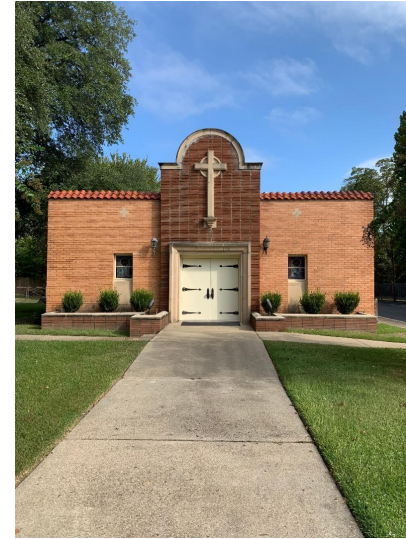


Jesus said to his disciples:... You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."



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Mission Statement: St. Mary of the Cenacle is a compassionate, evangelizing, worshipping Catholic Parish called to holiness for life-long faith formation and sharing and caring for others.

February 08, 2026 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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LUNCH WITH FATHER:

3rd Monday of each month, At Maria's.
Meet at 11:30 AM



See, I have today set before you life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I am giving you today, loving the LORD, your God, and walking in his ways, and keeping his commandments, statutes and ordinances, you will live and grow numerous, and the LORD, your God, will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. — Dt. 30:15-16

OFFICE HOURS

10 AM - 4:00 PM Monday and Wednesday

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Sunday: 10:30AM • Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

DAILY: Monday—Thursday: 9:00AM

Holy Hour: Thursday after Mass—until 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday: 10:45 — 11:15 AM

Tuesday: 10:45 — 11:15 AM

Wednesday: 10:45—11:15 AM

Thursday: 11:15—11:45 AM

Saturday 3:30-4:30PM

OR by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact priest at least 9 months before anticipated date of wedding.

Formation preparation is required

BAPTISM: Pre-Baptismal instruction classes required.

Call for appointment

SICK CALLS/COMMUNION CALLS

Please notify *Fr. Palmer* when confined to home or in a nursing Facility. Confession and Holy Communion is brought to those *unable* to attend Mass.

NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES/LOCATIONS

1-800-Mass Times or visit
www.Masstimes.org

READERS

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| 02/07 Maria Tidwell | 02/08 Luis Rodriguez |
| 02/14 Luella Rediess | 02/15 Rudy Ramirez |
| 02/21 Dawn Sorsby | 02/22 Rudy Ramirez |
| 02/08 Luella Rediess | 03/01 |

PLEASE Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

I would encourage you to do more than pray! Offer a day of Penance (acts of self-denial, prayer, and works of mercy) for one or more of these people — make a spiritual investment in their lives. Begin with the daily offering (below) and then, everything in your day goes to the benefit of the person(s) for whom your day is offered.

Parishioners

Ellen Davis, Kelly Morales, Paola Loar, Lena Fontenot, Luella Rediess, Warren Thibeaux, Gary Leiras, Sharon Davis, Sally Allen, Tracy Sorsby

Friends and Family

Elthie Meads, wife of the late Bill Meads; Kalan Berry, friend of Patricia Brantley; Richard Stieb, brother of Linda Norrid; Rev. Thaddeus Brown, Gregory Brown, Elaine Brown, family of Patricia Brantley; Douglas Hall, husband of Joyce Hall; James Burns husband of Mary Burns; Melissa Stieb, niece of Linda Norrid; Susy, daughter of Maria Tidwell; Marisa Olague, niece of Ana Ramirez, James Drennan, husband of Franca Drennan, Brian, Kathy; Barbara Orr, friend of Karen Davis

Shorter Morning Offering: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of N., and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father and Your Holy Catholic Church. Amen.

—PREVENT ABUSE—

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the victim assistance coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

<>COLLECTIONS<>

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| January 30—February 01 | \$1825.00 |
| Building and Maintenance Fund | \$ 307.00 |

YOUR OFFERINGS ARE MOST APPRECIATED!
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THANK YOU!

February 07-08: Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools
February 18: Church in Central / Eastern Europe
February 21-22: Black and Indian Missions

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

February 07: Thomas LaToof
February 08: The People of St. Mary of the Cenacle
February 09-13: Fr. is attending the Priests Retreat: NO MASS
February 14: +Albert Palmer
February 15: The People of St. Mary of the Cenacle
February 18: Ash Wednesday

Light Breaking Forth: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world.

As His disciples, we too are called to be "the light of the world," He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see John 1:4-4, 9; 8:12; 9:5). All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel.

God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a "covenant of salt," salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see 2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24). Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations toward the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see Isaiah 2:2; 60:1-3).

And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 42:6; 49:6).

The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel's mission. By our faith and good works we are to make the light of God's life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week's Psalm.

This week's readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket. We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God's mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved. There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel.

So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives "Christ, and him crucified."

From: St. Paul Center

If you would like to donate flowers for the Sanctuary, you may make a \$45.00 donation to the Women's Society. Please contact Chris Goodsell.

