

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. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Mary Ozuna
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May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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Parish Council Meeting—1st Sundays of the month after mass.

Finance Council Meeting—1st Wednesday of the month

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our readings today, we hear about the isolation of those with leprosy. That they must declare themselves unclean and live apart from society. It's lonely living by yourself, especially when you think the time alone is because no one wants to go near you. When the leper comes before Jesus and says, "if you wish, you can make me clean," it almost sounds like a plea: *if you wish, you can love me, if you wish, invite me in.* While some translations say Jesus was moved with pity, others say "moved with compassion." And he responds "I do will it. Be made clean." I do will it. I love you. I do will it. You are welcome here.

What does it mean to be made "clean" by the spirit? What does it mean to bring our messes to God?

For today, I'll posit that it means accepting the love of God given to us for exactly who we are and showing it to others, because the spirit wills it. God wants it. We are desired in love and given opportunities in the messiness of our humanity to love. We might find the process of being made clean akin to healing, but in order to do that we have to be vulnerable. We have to enter into relationship, we have to allow God's grace to flow

freely, and we have to search to see it. When the leper approaches and kneels before Jesus, it's a moment of reckoning. I envision myself in the body of the leper, crying out to Jesus: help me, love me, welcome me.

Regardless of the human ailments we might experience, God is there to say: "I do will it, I love you. I do will it. Be made clean." Our messes never go away. We all carry anxiety, trauma, discomfort, family issues, identity crises, pain, and sorrow in every action of our lives. Since thinking through the ideas from the readings today, I've found new comfort in the commonly printed phrase, bless this mess!

As we approach the season of Lent, how will you ask God to bless your mess? How will you allow yourself to feel the love of Jesus as he prepares to move you to love others in the midst of their messes? How will you bring yourself before God to be made clean?

Excerpt from Olivia Catherine Hastie
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Bulletin Reflections

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “I’m going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”

“Hermanos, ya sea que coman, que beban, o que hagan cualquier otra cosa, háganlo todo para la gloria de Dios”. -1 Corintios 10:31

Haga una revisión rápida de sus prioridades. ¿Dónde está Dios en esa lista? Si Él no está de primero, entonces tiene algo que hacer. Poner a Dios de primero en todo nos ayuda para no poner otros “dioses” (como nuestro orgullo, ego, dinero y posesiones) antes de Dios. Antes de tomar una decisión, pregúntese, “¿Estoy haciendo esto para la gloria de Dios o para mi gloria?”

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
Feb. 11, 2024	Howard Rattliff
Feb. 18, 2024	Isabel Garza
Feb. 25, 2024	Debra Savage

Lectors		
Feb. 10	Lanette M Vidaurri	Debra Savage Zayn Willars
Feb. 17	Natasha Cha	Lydia Salas Amanda Flood
Feb. 24	C. Mitchell	Carolyn Yusuf K. Weckerlin

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times	Mass Intention
Monday, February 12	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass	Repose for the of Soul Celine Kong+
Tuesday, February 13	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 -7:00 pm	Repose for the Soul of Yvonne Kong+
Thursday, February 15	Mass—7:00a.m. Confession—6:30 a.m.	Repose for the Soul of Andrew Chang+
Friday, February 16	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon	Betsy Koper (Healing)
Saturday, February 17	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.	Priestly Vocations for the Ft. Worth Diocese
Sunday, February 18 Rev. Pattee First Sunday of Lent	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Francis Fuselier Happy Birthday

Rosary is prayed on Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and Monday-Friday at 6:20 a.m.



Weekly Readings

2/12—Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
 2/13—Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
 2/14—Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mk 6:1-6, 16-18
 2/15—Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
 2/16—Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
 2/17—Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
 2/18—Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-25

Lent 2024
 OMM welcomes everyone to come on the Lenten journey with us!!
Ash Wednesday: February 14
Mass & Distribution of Ashes—7:00 am
Distribution of Ashes only—12 noon
Distribution of Ashes only—7pm
Adoration 5pm-7pm
 Station of the Cross: 7pm/ Every Friday in Lent—The Live Stream and WOTY ministries to lead February 16, 2024

