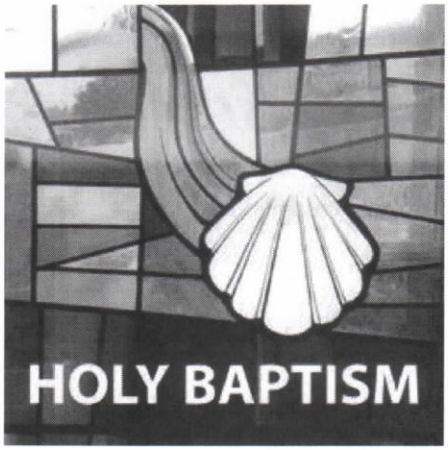
Thank you for your generosity

"BE A JAMAICA SPONSOR"

Contact Patty Torres @325-733-8252
Please sponsor by September 20th

Need Sacraments?

Looking to grow closer to God through baptism, communion, or confirmation?



Then you are invited to sign up for OCIA.
Go by the office of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish at 507 W Alabama Ave. to register for class.

If you **need baptism** please bring a **copy of your birth certificate** to register.

If you are already baptized but **need other sacraments** please bring a **copy of your baptismal certificate** to register.

Then get ready for the first day of class on:
Thursday August 28th at 6:00pm
at Holy Family Hall at 507 Crane Street

Need to have a marriage issue resolved first?
Don't hesitate to talk to Father Josh, he is more than happy to help out.

¿Necesitas sacramentos?

¿Buscas acercarte más a Dios a través del bautizo, la comunión o la confirmación?

Entonces está invitado a inscríbese en OCIA.
Pase por la oficina de Holy Spirit Catholic Parish en 507 W Alabama Ave. para registrarte para la clase.

Si **necesita bautizarse**, traiga una c**opia de su acta de nacimiento** para registrarse.

Si ya está bautizado, pero **necesita otros sacramentos**, traiga una **copia de su acta de bautismo** para registrarse.

Luego prepárase para el primer día de clase:
Jueves 28 de agosto a las 6:00 p. m.
en el Salon de Holy Family en 507 Crane Street

¿Necesita resolver primero una circunstancia matrimonial?
No dude en hablar con el Padre Josh, él estará más que feliz de ayudarle.