

PRAYER CORNER

Oh, God! Please put your healing hands upon those who are fighting disease, whether it's bodily or mental. When they are on the edge of giving up, please give them courage and patience to go one more day. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

Mauline Ogiste
Kelly Weckherlinz
Ninoska Martinez
Keisha Smith
Martin Pecina
Iris Reedom
James Wortham
Bill Barrera
Sue Daley
Juanita Cruz
Betty Levine
Ursula Paige
Wesley Matthews
Barbara Herrera
Mylo Salas
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Desiree Curry

Lupe Cervantez
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Lico Cervantez
Jamesha Hayward
Jack Harrison
Elizabeth Moreno
Hector Huerta
Agnes Wilson
Martha Luce
Marcus Rattliff, Jr.
Larry Breacher
Susan McDonald
Luis Briseno
Adela Aleman
John Daley
Sylvia Sykes
Tommy Carroll
Sonia Munoz
Garcia Gomez
Betty Harris
Alberee Haynes

Deceased:

Frutoso Juarez
Alicia Castro
Edna Wright

Lord, all I need is a shining light and an open door to show me the way home..

Our Mother of Mercy

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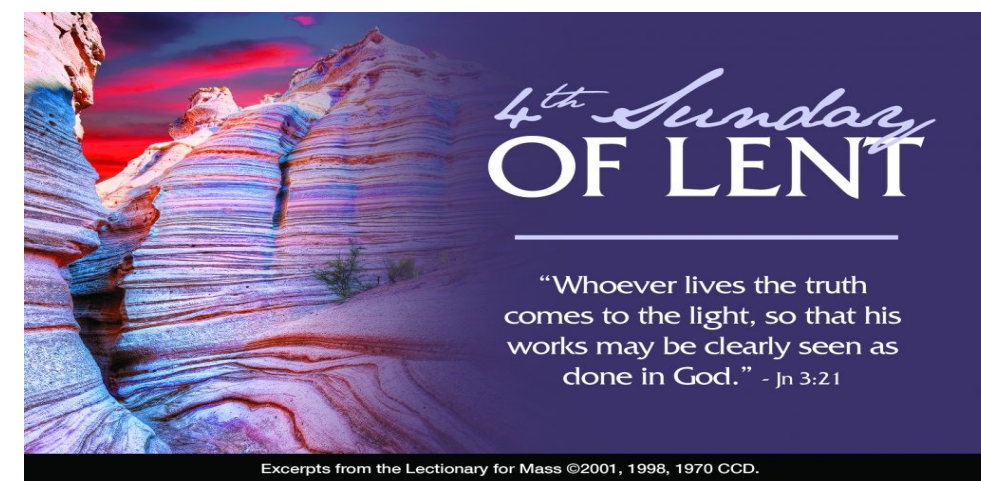
11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

The Parish Office will be closed for Spring Break March 11-15, 2024

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

Finance Council Meeting—1st Wednesday of the month



In the Gospel, we listen in as Jesus and Nicodemus converse. When Jesus says that the Son of Man will be lifted up so that all who see him will have eternal life, the "lifting up," refers to the cross and resurrection as one event of divine self-revelation. While that may seem obvious, we shouldn't think the same of the expression "eternal life." It's easy to assume that "eternal life" refers to immortality or heaven, but the New American Bible tells us that the term in John 3:15 stresses quality of life rather than duration." Spanish Scripture scholar José Antonio Pagola tells us that the eternal life Jesus promises begins in this life and reaches its fullness in our definitive encounter with God. That means that eternal life is nothing less than union with God.

Writing to the Ephesians, Paul falls all over himself in trying to explain his sense of this communion. In this short selection, Paul mentions grace three times, insisting over and over again that we are saved through grace, that is, through God's favor rather than any merit of our own.

This grace comes from God, whom Paul describes as rich in mercy, immeasurably giving and great in loving. These teachings about God's grace lead to his conclusion that we are God's own handiwork, created for

union with Christ and to continue his work.

How do these ideas help us to reflect on the existence of a good God and a world in which unspeakable evil seems to run rampant?

Before we can respond, we need to examine the question itself. This question assumes that God intervenes directly in the events of history. Is that not one of our many assumptions that has more to do with our theories than with what Jesus revealed about his Father? Yes, Jesus taught that not a sparrow would fall without God's awareness, but that awareness does not prevent the fall of the sparrow. Jesus told Nicodemus that God has no intention of punishing anyone, rather God looks to saving by drawing people into the communion of eternal life.

Paul ended his description of God and grace by saying that we are created in Christ Jesus to continue his good works. If God could do it all, there would be no need for our good works. But the Incarnation itself revealed that God works through human flesh, here now as the body of Christ throughout the world.

