

**PRAYER CORNER**

Almighty God, giver of life and health; Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

**Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In**

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We pray to the Lord. For people who live in emotional chaos. May our loved ones who suffer dementia or memory loss find hope and comfort.

**And For the Repose of the Souls**

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**Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The first reading, Isaiah 25:6-10a, paints a vivid picture of God's benevolence and commitment to His people. The prophet Isaiah speaks of a time when God will prepare a feast for all people, wipe away tears, and remove the disgrace of His people from the earth. This vision is not just about a distant future but serves as a reminder of God's continuous promise of care and salvation.

Today, many face challenges that make them question their worth or their place in the world. Economic hardships, personal struggles, societal divisions – they all mirror the despair and disgrace felt by Isaiah's contemporaries. Yet, Isaiah's words remain relevant, assuring us that even in the midst of adversity, God's love and provision are steadfast.

Applying this message to modern life, it's a call for hope and resilience. It encourages us to look beyond immediate struggles and recognize the bigger picture of divine promise. Furthermore, in a world where instant gratification is often sought, Isaiah reminds us of the virtue of patience and the value of long-term blessings. Our role is to trust, persevere, and remain faithful, knowing that God's banquet awaits those who endure.

In the parable from Matthew 22:1-14, the gospel, the significance of the wedding banquet is evident. Jesus uses it as a medium to shed light on our relationship with God. The initial rejection by the invited guests draws parallels with how the Jewish commu-

nity treated God's messages and messengers. This neglect to attend the feast speaks volumes about missed opportunities and neglecting divine calls. The invitation's extension to everyone, irrespective of their background or deeds, demonstrates God's inclusive nature. It highlights the idea that salvation and God's love are available to all. However, there's an underlying message. Simply showing up isn't enough. One must also come prepared, spiritually and mentally, to partake in the divine feast.

The guest without the wedding attire serves as a cautionary tale. While the invitation is open to all, it's crucial to be prepared and sincere in our approach. This can be interpreted as the need for genuine faith and commitment to God. Just as attending a wedding requires appropriate attire, embracing God's love requires genuine devotion and preparedness.

Drawing these passages together, it's evident that God's benevolent invitation remains constant, spanning across time and testament. The challenge posed to us, both as individuals and as a collective, is to recognize, accept, and prepare for these divine moments. Whether it's the grandeur of Isaiah's feast or the solemnity of the wedding banquet in Matthew, both underscore the importance of being spiritually ready and receptive to God's eternal call.

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OCTOBER 15, 2023  
*stewardship*  
**SUNDAY**

Eucharistic Stewardship...our grateful response to His gift.

**Bulletin Reflections**

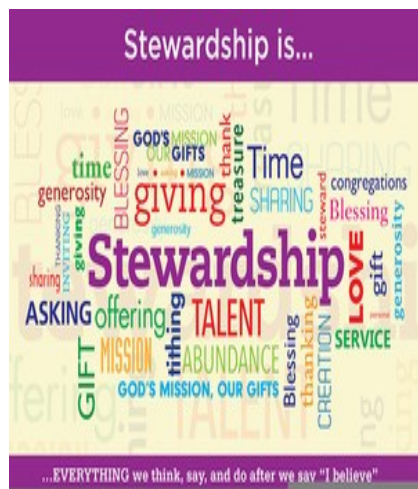
“My God will fully supply whatever you need...” - *Philippians 4:19*

On this Stewardship Sunday, we reflect on how God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

“La piedra que los constructores rechazaron se ha convertido en la piedra angular...” - *MATEO 21:42*

Jesús fue rechazado por los líderes políticos y religiosos de su época, así como también por ciudadanos ordinarios, pero el siguió obedeciendo a Dios Padre. De la misma manera, tener un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad puede hacer que usted sea “rechazado” por los demás. Dar gracias antes del inicio de una comida en un restaurant puede atraer miradas extrañas de algunas personas, pero para otras es una señal de que Dios está vivo y bien!

With Prayers and Love



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).

