

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

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

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Lisa Hughes
Richard Menefield

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 147 says “God heals the brokenhearted”.”

Today’s reading from the Gospel of Mark gives some insight into the nature of healing. Don’t you love the image of Jesus with Simon’s Mother-in-law? Picture it in your mind. Jesus enters their home, hears of her fever and then reaches out and takes her hand in his. She didn’t pull her hand away but allowed him to grasp it in such a way that he could help her up. In that simple action, the fever left her. While none of us wants a fever, a fever is our body’s way of fighting off infection – the sickness inside of us. In that intimate moment of human connection healing happens. Inner healing happens in a very simple, yet profound expression of compassion, human touch, and helping one up to regain their place in the world. In this case healing is an action-packed word. It insinuates relationship. Peter’s mother-in-law is restored; healed so that she can resume her life; free of whatever held her down.

Can we take the very human interaction between Jesus and Simon’s mother-in-law as a model of how to be a healing presence wherever brokenness resides? Will I see the “fever”; allow myself to be moved with compassion in such a way that I reach out and help to lift up? When I am in need of healing, can I see the hand reaching toward me and take it to be helped up? Can I remember the love of God within reminding me that God heals the brokenhearted?

A dialogue from Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu says, “Discovering wholeness, healing, and joy do not save us from the inevitability of hardship and heartbreak. In fact, we may cry more easily, but we will laugh more easily, too. Perhaps we are just more alive. Yet as we are healed and discover more joy, we can face suffering in a way that ennobles rather than embitters. We have hardship without becoming hard. We have heartbreak without being broken.” Perhaps you will share with me an intention for healing in 2024.

Certainly, each one of us could use a dose of healing in our lives. You know where that is inside of yourself. Our whole world needs healing, too. Brokenness and division is eve-

*Excerpt from MaryAnne Sladick-Lantz—
www.catholicwomenpreach.org*

Psalm 147:3

**He Heals
the Broken in Heart
And Binds Up
Their Wounds**

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Bulletin Reflections

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

“De madrugada, antes del amanecer, Jesús se levantó y, saliendo de la ciudad, se dirigió a un lugar apartado a orar...Vayamos a otra parte, a las aldeas cercanas, para proclamar también allí el mensaje, pues para eso he venido”. - Marcos 1:35, 38

En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy vemos un perfecto ejemplo de corresponsabilidad. Jesús da Su tiempo para hacer todo lo que Dios desea - sanar a los enfermos y predicar, pero antes de comenzar, Jesús toma tiempo para estar solo con Dios en oración. Es a través de la oración, pasando tiempo con Dios, que nos serán dadas las gracias que necesitamos para hacer lo que Él desea que nosotros hagamos. Rezar antes de actuar es un gran hábito que debemos desarrollar.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
Feb. 4, 2024	Lisa Jones
Feb. 11, 2024	Howard Rattliff
Feb. 18, 2024	Isabel Garza

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times	Mass Intention
Monday, February 5	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass	Repose Soul of Tony Chen+
Tuesday, February 6	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, February 7	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 -7:00 pm	Repose Soul of Keith Kong+
Thursday, February 8	Mass—7:00a.m. Confession—6:30 a.m.	Isabel Garza Happy Birthday
Friday, February 9	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon	For Physical and Spiritual Healing of Faye Chen
Saturday, February 10	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.	Repose Soul of Trino Sanchez+
Sunday, February 11	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Repose Soul of James McCloud+

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



Lent 2024

How will you prepare to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus?

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

Weekly Readings

2/5—1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
 2/6—1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
 2/7—1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
 2/8—1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
 2/9—1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12-19; Mk 7:31-37
 2/10—1 Kgs 12:26-32; Mk 8:1-10
 2/11—Lk 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45 *World Day of the Sick and World Marriage Day*

Announcements



The Black History Month 2024 theme, “African Americans and the Arts,” explores the key influence African Americans have had in the fields of “visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression.”



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

Dinner includes: Choice of 1 entree and 2 sides, bread & dessert

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Entrées: Baked Chicken or Turkey & Dressing **Sides:** Green Beans, Yams, Collard Greens, Mac & Cheese

Collection for the Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$290.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, there is still time to give by making an online donation at:

<https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House
 “Behold, I make all things new.” (Rev. 21:5). Come on retreat to grow in relationship with God, the source of the renewed peace and joy we all desire. Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House, on the shores of Lewisville Lake, in Lake Dallas, Texas wants to help you find the peace that surpasses understanding. Reserve a

spot for one of our upcoming retreats today at www.montserratretreat.org. Spaces are limited due to COVID and are going fast! Next dates for February are:
Feb. 9-11, 2024 Retiro para hombres, mujeres y parejas
Feb. 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer & Reflection
Feb. 16-18, 2024 Young Adults Retreat
Feb. 22-25, 2024 Women’s Retreat

St. Andrew Breakfast
 Holy Mass, Breakfast, Prayer & Discussion
 This event is for high school and college men in the Diocese of Fort Worth
Saturday, February 10, 2024
 St. Patrick Cathedral
 1206 Throckmorton St., FWTX 76102
 Mass starts at 8:00 am followed by breakfast in the Parish Religious Formation Building
 Reserve your spot by **Feb. 8, 2024** through email at: vocations@fwdioc.org

Hope for Tomorrow

The Alzheimer’s Association is hosting the annual Black Caregiver Seminar on Saturday, February 24 from 9 to 1:30 in the Tarrant County College South Campus Student Center, 5301 Campus Drive, Ft. Worth, Tx. 76119. The registration link is: alzncnct.news/HFT2024 or call 800-272-3900

Among Black Americans ages 70 and older, 21.3% are living with Alzheimer’s but strides are being made in our understanding of the disease and tools for slowing or preventing cognitive decline. We will explore warning signs, healthy habits and the importance of research in diverse communities. Enjoy food, fellowship and education as we find hope for tomorrow.

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.

Harvard Model Congress Leadership Summer Camp:

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 Program Duration: 6 Days
 Venue: Harvard University
Grades: 8th - 12th
 Program Fee: USD 3,500 (Covers academic fee and 7 nights 8 days stay with all meals and airport transfer)

Application Deadline: 5th June
 For further information, please visit our website: <https://theworldscholar.com/summer-camp>
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I accept you as my Lord, God and Savior. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit. Come Lord Jesus, cover me with your Precious Blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. I love you Lord Jesus.

Saint Micheal the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

