

**PRAYER CORNER**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, embolden me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds, hide me. Never permit me to be parted from you. From the evil Enemy defend me. At the hour of my death call me and bid me to come to you that with your Saints I may praise you for age upon age. Amen

**Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In**

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*May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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**Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

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

**Finance Council Meeting—1st Wednesday of the month**



**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

*"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. OLP

This story of Abraham is scary. In the first reading, Abraham did not know as he climbed Mt. Moriah that his son would be spared at the last second. Some years before, Abraham and his wife, Sarah, had been sent into a spasm of laughter when God told them at their advanced age that they would have a child. Sarah stopped laughing when she found she was pregnant with the future Isaac. Isaac comes from the Hebrew verb, "to laugh."

Isaac was growing nicely and loved dearly when the Lord told Abraham that he must go to mount Moriah and sacrifice his only son, knowing that that would end his dream of being the founding father of the nation the Lord had promised. Like Abraham and everyone else, each of us carries a vision of life ahead of us. We do not know for sure whether that vision will be a future reality. But many of us take our vision as pretty much a given reality--until something happens. More mature men and women know that totally unforeseen events can upend that vision. A spouse or a child has an accident; our lives will never be the same. A child is born with Downs Syndrome or is severely handicapped; the family will never be the same. A family home is destroyed in a Florida hurricane, a California earthquake or a Louisiana flood; the family will never be the same.

In today's Gospel we read of Peter, James, and John who experienced what has come to be called "The Transfiguration." We hear that Peter who could so regularly put his foot in his mouth, "hardly knew what to say." That had to be a low voltage transfiguration for Peter. In our most difficult times, when our vision of the direction of our life is shattered by illness, death, loss of job, loss of a relationship, financial nose-dive. We need to remember our peak moments - times when God was present to us, was walking beside us -- sometimes dramatically, more often not dramatically.

And God has been present. If we cannot remember any times, we may need to be more introspective. As the author of "Footprints" recalled: when there was only one set of footprints in the sand, those were the times when the Lord was doing the carrying -- and we were not even aware. These recollections give us courage for the times when we have to pick up and go on. We also know the fact that at the end of our journey we too will be in the presence of the great light at the end of the tunnel - our transfiguration for all eternity.

*Excerpt from www.oblates.org*

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### Bulletin Reflections

“Here I am!” he answered.” - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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### Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
Feb. 25, 2024	Debra Savage

Lectors		
Feb. 24 -25	C. Mitchell	Carolyn Yusuf K. Weckherlin

**Lent 2024**  
 OMM welcomes everyone to come on the Lenten journey with us!!

**Confession:** We will have 3 priests available on March 2 from 3-5 pm.

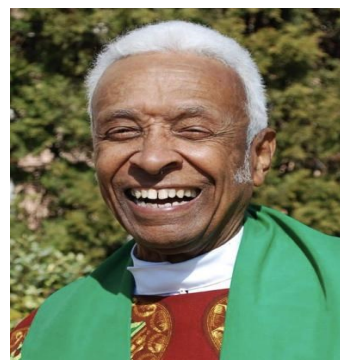
Station of the Cross: 7pm/ Every Friday in Lent.  
 Mar. 1, 2024, lead by OMM Choir  
 Mar. 8, 2024, lead by St. Anne’s Altar Society

### Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times	Mass Intention
Monday, February 26	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass	Repose soul of Julia Williams+
Tuesday, February 27	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, February 28	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 -7:00 pm	Repose soul of Juliette Francis+
Thursday, February 29	Mass—7:00a.m. Confession—6:30 a.m.	Repose soul of Isabel Flores+
Friday, March 1	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon	Repose soul of Susan Moy Hing+
Saturday, March 2	<b>Adoration cancelled</b> <b>Confession—3-5pm.</b> Mass 5:00 p.m.	Repose soul of Juanita Rodriguez+
Sunday, March 3 Rev. Shanahan <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)	

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

**This week’s movie at Soup & Cinema is Shake the Devil Off, a documentary featuring Fr. Jerome LeDoux.**



### Weekly Readings

2/26—Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38  
 2/27—Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12  
 2/28—Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28  
 2/29—Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31  
 3/1—Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43,45-46  
*World Day of Prayer*  
 3/2—Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 3/3—Ex 20:1-17 of 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

### Announcements



The church has not always succeeded in living up to its mandate “Go ye therefore and teach all nations,” but it has been consistently faithful in its proclamation of the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ, distorted as it may have been by some of the faithful. Initially advocates of slavery, the church eventually condemned the traffic of human lives and affirmed the God-given human dignity of all. Black Catholics have been persistent in their faith and have witnessed the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives over the centuries. Today, black Catholics are taking their rightful place in the church as preachers and teachers, prophets and healers, pray-ers and singers. They have kept the faith given them by a righteous and loving God, and have faithfully pursued the uplift of their people.