Daily Devotions:

Sunday: Most Holy Trinity
Monday: Holy Angels
Tuesday: The Apostles
Wednesday: St. Joseph
Thursday: The Most Holy Eucharist
Friday: The Passion of the Lord
Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Devotion for February: The Holy Family

UPCOMING DAYS TO REMEMBER:

February 16: Lunch with Father:
11:30 AM @ Maria's

February 16: Men's Group: 6:30 PM

February 17: Outreach Group: 6:30 PM

February 18: Ash Wednesday:

Masses 12:10 and 6:00 PM

A day of fasting and abstinence

February 20: Stations of the Cross: 6:00 PM
followed by a simple soup supper.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH"

Paragraph 2. The Church - People of God, Body of Christ, Temple of the Holy Spirit

I. THE CHURCH - PEOPLE OF GOD

781 "At all times and in every race, anyone who fears God and does what is right has been acceptable to him. He has, however, willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness. He therefore chose the Israelite race to be his own people and established a covenant with it. He gradually instructed this people. . . . All these things, however, happened as a preparation for and figure of that new and perfect covenant which was to be ratified in Christ . . . the New Covenant in his blood; he called together a race made up of Jews and Gentiles which would be one, not according to the flesh, but in the Spirit."

Characteristics of the People of God

782 The People of God is marked by characteristics that clearly distinguish it from all other religious, ethnic, political, or cultural groups found in history:

- It is the People of God: God is not the property of any one people. But he acquired a people for himself from those who previously were not a people: "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation."

- One becomes a member of this people not by a physical birth, but by being "born anew," a birth "of water and the Spirit," that is, by faith in Christ, and Baptism.

- This People has for its Head Jesus the Christ (the anointed, the Messiah). Because the same anointing, the Holy Spirit, flows from the head into the body, this is "the messianic people."

- "The status of this people is that of the dignity and freedom of the sons of God, in whose hearts the Holy Spirit dwells as in a temple."

- "Its law is the new commandment to love as Christ loved us." This is the "new" law of the Holy Spirit.

- Its mission is to be salt of the earth and light of the world. This people is "a most sure seed of unity, hope, and salvation for the whole human race."

- Its destiny, finally, "is the Kingdom of God which has been begun by God himself on earth and which must be further extended until it has been brought to perfection by him at the end of time."

A priestly, prophetic, and royal people

783 Jesus Christ is the one whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and established as priest, prophet, and king. The whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them.

784 On entering the People of God through faith and Baptism, one receives a share in this people's unique, priestly vocation: "Christ the Lord, high priest taken from among men, has made this new people 'a kingdom of priests to God, his Father.' The baptized, by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated to be a spiritual house and a holy priesthood."

785 "The holy People of God shares also in Christ's prophetic office," above all in the supernatural sense of faith that belongs to the whole People, lay and clergy, when it "unfailingly adheres to this faith . . . once for all delivered to the saints," and when it deepens its understanding and becomes Christ's witness in the midst of this world.

786 Finally, the People of God shares in the royal office of Christ. He exercises his kingship by drawing all men to himself through his death and Resurrection. Christ, King and Lord of the universe, made himself the servant of all, for he came "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." For the Christian, "to reign is to serve him," particularly when serving "the poor and the suffering, in whom the Church recognizes the image of her poor and suffering founder." The People of God fulfills its royal dignity by a life in keeping with its vocation to serve with Christ.

The sign of the cross makes kings of all those reborn in Christ and the anointing of the Holy Spirit consecrates them as priests, so that, apart from the particular service of our ministry, all spiritual and rational Christians are recognized as members of this royal race and sharers in Christ's priestly office. What, indeed, is as royal for a soul as to govern the body in obedience to God? And what is as priestly as to dedicate a pure conscience to the Lord and to offer the spotless offerings of devotion on the altar of the heart?

II. THE CHURCH - BODY OF CHRIST.

The Church is communion with Jesus

787 From the beginning, Jesus associated his disciples with his own life, revealed the mystery of the Kingdom to them, and gave them a share in his mission, joy, and sufferings. Jesus spoke of a still more intimate communion between him and those who would follow him: "Abide in me, and I in you. . . . I am the vine, you are the branches." And he proclaimed a mysterious and real communion between his own body and ours: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."

788 When his visible presence was taken from them, Jesus did not leave his disciples orphans. He promised to remain with them until the end of time; he sent them his Spirit. As a result communion with Jesus has become, in a way, more intense: "By communicating his Spirit, Christ mystically constitutes as his body those brothers of his who are called together from every nation."

789 The comparison of the Church with the body casts light on the intimate bond between Christ and his Church. Not only is she gathered around him; she is united in him, in his body. Three aspects of the Church as the Body of Christ are to be more specifically noted: the unity of all her members with each other as a result of their union with Christ; Christ as head of the Body; and the Church as bride of Christ.