*Excerpt by Mary M. McGlone
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Bulletin Reflections

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

With Prayers & Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
March 10	Howard Rattliff
March 17	Isabel Garza
March 24	Debra Savage
March 31	Lisa Jones
April 7	Lisa Jones

MARCH	Lectors	
9th & 10th	Natasha Cha	Debra Savage Zayne Willars
16th & 17th	C. Mitchell	Amanda Flood Carolyn Yusuf
23rd & 24th	C Mitchell	Mary Battle Lydia Salas
31st		L. Peoples



Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times	Mass Intention
Monday, March 11	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass	Repose Soul of Lloyd Lee+
Tuesday, March 12	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.	Repose Soul of Christopher Briseno+
Wednesday, March 13	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 -7:00 pm	Repose Soul of Sister Maria+
Thursday, March 14	Mass—7:00a.m. Confession—6:30 a.m.	Repose Soul of Sister Sebastian+
Friday, March 15	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon	Repose Soul of Sister Moihrat+
Saturday, March 16	Adoration 4-4:50 pm Mass 5:00 p.m.	Repose Soul of Leo Will Jr.+
Sunday, March 17 Fr. John Shannahan 4th Sunday of Lent	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Repose Souls of Claude and Erma Platte+

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

March 10 second collection is for St. Vincent de Paul ministry..



OMM welcomes everyone on the Lenten journey with us!!

Station of the Cross: 7pm
 Mar. 15—lead by KPC & Ladies
 Mar. 22—lead by Parish & Finance Councils
 Mar. 29—lead by CCE/RICA students 3 pm.
Mass Times
Confessions will not be heard these days. 7 am Mass will not be held on March 28 & 29, 2024
 Mar. 28—Holy Thursday 7pm
Fr. Richard Flores
 Mar 29—Good Friday 7pm
Fr. Richard Flores
 Mar 30—Easter Vigil 8pm
Fr. Brandon LeClair
 Mar 31—Easter Sunday 10 am
Fr. John Shannahan

Weekly Readings

3/11—Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
 3/12—Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
 3/13—Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
 3/14—Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
 3/15—Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 3/16—Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
 3/17—Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



Announcements

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
 “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” Bring God into your marriage to honor Him by going on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is May 3-5, 2024. To apply go to wwme.org. Questions email applicaions@dfwme.org. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188

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 11:45** from OMM going to Dallas. The return trip will depart at 3:30 pm to return to OMM.

Thank you to Fr. Anthony Bozeman for leading the Lenten Retreat at OMM. We also thank everyone for coming out and participating. Along with those who extended OMM hospitality to Fr. Bozeman. Hopefully we can have another Lenten Retreat next year.

Catholic Relief Services Collection
 March 16-17, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s love to those most in need at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive).

Church Clean Up
 We are cleaning the parish grounds for spring. We need volunteers to help. Please take at least 1 hour of your day and swing by and help to rake leaves, spread mulch, and spruce up the flower beds. Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for Mar. 16th 11:00 am to 2pm. Email the office (ourmother@omomftworth.org) or call (817-335-1695) to let us know the time frame you can help out. Thanks.

Easter Egg Hunt
 OMM needs your help in gathering supplies for the Annual OMM Easter Egg Hunt which will be held after mass until 12:30 pm on Easter Sunday. Please bring your donations of individually wrapped candy and plastic Easter eggs to the parish office. Thank you for your help.

Come and See Spring 2024
 Join us for a Vocations Weekend Retreat for men in high school and college, ages 16 and older, from March 22-24, 2024, at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, LA. Experience Mass, discernment stories, communal prayer, and a seminary tour—all at no cost. Transportation provided. Register by March 18, 2024, and for those 18 and older, complete Safe Environment training. For more information, contact Vocations at vocations@fwdioc.org or 817-945-9321.

“What is Cursillo?”
 Are you looking for a deeper meaning in your spiritual journey? Then join us in a short course in Christianity hosted by the Fort Worth Diocese English Cursillo. Spend 3 days developing a deeper understanding of what it means to be fully Catholic by being fully Christian. The Women’s Weekend is April 4-7, 2024. The Men’s Weekend is April 25-28, 2024. The weekends will be held at the Formation Center located at 2517 Hanna Avenue, Fort Worth, TX. The cost is \$150.00. Please contact Allen Martin, Pre-Cursillo Coordinator for more information or to register.

Part-Time Job Opportunity
 OMM is still 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.



Daylight Saving Time begins March 10. Remember to change your clocks!

Meet OMM Parish Finance Council
 This week, we are introducing Mr. Fred Bob. He has been a member of OMM since Feb., 2005. As a member of both the finance and parish councils, he hopes to enhance the spiritual leadership and help secure the financial needs of our parish. He wants OMM to thrive for years to come. Thank you Mr. Bob.



God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



Knights of St. Peter Claver #89 will be having their annual Fish Fry on March 29 from 11:00-4:30 at the Fortress School Cafeteria. Cost is \$12 for catfish, coleslaw & fries. \$8 for catfish po-boy. Contact Art Sanford at: 817-296-3921 to pre order dinners. Let him know how many dinners and time you will pick up so your dinners are hot!

The Spring Social hosted by St. Peter Claver #89 scheduled for **March 9 is cancelled**