

PRAYER CORNER

God our Father, source of all health, be near those who suffer in the time of weakness and pain; relieve them of their burden and heal them, if it be your will. Give peaceful sleep to those who need rest for soul and body and be with them in their hours of silence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

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Ursula Paige
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Linda Ornelas
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Mia Rubio Reyes
Benny Cervantez
Lico Cervantez
Jamesha Hayward

Julian Elizondo
Pete Marquez
Ysleta Franklin
Amy Novacek
Kevin & Juanita Thornton
Blanche Malachi
Erma Platte
Albert Johnson, Jr.

Deceased:

Helen Gallagher
Alberta Lane
Trino Sanchez
Rigoberto Frias
Brenda Cruz Gutierrez
Daniel Reyes
Mary G. Rios

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our Mother of Mercy

Collection Received: Jan 7, 2024

Regular Collection	\$2,400.50
Parish Maintenance	\$1,801.85
St. Vincent de Paul	\$100.00
Priest Care Fund	\$50.00
St. Anne's—Candles	\$67.78
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel comes from John chapter 1 verses 35 to 42. The idea in today's gospel that strikes me is curiosity. And the virtue in today's gospel that strikes me is curiosity. These disciples of John, they go curiously following Jesus. I think in our culture, we overvalue understanding and we undervalue mystery. And when we overvalue understanding, we very often give up or surrender or quit on our curiosity. And curiosity can be a very, very holy thing. Jesus said to them, "What do you seek?" And of course, it wasn't a what, it was a who. They said, "Where are you staying?" They didn't even know what to say to him at first, right? "Where are you staying?" And Jesus could have said, "Wow, I'm staying at that house three doors down on the left," and that would have given them understanding. But it also would have maybe dulled their curiosity. So, Jesus doesn't tell them what he's saying.

He says, "Come and see." He stokes the curiosity. He stokes the curiosity. And the invitation today is to stoke the curiosity. I think sometimes we're so fixed on understanding stuff that we think understanding is the prize. Understanding isn't the prize. Understanding is like the booby prize. The real prize is experiencing God, experiencing God's grace, experiencing the gospel. And very often that means immersing ourselves in mysteries that cannot be understood or that can only be partially understood. So today, stoke your holy curiosity, stoke your childlike curiosity. And remember, don't just be yourself. Be the very best version of yourself, all that God created you to be.

From www.dynamiccatholic.com Sunday Reflections

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Office Hours

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Thursday 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Stewardship Reflections

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
Jan. 14, 2024	Howard Rattliff
Jan. 21, 2024	Isabel Garza
Jan. 28, 2024	Debra Savage

Lectors		
Jan 14 &	Charlotte Mitchell	L. Peoples Zayn Willars
Jan 20 &	Natasha Cha	Amanda Flood Carolyn Yusuf
Jan. 27 &	Lanette M -Vidaurre	Lydia Salas K. Weckherlin

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times	Mass Intention
Monday, January 15	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass	Aurora McConaha
Tuesday, January 16	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.	Anna Cha
Wednesday, January 17	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 -7:00 pm	Tai Yee ✕
Thursday, January 18	Mass—7:00a.m. Confession—6:30 a.m.	Calliope McConaha
Friday, January 19	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon	Bonnie Kai McConaha
Saturday, January 20	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.	Maria Chen
Sunday, January 21	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Stephen & Christopher Salas

Rosary is prayed on Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and Monday-Friday at 6:20 a.m.



Fr. Richard Flores



Weekly Readings

1/15—1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22 *Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday*
 1/16—1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
 1/17—1 Sm 17:39-33; Mk 3:1-6
 1/18—1 Sm 18:4-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
 1/19—1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
 1/20—2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
 1/21—Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Announcements

The 38th Annual Martin Luther King Diocesan Memorial Mass

The 38th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at Good Shepherd Catholic Community, 1000 Tinker Rd., Colleyville, TX, at 5:00 PM. The homilist will be Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski, St. Louis, Mo. and the main celebrant will be Bishop Michael F. Olson, STD, MA. All are encouraged to attend.



OMM MLK Mass

Our Mother of Mercy will celebrate MLK Day with Mass on Sunday, January 21, and a reception following in the parish life center. All are invited.

Nolan Athletic Summer Camps Early bird discount until January 31, 2024

Nolan High School summer camps offer students the opportunity to explore their chosen interests in a fun-filled environment. Summer Camps are available for youth (rising 3rd through 8th grade) as well as enrolled, or applied, Nolan Catholic High School students. Registration is now open for Summer 2024 to all kids not just diocesan students with early bird discounts through end of January! Enroll before February 1, 2024, and receive \$20 off your camp registration. Register Online: www.NCHSVIKINGS.COM/SUMMER-CAMPS



We will no longer order the box collection envelope sets and invite you to explore an option that is most convenient for you.

♦ **Offertory Envelopes:** Generic offertory envelopes will still be available in the pews every Sunday. You may take more than one with you to prepare in advance. Simply fill out the envelope and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

- ♦ **Online Donation:** Donate online via the OMM website. www.omomftworth.org
 - ♦ **QR Code:** QR code cards will be available in each church pew. Use your smart phone to scan code to make your online donation.
 - ♦ **Bank Draft:** Visit your local bank to set up your account to automatically draft a check to the parish on your behalf. This service is free and convenient and highly encouraged.
- We are grateful to each member of our church family, and for your continued support.

**Knights of Peter Claver, Council #89 Presents:
TURKEY LEG POP-UP KITCHEN
Sunday-February 4, 2024
11am-1pm Claver Hall Across the Street from OMOM**



Contact Art Sanford at: Sanford.a@sbcglobal.net or phone at 817-296-3921

Menu:

- Turkey Leg \$12
- Red Beans & Rice \$8
- Turkey Leg, Red Beans & Rice, Drink-\$20

Priest Care Fund Special Collection
Our special collection today is for the Priest Care Fund. One hundred percent of this collection remains in the Diocese of Fort Worth to pay for medical and long-term care expenses of retired priests not covered by insurance. "A Lifetime of Service Asks for a Moment of Support." Please give generously to the Priest Care Fund today at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive) Thank you for honoring our retired priests' lifetime of service.



The primary election in Tarrant County, Texas is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**. The first day to apply for a ballot by mail is **Monday, January 1, 2024** and the last day to register to vote is **Monday, February 5, 2024 (postmarked)**. The last day to apply for Ballot by Mail is **Friday, February 23, 2024 (received)**. Early voting will be held from **Tuesday, February 20, 2024 to Friday, March 1, 2024**

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Feb. 25 – 11:30 a.m.
Donation: \$12

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Sides: Green Beans, Yams, Collard Greens, Mac & Cheese

Our Mother of Mercy Parish Council

LaWanda Peoples is the Chairperson the parish council. She has been a member of Our Mother of Mercy for more than 33 years. As chair she is hoping to create and lead opportunities to grow the parish with outreach initiatives as well as strive to bring members who have left back to our spiritual community.



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95th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

KICK OFF

Sunday, January 14, 2024 | 10:00am Gospel Mass
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