

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

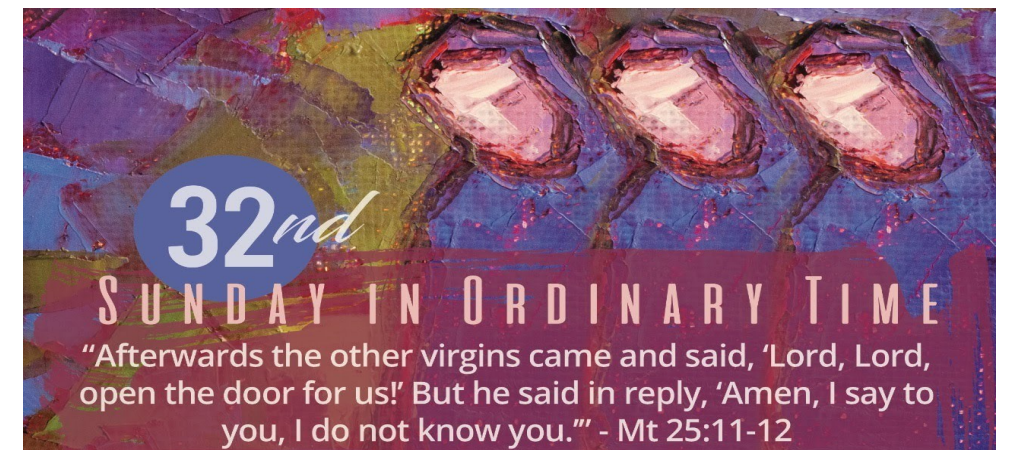
Wisdom is a gift from God that we all can drink from freely. Christ is the fount of wisdom which we can drink from to refresh ourselves and be renewed. Wisdom is used to give us encouragement to make the right decisions for our daily lives. It puts us on the right path in living our lives freely, courageously and with deep faith and love.

In the Gospel of Mt 25:1-13, we come across five wise and five unwise virgins. The five wise virgins came prepared with oil for their lamps while waiting for the Bridegroom and eventually joined Him at the wedding banquet, whereas the foolish virgins were not prepared, and therefore suffered the consequences.

This Gospel teaches us to always be prepared in life for all kinds of situations. We should become “just in case” people. We must be prepared for the rain and pack in our brollies or raincoats, just in case it rains when we see dark clouds in the sky; when we go on long road trips, we need to see that our cars have enough petrol just in case we get stuck on the roads and cannot go further. These are just two examples of how we need to be prepared in life. We also need to take responsibility and be accountable for our lives as common-sense dictates. The wise virgins were ready to meet the Bridegroom because they had suf-

ficient oil for their lamps to keep on burning during the night. What can we learn from these wise virgins? What kind of oil are we using to be prepared for life's situations? Are we using burnt oil and being of no use to God and His Kingdom or are we using good pure oil to make a lasting impact on others with the lives that we live? When we make poor decisions, we are contributing to our own downfall. Wars and hatred in the world among people become like an inferno because of a lack of responsibility, and selfishness seem to be the order of the day. When we are well prepared with the good oil we have, we will be ready to meet the Bridegroom. Our lamp of faith should be well stocked up spiritually by leading prayerful godly lives and by putting our faith into action. We must always remain vigilant, through prayer, study and acts of mercy. No one can make that spiritual preparation for us. It is a decision we need to make ourselves for being prepared and for staying awake. The lesson which we can take from this parable is to prepare now while we still have time, for those who do not prepare are not allowed to enter the wedding banquet.

—From Sr. Columbia Fernandez, OP;
<https://dominicansisters.com>



Bulletin Reflections

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”
- Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We’ve all said, “I’ll do it later when I have time.” Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus’ call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don’t delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

“Por lo tanto, estén atentos, pues no sabemos ni el día ni la hora.” -
MATEO 25:13

Muchos de nosotros postergamos hacer algo porque pensamos que estamos demasiado ocupados. Todos hemos dicho alguna vez, “lo haré más tarde cuando tenga tiempo”. Desafortunadamente, muchos de nosotros aplicamos esa actitud a nuestra Fe. El llamado de Jesús es urgente, aquí y ahora, en nuestras circunstancias actuales. ¿Cómo lo llama Dios a utilizar sus dones en este momento? No lo deje para más tarde. Ninguno de nosotros tiene garantizado el mañana.

