

**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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**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.**

**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's Gospel tells us to give to God what belongs to God and to give to the state what belongs to the state. St. Francis de Sales notes that in order to enjoy a just state we must obey those to whom God gives authority to govern. Yet he stresses more "what belongs to God" in light of "obedience of love:"

We have a natural desire to love God that tells us we belong to God. We are like deer marked with the initials of their owner who lets them free to roam in the forest. Yet, all know to whom the deer belong. We too are free, and our natural inclination to love God lets our friends and enemies know that we still belong to God, who desires us to be united through "obedience of love."

This obedience of love consecrates our heart to God's love and service. Jesus is the model. Allowing God to shape and form us, we place all our desires in God's hands. Such obedience has no need to be roused up by threats or rewards, by commandment or law. It goes ahead of all such things when it gives itself to God. It begins

to do with love all that leads to the union of our hearts with God. It undertakes this journey in simplicity. Sometimes our Lord urges us to run with full speed in the tasks required of us. Then God makes us stop in mid-career when strongest in our course. While we must do everything to bring God's work to a successful end, we must peacefully embrace the outcome. It is our part to plant and water carefully, but the increase belongs only to God.

Nonetheless, as a tender mother leads her little children, and helps and holds them up as long as she sees a need for it, so also our Savior carries us and holds our hand in unbearable hardships. Let us then enjoy a serenity of heart by embracing this obedience of love that unites us to God to whom we belong.

—From [www.oblates.org](http://www.oblates.org)



**Bulletin Reflections**

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s. - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

“Dad al Cesar lo que es del Cesar y a Dios lo que es de Dios.” - MATEO 22:21

Todo lo que somos y todo lo que tenemos le pertenece a Dios. No somos los dueños de nada, somos simples “administradores” de los dones que hemos recibido de Dios. Todo lo que Dios nos pide es que demos parte de lo que Él nos ha dado. Esa es la esencia de la Corresponsabilidad. Dios debe ser nuestra prioridad en todo. Todo lo demás viene en segundo lugar, especialmente nuestro dinero.

With Prayers and Love

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**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 23</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass
<b>Tuesday, October 24</b> Fr. Bob Strittmatter	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, October 25</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, October 26</b> Fr. Bob Strittmatter	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Friday, October 27</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
<b>Saturday, October 28</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, October 29</b> Fr. Willie Onuh	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)



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

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

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

Lectors		
10/21-	Natasha Cha	Debra Savage Amanda Flood
10/28-	Natasha Cha	L. Peoples Carolyn Yusuf

**Weekly Readings**

10/23—Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21  
 10/24—Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38  
 10/25—Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48  
 10/26—Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53  
 10/27—Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59  
 10/28—Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16  
 10/29—Ex 22:20-26; 1Thes 1:5c-10, Mt 22:34-40

**Announcements**

**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 22—Propagation of Faith-World Mission Sunday

**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.



OMOM offers classes in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RICA Sunday morning at 8:30am, for those called to be a part of the Catholic faith. There is plenty of good room for new students.

**Bible Study with Deacon Tom**

Learn about the history of the bible. Join Deacon Tom for Bible Study every Monday, 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 Paint-

ing". 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 contact Shonta Giovannitti.



Set your clocks back 1 hour before on **November 4, Saturday night**. By doing this, you will be on time for church Sunday Morning!!

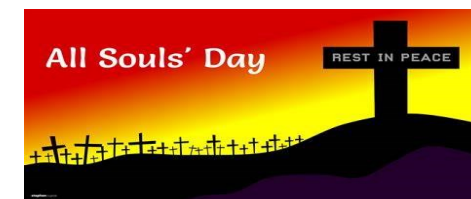
**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

"Hearts on fire, feet on the move," in Support of World Mission Sunday Today, World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us that like on the road to Emmaus, our missionary journey renews our zeal for evangelization in today's world. Joining Catholics worldwide this Sunday, we offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to the Pope's missions.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Pope to provide mission support. Your prayers are most treasured, and they, along with financial help offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, answer Christ's call to be His witnesses. Thank you! Online Donation Link: <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>



November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 7am and 7pm at OMOM.



November 2, Mass will be at 7 am only at OMOM.

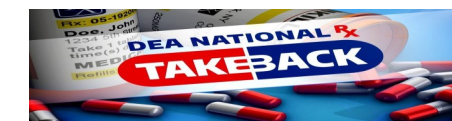
**SAVE THE DATE**



St. Anne's Spaghetti Dinner  
 November 19



In honor of those suffering from breast cancer and all cancer patients: God of healing mercy, in Jesus your Son you stretch out your hand in compassion, restoring the sinner, healing the sick, and lifting up those bowed down. Embrace us now in your loving care, particularly those afflicted with cancer. Amen.



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