Announcements



The African Americans’ view of the sacred and divine is inextricably linked to their African heritage, their inherent values of freedom, justice, and racial equality, and their early experiences in the U.S. Although many blacks voluntarily embraced Christianity, some whites used selected biblical teachings of obedience and suffering to keep the slaves submissive. Despite this blacks adopted the salvation story as their own and were quick to accept the freedom it offered. Consequently, their music, dance, prayer and secret gatherings reflected the theme of freedom. They strongly identified with the suffering of Jesus and held the hope that one day Jesus’ message of Jubilee—his proclamation of freedom from oppression—would eventually be realized. This faith lies at the heart of the African American experience. What African Americans needed was not just freedom from servitude, but the freedom to make their own choices, to attain their full potential, and to knock on the doors of justice and be let in. *From The African American Jubilee Edition— Good News Bible*



St. Anne’s Altar Society
 Our Mother of Mercy
 Celebrate Black History Month
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Feb. 25 – 11:30 a.m.
 Donation: \$12

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Special Collection
 This week our second collection is for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please be generous.

Welcome our new Choir Director
Donna Renay Patrick, M.A.

She is an award-winning author of At All Times, and It’s In Your Praise Co-Author of The Perfect 7, Stories of Roaring Faith, Vol. 4, No More Unclaimed Promises, and Be Refreshed.. Specialist in Worship Ministry, helping Pastors and Music Ministry work in partnership Keynote Speaker, Conference Presenter, and Moderator Faculty Member, Artelia Hutchins Training Institute of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses

MLK Parade originally scheduled for 1/15 but postponed due to inclement weather

Join us Monday, February 19, as we kick off the 39th Annual MLK Parade and Rally in downtown Fort Worth. Hosted by the Greater Fort Worth Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Committee, the parade and rally will highlight community unity, the living hope of Dr. King’s Dream, and a commitment to justice for all humankind. Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will support this event. If you are interested in being a part of the group that walks in the parade this year, please give your information to Shonta Giovannitti or call the office with your contact information

Part-Time Job Opportunity

OMM is in search of a Director of Evangelization & Outreach. The Parish Director of Evangelization is a member of the parish staff who gives direction to evangelization efforts in the parish community. Goals of the position include fostering conversion and growth in discipleship among the faithful, develop a welcoming community, animate and equip parishioners to evangelize by witness, word, and action, and enhance communication within and beyond the parish community. You may apply at the Fort Worth Diocese website: <https://fwdioc.org/> **employment.** Look under Catholic Center and Parish employment.

Mark your calendars, Knights of Peter Claver Fish Fry is March 29, 2024.



Soup and Cinema will start February 17, and will be every Saturday of Lent after 5 pm Mass.



For the Primary Election

Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail: **Friday, February 23, 2024** (Received)
 Early Voting: **Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - Friday, March 1, 2024**
Primary Election is Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Meet Our Mother of Mercy Parish Council

This week we introduce, Ms. Monique Boudreaux. She has been a member of OMM since 2008. As a council member her goal is to continue the work to make OMM a church where everyone has a positive experience. Thank you Ms. Boudreaux



OMM 95th Anniversary Activities

OMM kicked off the 95th Anniversary with a mass celebrated by our canonical pastor, Father John Robert Skeldon. Thanks to Ms. Bernadine Sullivan for delivering a beautiful timeline on the history of Our Mother of Mercy parish. The weather has not been friendly for our kick off celebrations but we persevered and held The 95th Anniversary luncheon on Jan . We are so thankful for everyone who came out and so very appreciative for our benefactors. Thank you to the Norvel, Byner Barks and Barrera families for their donations.

Our Mother of Mercy 95th Anniversary

Our 95th Anniversary Celebration activity for March will be a group outing at, “The Nazarene” on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at the 2:00 p.m. showing. The Nazarene is a once-in-a-lifetime immersive experience that transports visitors back to 2000 years to walk the path of faith side by side with the Savior. Lay witness to the greatest story ever told as the most significant moments in Jesus’ life untold in the New Testament. The cost to attend is \$50.00 per person and includes roundtrip transportation from the Church. In addition, a side trip to the National Shrine Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in downtown Dallas is included as well. Tickets will be available for purchase after mass on Sunday, Feb. 11 and Feb. 17 only. To learn more about the event, visit www.thenazarenexp.com