

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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Blanche Malachi
Erma Platte
Albert Johnson, Jr.
Trino Sanchez

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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Regular Collection	\$3,814.00
Parish Maintenance	\$313.50
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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist. In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders.

Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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Bulletin Reflections

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

“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

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
10/8/2023	Howard Rattliff
10/15/2023	Vanessa Nava
10/22/2023	Isabell Garza



Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times
Monday, October 9 Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass
Tuesday, October 10 Fr. Bob Strittmatter	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 11 Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 12 Fr. Bob Strittmatter	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
Friday, October 13 Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
Saturday, October 14 Fr. Richard Flores	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 15 Fr.	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream) Gospel Choir

Rosary is M-F @ 6:20 a.m.
Sunday Rosary will be at 11:15 , starting October 15, 2023.

Weekly Readings

Lectors		
10-7/8	Natasha Cha	Lydia Salas Mary Battle
10/14-	L. Martinez-Vadurri	Amanda Flood Carolyn Yusuf
10/21-	Natasha Cha	Debra Savage Amanda Flood
10/28-	Charlotte Mitchell	L. Peoples Carolyn Yusuf

10/9—Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
 10/10—Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
 10/11—Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
 10/12—Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
 10/13—Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
 10/14—Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28
 10/15—Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

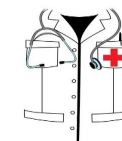
Announcements



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!



St. Andrew's Breakfast

Holy mass, breakfast, prayer and discussion. This event is for high school and college men in the Ft Worth Diocese. It will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St., Ft. Worth. Please reserve your spot by October 12, 2023 through email at Vocations@fwdioc.org.



“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” Accept God’s ways for your marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is **Oct. 27-29, 2023**. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Questions – email applications@dfwme.org. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.

Catholic Charities Special Collection

St. Therese of Lisieux modelled for us that in little acts of holiness, we can make a difference in the world. She showed us the little way. On the weekend of **October 14-15, OMOM** will take up a special collection in support of Catholic Charities Fort Worth, little acts turns into a big impact and to affirm their right to a life of dignity and fulfillment.

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 8—St. Vincent DePaul
 October 15—Catholic Charities
 October 22—Propagatin of Faith-World Mission Sunday



Extraordinary Ministers Needed

Please consider becoming a Eucharist Minister for our church. We need people to distribute the eucharist to home-bound parishioners as well as helping in Mass. Training will be provided by Deacon Tom. Contact parish office to sign-up.



Lord, we pray that we may be able to recognize the cornerstone of our faith and build our lives upon it. Help us to be strong in our beliefs and to stand firm in the face of rejection. We ask that you guide us in all that we do and help us to be a light to others. Amen.

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.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

The Bishop's Annual Memorial Mass for Children Who Died Before Baptism

This mass is celebrated by The Most Reverend Bishop Michael Olson at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton, FWTX on Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. Mass will be followed by a reception & light lunch in the Parish Hall. **Reservations are requested, but not required. Call 817-937-3384 or email MUBCARE@GMAIL.COM.**



The intention of this Mass is to help the healing process for parents who have lost children before Baptism, through miscarriage, still birth, or abortion. Roses will be provided for those parents who wish to place them at the Virgin Mary’s altar in memory of their children.

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

OMOM parish will participate in the Trunk or Treat Day this Halloween, and need volunteers as well as donations of candy. Contact Shonta Giovannitti for information.