*From The African American Jubilee Edition— Good News Bible*

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### Diocesan Day of Stewardship

Diocesan Day of Stewardship scheduled for Saturday, March 2 from 8:30 a.m. – noon at Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Arlington. The cost to attend is \$10 per person and OMM members are being asked to attend as a church group. For those who would like to attend, please make arrangements with your ministry to collect from members and send an email to [ommftworth2@gmail.com](mailto:ommftworth2@gmail.com) to have their name added to the registration list no later than, **Monday, Feb. 26.**

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### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

*“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”*  
 Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is May 3-5, 2024. To apply go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Questions – email [applications@dfwme.org](mailto:applications@dfwme.org). Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [mdgallegos06@gmail.com](mailto:mdgallegos06@gmail.com) 214-497-0188.



### Lenten Journey Opportunity

We are excited to welcome Fr Anthony Bozeman to OMM for a two day Lenten Retreat, on Monday, Mar. 4th & Tuesday Mar. 5th.



Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ is a priest with the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart (The Josephite Community) and is a native of Philadelphia and resides in Washington, DC. After 16 years serving in the U.S. Military on Active and Air National Guard Reserve duty, Fr. Bozeman entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and was ordained to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Fr Bozeman is known as the Man on fire for the Gospel of Christ. he is described as Preacher, Teacher, Soul Reacher. Academic Dean, Assistant Vocation Director. Consider making this a part of your Lenten journey.

### Meet Our Mother of Mercy Parish Council

The next member we would like to introduce is Mrs. Shonta Giovannitti. She has been a member since 2020. As a Parish Council member, she wants to make lasting changes that will help OMM grow in many ways, especially in numbers as a faith community and family. Thank you Mrs. Giovannitti.



### Spring Social

Knights of Peter Claver, #89 is hosting a Spring Social, Saturday, March 9, 2024 at St. Jude Event Center, Arlington, TX. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$70 per couple. For more information contact Art Sanford at : [Sanford.a@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Sanford.a@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at 817-296-3921.



### 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 Please meet in the Parish Life Center after Mass. We will depart at 12:45 from OMM going to Dallas. The return trip will depart at 3:30 pm to return to OMM.

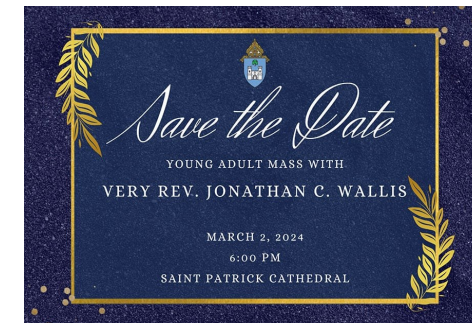
### St. Peter Claver Fish Fry:

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



### Young Adult Mass

Save the Date, March 2, 2024  
 All young adults, ages 18-35, of the Diocese of Fort Worth are invited to a special bilingual (Spanish & English) Mass celebrated by **Very Rev. Jonathan C. Wallis on Saturday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM.** This Mass will take place at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth. Dinner will be offered in the St Patrick Pastoral Center, but an **RSVP is required before Feb 28, 2024.** Go to the FW Diocese website: [https:// form.jotform.com/DioceseFW/ young-adult-mass-rsvp-2024](https://form.jotform.com/DioceseFW/young-adult-mass-rsvp-2024)



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### Aging with Grace

A Catholic workshop for empty nesters, retirees, caregivers and their loved ones As we age or care for aging parents, we often wonder what the Church teaches about ethical medical decisions, the sanctity of life and preparing documents, such as advance directives or a will. This event, sponsored by the Advancement Foundation, St. Thomas More Society and the Respect Life Office, will help answer those questions and provide guidance. Retirees, caregivers, and other loved ones are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena, 1705 E Peters Colony Rd. Carrollton, TX 75007. Advance registration is required and limited to 50 participants.** See the FW Diocese website: <https:// advancementfoundation.org/aging-with-grace>

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**Join us March 9 for OMM Clean up day at 9:00 a.m.**