**Weekly Mass Schedule**

Dates	Times
Rosary is Monday-Friday at 6:20 a.m. Rosary on Sunday is at 11:15 a.m. after Mass	
<b>Monday, October 16</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass
<b>Tuesday, October 17</b> Fr. Bob Strittmatter	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, October 18</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, October 19</b> Fr. Bob Strittmatter	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Friday, October 20</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
<b>Saturday, October 21</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, October 22</b> Fr.	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream) Gospel Choir



The parish office will be closed  
Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

**Weekly Readings**

10/16—Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32  
 10/17—Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41  
 10/18—2 Tim 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9  
 10/19—Rom 2:21-30; Lk 11:47-54  
 10/20—Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7  
 10/21—Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12  
 10/22—Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 *World Mission Sunday*

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
10/15/2023	Vanessa Nava
10/22/2023	Isabell Garza
10/20/2023	Lisa Jones
11/5/2023	Debra Savage

Lectors		
10/14-	L. Martinez-Vadurri	Amanda Flood Carolyn Yusuf
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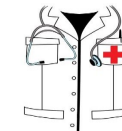
**Announcements**



**Food Pantry Needs**  
We need your help stocking the OMM food pantry, which is maintained by St. Vincent de Paul. **They are expanding to include baby & small children items, baby food, diapers, clothes, etc..** Please bring donations to the parish life center. **Your support is appreciated.**

**White Coat Mass**

The Annual White Coat Mass for healthcare professionals, family and staff will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023, at St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth at 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Please wear your white coat!

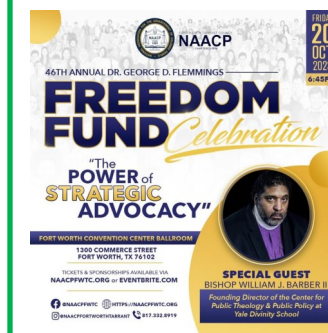


**Come and See Weekend**

The next vocations weekend retreat is November 3-5, 2023. This no-cost weekend is for men in high school and college ages 16 and older. Transportation is provided to and from seminary at St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington, LA. Please register no later than October 27, 2023. For those who are or will be 18 years of age at the time of the event, you will be required to register and complete the Safe Environment training. For more information, please email or call the vocations office at 817-945-9321 or vocations@fwdioc.org..

**Special Collections for October**

October 15—Catholic Charities  
 October 22—Propagatin of Faith-World Mission Sunday



The theme for 46th Annual Dr. George D. Flemmings Freedom Fund Celebration is "The Power of Strategic Advocacy". The Freedom Fund Celebration will be held Friday, October 20, 2023, 6:45pm at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Special guest is renowned civil rights leader Bishop William J. Barber, the Director of the Center for Public Theology and Public Policy at Yale Divinity School. Contact

Freedom Fund Chair, Lorraine Miller at 817-915-6323 for more information.

**Souls to the Polls**

Election Day is November 7. Vote early with us Sunday October 29 after the 10 a.m. Mass as we walk/drive to the Southside Community Center, corner of New York and E. Rosedale, to vote in the Joint General and Special Election for Tarrant County. Early voting starts October 23-November 3, 2023. Bring your current driver's license or ID. Your vote is just as important on local government levels as it is for national government levels. Let your voice be heard.



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RICA, is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. OMOM is offering classes Sunday morning at 8:30am, for those called to be a part of the Catholic faith. There is plenty good room for new students.



**Bible Study with Deacon Tom**

Learn about the history of the bible. Join Deacon Tom for Bible Study starting **October 16, 2023**, in the parish life center at 6:30-7:30 pm.



**Fortress Trunk or Treat**

This year we will collaborate with Fortress for the Trunk or Treat on October 27 from 6-7:30pm. If you would like to host a "trunk" you will need to register your vehicle with Fortress. OMOM CCE/Faith Formation will host a booth-"Pumpkin Painting". Please donate at least 3 small pumpkins, paint, markers, and/or paint brushes for the event. You can sign up to donate using the "Sign-Up Genius" Pumpkin Painting Booth Sign-Up Genius donation link at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA8AC2BA1F8C70-44570954-pumpkin>. You may also con-



tact Shonta Giovannitti. \*\*\*\*\*



What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly is one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

OMOM has several ministries/committees which could use your talents and time. This includes altar servers, children choir, adult choir, eucharist ministers, lectors (both adult and children) hospitality committee, St. Anne's Society, St. Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary and Society of St. Vincent De Paul. Contact parish office at 817-335-1695 to join a ministry. \*\*\*\*\*



A mass is to honor breast cancer survivors of OMOM is scheduled for **October 22, 2023** at 10:00 a.m. We ask everyone to please wear pink. We also remember those that did not survive.

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