



The Good Shepherd

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*Amen, amen, I say to you,
I am the gate for the sheep.*

John 10:7

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 24 5:00 PM	Ordination Intentions of Seth Lorenz
Sunday	April 25 8:00 AM 10:30 AM 4:00 PM	Health Intentions of Beau Moon by The Hormel Family Parishioners of Holy Spirit † Al & Jane Duesterhaus by The Family
Monday	April 26 7:30 AM	Intentions of Emmanuel & Abby Ortiz, by The Family
Tuesday	April 27 7:30 AM	† Martha Sulak Gerik by Theresa & Steve Moorhouse
Wednesday	April 28 7:30 AM	Priest Intentions
Thursday	April 29 7:30 AM	Priest Intentions
Friday	April 30 7:30 AM	Priest Intentions
Saturday	May 1 5:00 PM	† Al & Jane Duesterhaus by The Family
Sunday	May 2 8:00 AM 10:30 AM 4:00 PM	Parishioners of Holy Spirit For all Venezuelans who have died from or been affected by COVID 19 by Rebecca Harlan † Alejandro Castaneda by his parents



Mass intentions for friends & loved ones may be made by calling or visiting the office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Eucharistic Adoration provides the opportunity to just be in His presence and be still; it's a retreat from the world. The chapel is closed at 10:00 am Monday—Friday for cleaning and disinfecting.

Please practice cleaning guidelines that are posted near the door when you leave and **make sure the tabernacle doors are closed and the lights are off.** Thank you.



Please Pray For: those who are sick or suffering, especially: *Alec Fulton, Billy Guerrero, Juan Lucero, Velma Ciardullo, Kendrick, Snowden, Janet Butkins, Dana Tartaglione, Amy Lawrence, Judy Gregor, Sharon Washburn, Renita Brown, Bill Zablocki, Louis Gonzales, Alice Craig, Starla McCutchen, Duane Robertson, Grayson Young, Chris Nance, Martha Robertson, Elena Darnell, Martha Robertson, Kelsey Carrasco, Cindy Denton, Linda, Hope Esquivel, Jesse Nickels, and all in our parish in need of our prayers. Please let us know if you wish for a name remain on our prayer list next month.*

Prayer List Updates:

Call the office 806-698-6400 or email amy@holyspiritlubbock.org. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES



Oscar Quintero, Capt. Ryan Huseman, Staff Sgt Cody Ringo, Sgt. Kyler Walton, son of Greg Walton, SGT. Colin J. Campbell, grandson of Lorraine Campbell, Sgt. Corey Hyatt, son of Dawn Hyatt, Micaela De La Garza, Air Force, Sunshine De La Garza, Army, Nicholas Olguin, USN (son of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Olguin, and grandson of Delores Resendes), Jennifer Ridley (niece of Bertie Rosiles) serving in Iraq, SGT. Mykellee Lopez, serving in Japan, SPC Jordan Skaggs serving in Afghanistan, Army SGT Aaron Robert Villarreal (son of Mary & Bob Villarreal) serving in Iraq, SSGT Brian Palacios USAF (son-in-law of Mary & Bob Villarreal,) Cpl. Luke Tyler Duclos USMC, Anthony Cedillo, Lt. Zach Winders, (grandson of Roland Moreira), Matthew Borel, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Borel, Holder Biemeret, USMC, grandson of Doyle Jetton and all who serve our country and put their lives at risk on a daily basis to protect us. If anyone has a loved one serving in the military that they would like us to add to our prayer list, please call the office.

Kindly inform of us of their return home.



Confessions:

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 PM

You are also welcome to call the office to schedule and appointment during the week.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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Pastor: Rev. George Roney, Office: 698-6400 After Hours: 698-6464 fr.george@holyspiritlubbock.org

Deacons: Ralph Rosiles, Jerry M. Duenes, Leo Cottenoir, Mick Irving, Brad Brooks, Rob Hogan

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9-12 & 1-5 Friday 9-12

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil—5:00 PM, Sunday—8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM

Confessions: Saturday—3:00 PM

Daily Mass: Monday—Friday 7:30 AM

Morning Prayers—7:15 AM



We are excited to once again be offering training for altar servers! To be eligible to serve, you must have received your first communion.

Training is scheduled to begin Tuesday, May 4th from 5:30 PM—7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Additional training dates that you will need to plan on attending are Thursday, May 6th, plus Tuesday May 11th or Wednesday, May 12th.

For more information and to register call David Garza at 806-535-1529.



Baccalaureate

Save the Date!
Holy Spirit
Baccalaureate Mass
For all Graduates

Sunday, May 23rd at the 4:00 Mass

More details coming soon.

Begin Your Journey with St. Joseph



St. Joseph offers a model for all—in this Year of St. Joseph, look to him for guidance in work, family, prayer, and virtue.

On the **Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1**, join us for the second part of our **free virtual event "A Man for All Families,"** featuring **Fr. Boniface Hicks, Scott Hahn, and Mike Aquilina.**

Be the first to hear insights from Fr. Boniface's book *Through the Heart of St. Joseph!*

Don't miss this free event on May 1 from 8:00—10:00 AM—Central Standard Time

Go to: <https://stpaulcenter.com/a-man-for-all-families>

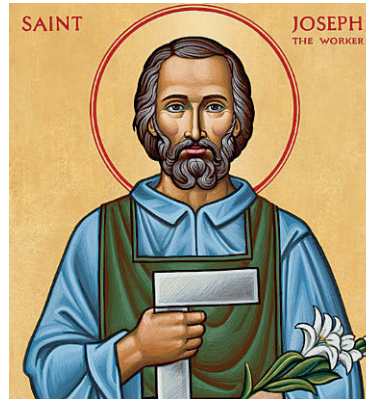


First Friday Rosary for Vocations will be prayed Friday, **May 7th** beginning at 7:00 AM

First Saturday Mass begins at 8:00 AM on Saturday, **May 1st.**

May 1st is Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker



To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955.

Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation

in the creative work of God. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph’s carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”

Holy Spirit Baptism Class



Please call the parish office, (806)698-6400 for baptismal information and to secure a spot in the next class. A baptism date cannot be set until all requirements are met.

Call the office for information or go to our parish website and look under the Adult tab.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gifts for God

We are very grateful to all of you who have been able to continue your weekly donations. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Your donations to Holy Spirit you may be dropped off at the office (we have installed a drop box), mailed to 9821 Frankford, Lubbock, TX 79424 or make an online donation.



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www.holyspiritcathparish.org/

Online Giving

Collection for April 17th & 18th

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Candles	\$ 121.00

\$ 13,334.00

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A Stewardship Reflection for April 24th & 25th

Our Good Shepherd



In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as "the good shepherd." His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, follow him, trust him?

www.catholicstewardship.com, *April e-newsletter*

Liturgical Minister Schedule for May 1st & 2nd

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Altar Servers: Tayzlee Combs, Bailea Ornelas
Ceremonial Minister: Carol Meschwitz
Lectors: Kristy Combs, Lee Cox
Audio Visual: Louis Perez

Sunday, 8:00 AM -

Altar Servers: Tyler Hormel, Jaden Javier
Ceremonial Minister: Karen Quintana
Lectors: Adriana Lopez, Heather Hormel
Audio Visual:

Sunday, 10:30 AM

Altar Servers: Cole Kotara, Kellen Kotara
Ceremonial Minister: Rollo Gursr
Lectors: Delfine Madrid, Jim Decker
Audio Visual:

Sunday, 4:00 PM

Altar Servers: Jessica Woolam, Gabriel Heredia
Ceremonial Minister: Marty Ledesma
Lectors: Tom Lewis, Elena Quintanilla
Audio Visual: Isaiah Hogan



Our AV ministry is in need of new volunteers, especially those willing to serve at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Contact Amy in the office or leave your name in the AV room after Mass.



We are also making plans to once again make our nursery available during Mass. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact the office.

Memorial Bricks

Holy Spirit "Walk of Faith" bricks are still available for purchase. Create a lasting memory for your family and loved ones by having an engraved brick placed in the entry way. The bricks are \$100 each.



Why Does the Priest Kiss the Altar?

Before celebrating every Mass the priest (and deacon) approach the altar and kiss it. To some this practice seems rather odd, as altars are material objects of stone or wood and don't seem to warrant any particular reverence.

What is the significance behind this ancient custom?

Kissing holy and sacred objects has been part of various world religions for thousands of years. The practice comes from cultures where the kiss was viewed as a sign of respect or used as a greeting and was naturally applied to objects that represented the divine. Outside of pagan worship there also grew a tradition in some cultures of kissing the dinner table at special occasions.

As Christians developed the liturgy they adapted customs from their own culture and gave them new significance. Kissing the altar was one of them and was quickly attached to the actions of the priest at Mass.

Consecrated for God

The altar receives its importance in connection with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that is celebrated upon it. It has been set apart for this purpose and the bishop consecrates it when it is installed in a new church. The ceremony of consecration mimics in some ways the baptism of a new Christian as the bishop uses holy oils to bless the altar and vests it with a white garment after the prayers have been completed.

Kissing the altar can then be viewed as honoring the special role it has in the liturgy and the consecration it was given by the bishop.

Symbolically the altar is often said to represent Jesus Christ, the "cornerstone" of the Church (cf. Ephesians 2:20). During the history of the liturgy the priest would sometimes kiss the altar before blessing the people, symbolizing how the blessing came from God, not the priest.

Additionally, over time relics of saints were inserted into the altar and when the priest kissed the altar, he would be kissing the relics as well.

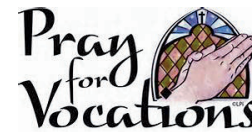
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World Day of Prayer for Vocations



World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

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A Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son.

Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious.

By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Lubbock. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading—Acts 4:8-12
Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel — John 10:11-18

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4; John 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10:22-30
Wednesday	Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest Acts 12:24—13:5; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; John 12:44-50
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; John 13:16-20
Friday	Saint Pius V, Pope Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11; John 14:1-6
Saturday	Saint Joseph the Worker Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1, 2-4; John 14:7-14 Memorial: Genesis 1:26—2:3 Matthew 13:54-58

Scholarships Available for Diocesan High School

The Saint Cecilia Foundation is accepting applications for financial aid for students who would like to attend the Diocesan High School at Christ the King.

Find Applications for the Foundation and information on eligibility at the following link:

<https://www.holyspiritcathparish.org/saint-cecilia-foundation-for-catholic-education/>

REPORTING ABUSE OR NEGLECT:

It is the policy of the Diocese of Lubbock to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to law enforcement. ([More information online](#)) Once local law enforcement, or the child abuse/vulnerable adult hotline have been called, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to Victim Assistance Coordinator Oscar Reyes at (806) 543-9178 or to diocesan officials.

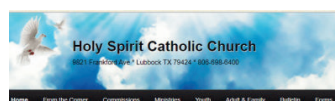
Holy Spirit's Live Stream Schedule
5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass
8:00 AM Sunday Mass



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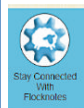
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website:
holyspiritcathparish.org

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Staying In Touch:



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Visit us on Facebook: Search for Holy Spirit Catholic Parish.
<https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritlubbock>



Flocknote Go to the church website and click on the link to get started. If you are asked for a url, use the following: <https://new.flocknote.com/holyspiritlubbock>



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