

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. Bless those who know not what another day will bring. Grant this in Jesus name, Amen.

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

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Larry Breacher	Betty Harris	Trino Sanchez
	Albere Haynes	
	Baby Andrew Carroll &	

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St. Vincent de Paul	\$25.00
Mass Intentions	\$0
St. Anne's—Candles	\$17.02
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Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
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Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love, Jesus teaches in this gospel passage, is the essence of discipleship. All that God asks of us can be boiled down to two deceptively simple commandments: that we love God with every part of our being, and that we love our neighbors as ourselves. These commandments are not original to Jesus. He takes them from the Jewish law in which he was raised, and which he insists, elsewhere in Matthew, he came not to abolish, but to fulfill. But whereas in their original texts, in Deuteronomy and Leviticus, these commands appear alongside many others, here Jesus identifies them as the foundation of the law itself. The whole law and the prophets—the entirety of scripture as Jesus knew it—rests on love.

I called these commandments deceptively simple because, on closer examination, they raise numerous questions, questions which have puzzled commentators for centuries. One question concerns the very idea that love can be commanded. To command an action makes sense, because we have some control over our actions. But do we have control over the motivations for our actions—over our feelings, our dispositions, the inclination of our hearts? Can we really control what we love, who we love, or how much we love? This question opens onto a more fundamental one: what kind of love is it that Jesus commands us to have for God and neighbor? And what does that love look like in practice? The first reading, from Exodus, gives us one important insight into these

questions. Love, for the Jewish tradition and for Jesus too, can never be separated from justice. And in the Bible, justice nearly always involves giving special concern to the needs of the vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the worker, the poor person, and the migrant. The church's modern social teaching stresses this as well. "Justice is the primary way of charity," Pope Benedict affirmed in his profound encyclical, Caritas in Veritate. We practice love of neighbor—and begin to understand what it truly means—by doing the work of justice: that is, by promoting the rights and dignity of other persons, especially those who are most vulnerable.

The first reading also suggests that love of God and love of neighbor are closely connected. God loves all of us, regardless of our wealth or standing in society; indeed, God has special compassion for those who are most vulnerable or marginalized within society. And we show God love by loving those whom God loves, which is what Jesus modeled for us through his life and ministry. If we do this, and open ourselves to God's grace, that grace will transform our hearts. And as our hearts are transformed, we will become more like the God we are called to love: a God who, as scripture tells us, simply is Love.

—Excerpt from Nicholas Hayes-Mota
www.uscatholic.org



Bulletin Reflections:

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”
 – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

“Debes amar al Señor, Tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente.”
 – MATEO 22:37

¿Pone otros “dioses” antes de Dios? ¿Es su amor por el dinero, el poder, el estatus, la comodidad o algunos de sus bienes personales más grande que su amor por Dios? ¿Reconoce que todo lo que es y todo lo que tiene es regalo de Dios? Poner a Dios de primero en todo ayuda a que no nos convirtamos en esclavos de nuestras posesiones y de nuestro orgullo.

With Prayers and Love

Loving God, fill my heart with the love that you freely give. Make love my first and last thoughts. May I love others and freely give to them. Make my spirit a spirit of joy, happiness, and love for both my friends and my enemies. Help me love as abundantly as you have loved me. Amen.



Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times
Rosary is Monday-Friday at 6:20 a.m. Rosary on Sunday is at 11:30 a.m. after Mass	
Monday, October 30 Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass
Tuesday, October 31 Fr. Bob Strittmatter	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 1 Fr. Richard Flores 	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 2 Fr. Bob Strittmatter 	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
Friday, November 3 Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
Saturday, November 4 Fr. Richard Flores	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 5 Fr. Willie Onuh	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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

Lectors		
10/28-29	Natasha Cha	L. Peoples Carolyn Yusuf

Weekly Readings

10/30—Rom 8:12-17; Lk 12:10-17
 10/31—Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
 11/01—Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn:3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a ALL SAINTS DAY
 11/02— ALL SOULS DAY Any reading from the Masses of the Dead
 11/03—Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
 11/04—Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11
 11/05—Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Announcements

Special Collections for November

November 1—All Saints
 November 5—Parish Maintenance
 November 12—St. Vincent De Paul
 November 19—Human Development
 November 23—Thanksgiving



St. Anne’s Altar Society is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner and Bake Sale at OMM on Sunday, Nov. 19 2023 from 11-2pm. Tasty desserts can be bought for your Thanksgiving Dinner!! Details will come out very soon.

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.



In remembrance of our deceased loved ones, we will be honoring them in mass this November. You are invited to bring pictures and place them on the altar.



The Fort Worth YMCA Turkey Trot Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023.

Volunteers needed for Water Stop, Line Marshals, Course Monitors. Check online for additional positions at FWtrot.org. Proceeds from Turkey Trot support the Y’s diverse programs. When you trot, you’re helping the Y continue to provide opportunities for all.



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Vocations Are Everybody’s Business



Turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal. Crowley Police Department, 617 Bus. FM 1187 West, Crowley, TX 76036. **October 28, 2023 10 am-2pm.**



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

Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women, Grapevine TX Chapter, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Grapevine, TX invites the Ladies of Our Mother of Mercy Parish to a Prayer Breakfast . November 4, 2023 - 9:00 am – 12:30 pm Location: St. Michael Catholic Church 3713 E. Harwood Rd Bedford, TX 76021 For Questions Call: 214-868-5559, cost \$30 per person. Doors open at 8:30 AM, No Reserved Seating, Please Arrive Early. **Magnificat Grapevine Chapter :** <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/tx-grapevine/>



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North Central Texas Council of Governments
 616 Six Flags Dr. - Centerpointe Two
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 William Pistick Conference Room
Friday - November 3, 2023 9:00am - 12:30pm
 Light Breakfast Served at 8:30 am

Featured Speakers

- *Health & Human Services Commission
- *Texas STAR+PLUS Program
- *STAR+PLUS Managed Care Plans(Amerigroup, Molina, Superior)
- *North Central Tx Council of Governments Overview
- *The Women's Center- PEARLS Program
- *Community Uplift Services
- *ADRC Social Isolation & Loneliness Coalition
- *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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