

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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Ben Swanson  
Linda Ornelas  
Tony Delgado  
Bastion Joseph  
Desiree Curry  
Mia Rubio Reyes  
Benny Cervantez  
Lico Cervantez

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

**Deceased:**

Blanche Malachi  
Mary Ozuna  
Archie Wright  
Warren Hobbs  
Erma Platte  
A.J. White  
Lisa Hughes  
Richard Menefield

*May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Our Mother of Mercy

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

**Parish Council Meeting—1st Sundays of the month after mass.**

**Finance Council Meeting—1st Wednesday of the month**

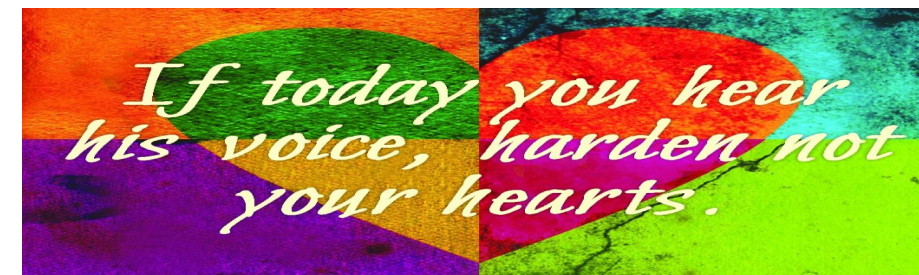
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today, we see Jesus' teaching authority as He ministers in a Sabbath synagogue service in Capernaum. Not only does Jesus teach with His powerful words, but he teaches about God's compassion and love as He exorcizes a demon from a possessed man. He also shows that His focus is to proclaim God's Good News of salvation and not center the focus on Himself. Dear Sisters and Brothers, God communicates the Truth in various ways and on different levels of importance. Most important and at the top of the divine teachings is God's overpowering love for every member of the human race whom God has created. Equally important is the pre-eminence of Jesus' relationship with His Father and my Father. The Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit, are truly one in nature and in the mission of teaching people the power of God's compassion. Thus the doctrine of the Trinity and salvation through Jesus' ministry (including His death and resurrection) are essential teachings of our faith. And these teachings must be communicated, as Jesus does, with full authority and clear understanding. All those responsible for handing on these beliefs must do so with conviction. They must be true prophets (spokespersons) for God.

also learn from the life and ministry of Jesus and those who have lived out His life in their own lives. . . Surely, it is our responsibility to live out what we learn from Jesus and those who teach with His authority. We must spend time by ourselves and with others who are learned, exploring and learning the Truth, Who is Jesus. We must ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must, as the Responsorial Psalm urges us to do, "hear God's voice and harden not our hearts." All teachers of the faith should know that it is particularly the responsibility of those who have been given the authority to teach in God's name to clarify for those whom they instruct. They must clarify what are essential, biblical beliefs. They must distinguish scriptural information from ecclesiastical (church) information. Thus it is absolutely essential that we hear, listen, reflect on God's voice and harden not hearts. This can only be done by continuous reading and studying God's Word in scripture, relating it to how that is presented in the teachings of the church and other believers. Conscious of the fact that God will lead us the more we are open to the divine Word, we must then live out God's will in a way which invites others to hear God's voice and come into a deep and personal relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Therefore, it is important for all of us who are believers to study the teachings of Jesus and His followers. We must learn not only from the words which Jesus spoke and which have been handed down to us. We must

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### Bulletin Reflections

*"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying

*"Hermanos: Lo que deseo es que estén libres de preocupaciones". -1 Corintios 7:32*

¿Qué tanta ansiedad traemos sobre nosotros mismos al preocuparnos constantemente acerca de no tener lo suficiente o de obtener más cosas? Dios no necesariamente te dará todo lo que deseas, pero sí te proporcionará todo lo que necesitas. Intente hacer esto - utilice la palabra "rezar" en lugar de la palabra "preocupar". Entonces pasará su tiempo rezando en lugar de preocupándose.

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### Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
Jan. 28, 2024	Debra Savage
Feb. 4, 2024	Lisa Jones
Feb. 11, 2024	Howard Rattliff
Feb. 18, 2024	Isabel Garza

Lectors		
Jan. 27 &	Natasha Cha	Lydia Salas K. Weckherlin

### Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times	Mass Intention
Monday, January 29	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass	Repose Soul of Cherine Chen+
Tuesday, January 30	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.	Priestly Vocations
Wednesday, January 31	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 -7:00 pm	Andy Garcia (Happy Birthday)
Thursday, February 1	Mass—7:00a.m. Confession—6:30 a.m.	Repose Soul of Jeanne Chen+
Friday, February 2 <i>World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life</i>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon	Repose Soul of Gregson Chen+
Saturday, February 3	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.	Vocations for the Fort Worth Diocese
Sunday, February 4	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)	The Will Family

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



### Weekly Readings

1/29—2 Sm 15:13-14, 30,16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
 1/30—2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b. 24-25a, 30 -19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
 1/31—2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6  
 2/1—1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
 2/2—Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40  
 2/3—1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34  
 2/4—Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

O My God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, My Lord and Redeemer.

### Announcements



From Ms. Delores Newton:  
 Thank you to the Warriors of the Yarn for my prayer shawl. I am so grateful to you for sharing your love and talent with me. May God continue to bless each of you as you stitch and share your talent. I LOVE IT!!

**DON'T MISS OUT!!**  
**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](mailto: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



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 Our Mother of Mercy  
 Celebrate Black History Month  
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**Feb. 25 – 11:30 a.m.**  
 Donation: \$12

Dinner includes: Choice of 1 entree and 2 sides, bread & dessert

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**Entrées:** Baked Chicken or Turkey & Dressing **Sides:** Green Beans, Yams, Collard Greens, Mac & Cheese

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- ♦ **Offertory Envelopes:** Generic offertory envelopes will still be available in the pews every Sunday. 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](http://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.

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This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! Give today online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

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**Feb. 1-4, 2024** Men's Retreat  
**Feb. 3, 2024** Saturday of Reflection  
**Feb. 9-11, 2024** Retiro para hombres, mujeres y parejas  
**Feb. 14, 2024** Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer & Reflection  
**Feb. 16-18, 2024** Young Adults Retreat  
**Feb. 22-25, 2024** Women's Retreat  
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### Meet Our Mother of Mercy Parish Council

This week's introduction is Ms. Dorothea Lee Menefee. She has been a member of OMM since 1989. Her goal for being on the parish council is to accomplish unifying this church.



Thank you Ms. Menefee.  
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### Part-Time Job Opportunity

OMM is in search of a Director of Evangelization & Outreach. The Parish Director of Evangelization is a member of the parish staff who gives direction to evangelization efforts in the parish community. Goals of the position include fostering conversion and growth in discipleship among the faithful, develop a welcoming community, animate and equip parishioners to evangelize by witness, word, and action, and enhance communication within and beyond the parish community. You may apply at the Fort Worth Diocese website: <https://fwdioc.org/employment>. Look under Catholic Center and Parish employment.