With Prayers and Love

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times
Monday, November 13 <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass
Tuesday, November 14 <i>Fr. Bob Strittmatter</i>	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 15 <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 16 <i>Fr. Bob Strittmatter</i>	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
Friday, November 17 <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
Saturday, November 18 <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i>	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 19	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)

Rosary is Monday-Friday at 6:20 a.m.
Rosary on Sunday is at 11:30 a.m. after Mass

Lord Jesus, grant us the grace to be vigilant and prepared, ever ready to meet You. Help us to keep our lamps filled with the oil of faith, hope, and love. May our hearts be attentive and our spirits eager to respond to Your call at every moment. Let us not be found wanting, but always prepared to enter Your joyous presence. Amen.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
11/12/2023	Howard Ratliff
11/19/2023	Isabel Garza
11/26/2023	Debra Savage

Lectors		
11/11-12	L. Martinez-Vidaurre	Lydia Salas Debra Savage
11/18-19	C. Mitchell	Carolyn Yusuf Amanda Flood
11/25-26	Natasha Cha	Mary Battle Zayne Willars

Weekly Readings

11/13—Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
 11/14—Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10
 11/15—Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19
 11/16—Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25
 11/17—Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
 11/18—Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8 or Act 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-33
 11/19—Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30 or 26:14-15

Announcements

Special Collections for November
 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. Donations: \$10. Tasty desserts can be bought for your Thanksgiving Dinner!!
TEXT NOW TO PRE-ORDER: 682-365-6375 OR email: stannealtarsociety.omm@gmail.com.

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.



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

Thanksgiving Baskets

St. Peter Claver will be giving baskets out for Thanksgiving and are in need of the following items: Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit pie filling, corn. Please bring donations to the church by Nov. 17. Thank you.

Sunday Missals for Sale

See Frank Novel or Mike Barks for missals. They are \$6. Read along with the priest during Mass.

Christmas Gifts

The church is selling genuine leather bound copies of the Great Adventure Catholic Bible for \$45. See Lydia Salas to purchase.

Take the World Forward Fellowship Program-

Is a dedicated endeavor of Harvard Model Congress (HMC) a five-month-long journey for the next generation of change-makers (students from Grades 8–12) who are handpicked to work on global issues by creating actionable solutions with Ivy League student mentors. Over five months, students work on two group projects – taking their ideas to the execution phase and seeing an impact. Students get weekly mentorship on their group projects and, additionally, immerse themselves in a curriculum that incorporates different aspects of leadership, communication, and problem-solving.

In the past, TWF fellows have received micro-grants from Harvard Model Congress for their projects, the opportunity to get their research published, and media coverage, and were able to create an impact by implementing their solutions.
Apply: <https://learnwithleaders.com/take-the-world-forward/twf-programs>.
The Fellowship is currently accepting applications for our next cohort starting 18 November 2023.

Fellowship Start Date: 18 November 2023

Fellowship Duration: 5-Month Experiential Fellowship

Application Eligibility: Grades 8–12

Early Program Fee: 750 USD

Regular Application Deadline: 16 November 2023

Please join us on Nov. 28, 2023 in supporting OMOM St. Vincent de Paul Conference for I Give Catholic on #Giving Tuesday. Our Conference is located in one of Ft.Worth’s lowest income neighborhoods in Tarrant County, Through your donations we are able to assist and Help Our Neighbors in Need. All donations received will be used by our Conference in our neighborhood. Therefore no gift is too small. To support us online please visit:
www.lg1vecatholic.org and search for Our Mother of Mercy SVdP. **This 24 hour Giving Day begins Tuesday Nov. 28, 2023!** Thank you for your continuous prayers and generosity in supporting our Conference. For more info contact: Cynthia Sanford at 817.346.0085.



In Memoriam



Father Daniel P. Bastianelli, a Josephite priest for nearly six decades who served in numerous Josephite parishes around the country, died Oct. 28 at Carroll Manor in Washington, D.C. He was 90. He was at Our Mother of Mercy after Father Farrell.

AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! FOR A CHRISTMAS STORY

Children’s Christmas Pageant based on the Gospel of Luke.



Audition Date: Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 11:05 a.m. in the Church.
Presentation Date: Monday, December 24, 2023, at 12:00 a.m. Christmas Midnight Mass. The presentation will be proclaimed during the Liturgy of the Word’s Gospel Reading
Children needed: 2) Marys, (2) Josephs, (2) Angels of the Lords, (2) Roman Soldiers, (2) Julius Caesar, (2) Angel Gabriels, (40) Baby Angel & Shepherds.
Requirements for Audition: Open to grades from Pre-K 3 (age 3) to Sixth Grade. Must be able to attend four rehearsals: Sundays: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 & 12/24 at 3:00 pm. Must be able to present before a large assembly. Major characters (Mary, Angel Gabriel, and Angel of the Lord) must be able to memorize their part. Must be available to perform at Midnight Mass 12/25.
Children’s Choir: They will rehearse every Sunday, beginning December 3, 2023, in the church.