

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.

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel is from the Gospel of Matthew 23:1-12. As this picture of the Pharisees is painted by none other than Christ himself, we can have no doubt but that the description given is the truth and nothing but the truth. In spite of their great knowledge of "the law and the prophets" — the divine revelation God had given to the Chosen People—and of their many strict observances of that law, they were not pleasing to God. All their good works and all their learning were spoiled by the vice of pride which made them seek earthly glory for themselves and prevented them from giving glory or thanks to God. Their religion was an empty external cloak which they used to attract attention and honor to themselves. Internally, they were so full of their own importance that there was no room for God in their hearts. Our divine Lord warned his disciples, and through them all of us, to avoid that pernicious vice of pride. It should not be hard for any true Christian to avoid this vice. We know that every material and spiritual talent we have has been given us by God, so we must give glory to God for any gifts we possess and not to ourselves. St. Paul reminds us of this fact when he asks us: "What have you that you have not received, and if you have received it

why glory in it as if it were your own?" We owe everything we have to God and we should use all the gifts he has given us for his honor and glory, and for that purpose alone. Do we always do this? Are we never tempted to look down on our less fortunate brothers? If we have got on well in our temporal affairs do we attribute our success to our own skill and hard work or do we thank God for the opportunities he gave to us and not to others. If, aided by God's grace, we are keeping his commandments, do we show contempt for those who give in to temptations which we did not have to meet? The best of us can profit from an examination of conscience along these lines. If our external observance of the Christian rule of life is motivated solely by love and gratitude to God all is well. But if our hearts are far from God and our motives in our religious behavior is self-glorification, we are in a dangerous position. The sinners and harlots of Christ's day repented and were received into his kingdom; the Pharisees, unable to repent, were left outside. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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CATHOLIC stewardship IN ACTION Love one another as I have love you

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For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 14:11 (NKJV)

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Bulletin Reflections:

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

"Porque él que a sí mismo se enaltece será humillado y él que se humilla será enaltecido." - MATEO 23:12







El mundo celebra a las personas que están en el centro de atención y a aquellas que tienen más de todo. Pensamos que la celebridad, el dinero y las posesiones son la clave de la felicidad. Sin embargo, nuestro mundo está más lleno que nunca de soledad, ansiedad y depresión. La clave de una vida feliz son las relaciones. La relación con Dios y la relación entre nosotros. La confianza es la fundación de cualquier buena relación y la humildad es la semilla de la confianza.

With Prayers and Love

NOVEMBER IS

Black Catholic History Month

Celebrating the gifts of our culture and faith

Pierre Toussaint Mother Henrietta Delle Mother Mary Lange Father Augustus Sison Julia Greeley Sister Thea Bowman

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times
Monday, November 6 <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass
Tuesday, November 7 <i>Fr. Bob Strittmatter</i>	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 8 <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 9 <i>Fr. Bob Strittmatter</i>	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
Friday, November 10 <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
Saturday, November 11 <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i>	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 12 <i>Fr. Willie Onuh</i>	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

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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

Lectors		
11/4-5	C. Mitchell	L. Peoples Zayne Willars
11/11-	L. Martinez-Vidaurre	Lydia Salas Debra Savage
11/18-	C. Mitchell	Carolyn Yusuf Amanda Flood
11/25-	Natasha Cha	Mary Battle Zayne Willars

Weekly Readings

11/6—Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
 11/7—Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24
 11/8—Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
 11/9—Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1Cor 3-9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
 11/10—Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
 11/11—Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27;
 Lk 16:9-15 *Veteran's Day*
 11/12—Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Announcements

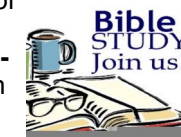
Special Collections for November
 November 5—Parish Maintenance
 November 12—St. Vincent De Paul
 November 19—Human Development
 November 23—Thanksgiving



St. Anne's Altar Society is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner and bake Sale at OMM on Sunday, Nov. 19 2023 from 11-2pm. Donations: \$10. Tasty desserts can be bought for your Thanksgiving Dinner!!
TEXT NOW TO PRE-ORDER: 682-365-6375 OR email: stannealtarociety.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.



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.



PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS. THEY NEED US. WE NEED THEM.
Vocations Are Everybody's Business

OMOM Church Building Improvements

Ongoing Improvements to OMOM include an upgrade on the lights located on each side of the church and front stairs. Lights are now brighter.



The next project is to get new flooring in the parish life center. Donations are appreciated for this project. Bids are being taken. Contractors please contact the parish office 817-335-1695.

Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

Single Catholic Women 20-35: Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit <https://fsc-calledtobe.org> or contact Sr. Julie Ann 920-323-9632.

The world needs you. God calls you. We invite you...with other Catholic Young Women to our Vocation Discernment Retreats or invite us to meet you where you are.

El mundo te necesita. Dios te llama. Te invitamos... con otras mujeres católicas a nuestros Retiros de Discernimiento Vocacional o invita nos a encontrar contigo donde estés".

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Be humble to one another. Learn how to be the best spouse you can be by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Feb. 2-4, 2024. 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.

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817-531-5620 Assistance with rent and utilities.

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Father

Today we ask for Your help to walk humbly with our brothers and sisters. It is all too easy for us to fall prey to our flesh and to walk in arrogance, but pride causes division and we desire peace. Lord, help us to humble ourselves in order that we do not let the lies of the enemy overtake us, rather, help us to count ourselves as equals with one another. It is then that we will stop attempting to be better than others, and we can love their hearts for the unique person You made them to be. Help us to value one another in this humble spirit so that we may live to the fullest.

In Jesus name, Amen

St. Andrew Breakfast

Holy Mass, Breakfast, Prayer and Discussion

This event is for high school and college men in the Diocese of Fort Worth

Saturday, November 11, 2023

St. Patrick Cathedral
 1206 Throckmorton Street
 Fort Worth, TX 76102

Mass starts at 8:00 am followed by breakfast in the Parish Formation building.



Please reserve your spot by November 10, 2023, through email at Vocations@fwdioc.org