

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

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Desiree Curry
Isaiah Salas
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Ninoska Martinez
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Malinda Walker
Raven Anderson
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Pete Marquez
Ysleta Franklin
Amy Novacek
Kevin & Juanita Thornton
Albert Johnson, Jr.

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Mary Brown

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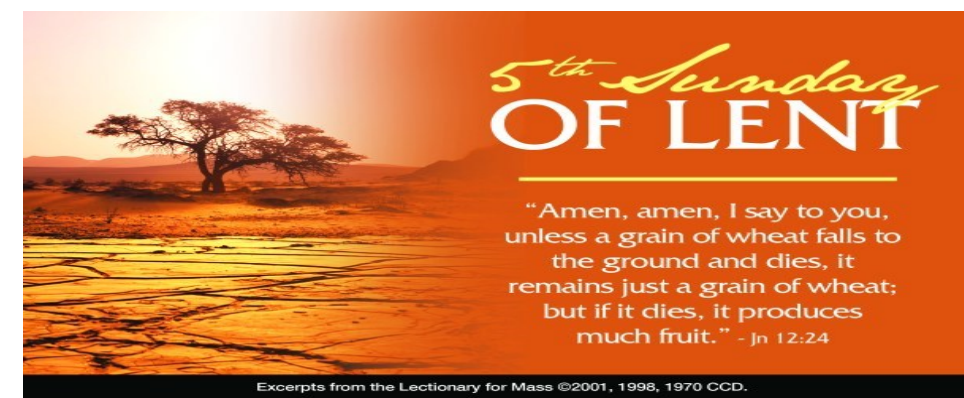
Wednesday and Thursday:

11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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



Today, Jeremiah gives us an image of a motherly God who wants nothing to do with punishment. When the people break their covenant with the God who freed them, what does God do? God turns to them to offer a better deal than they had known before. God had brought them out of Egypt; when they were unfaithful, God said, "I will make a new covenant with you. This covenant will join us heart to heart. It will affect you so deeply that our mutual love will teach the world all they need to know about me."

In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the same dynamic in relation to his life and mission. As he did in predicting his passion (see Mark 8: 31-38 and its eight parallels), Jesus revealed that, as God's representative, he would prove the boundless power of love through vulnerability, becoming like a seed that falls to the ground and dies in order to produce fruit.

The most Godly thing about Jesus' vulnerability was that, unlike our own weakness and limitations, it was freely chosen (John 10:18). The most amazing thing about it was that it revealed the true character of God as a divine lover who constantly tries to woo us beyond our broken covenants and our attempts to fashion the divine in our own image.

Hebrews tells us that Jesus himself went through a process of growth in union with God; he had to learn to trust beyond reasonable hope in order to experience what God could do in

and for him. His faithfulness to God's call, his reliance on love over all else, opened him to the unimaginable future of resurrected/eternal life. In that, he revealed God's glory, the power of God to bring life out of death.

From Jesus, we learn that divine power is the most subversive force in all of creation. Rather than crush opponents, God's power undermines evil and the violence it perpetrates. As Mahatma Gandhi explained, "Love is the strongest force the world possesses, yet it is the humblest imaginable." Ultimately, the greatest leap of faith Christians are invited to take is to believe in this entirely counterintuitive and countercultural idea that the forces of humility, generous love, and tender, nonviolent creativity are the instruments of world change. This is Jesus' message. He taught that falling into the ground and dying lead to ousting the ruler of this world.

As we draw near Holy Week, our liturgy invites us to reassess the creed we really live by. Do we look to Christ to be delivered from punishment or harm? If so, what does the cross tell us about that? Are we willing to gamble everything on the power of love? To the extent that we choose the latter, we are on our way to being drawn into the very heart of a motherly God.

Excerpt article from National Catholic Reporter by Mary M. McGlone <https://www.ncronline.org>

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Bulletin Reflections

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

With Prayers & Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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

MARCH	Lectors	
16th & 17th	C. Mitchell	Amanda Flood Carolyn Yusuf
23rd & 24th	C Mitchell	Mary Battle Lydia Salas
31st		L. Peoples

**Soup & Cinema
March 16 & 23**



Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times	Mass Intention
Monday, March 18	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass	Happy Birthday Natasha Martinez
Tuesday, March 19	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 20	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 -7:00 pm	Happy Birthday Crysel Tapia
Thursday, March 21	Mass—7:00a.m. Confession—6:30 a.m.	For Priestly Vocations of Diocese Ft. Worth
Friday, March 22	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon	Happy Birthday Tony Tapia
Saturday, March 23	Adoration 4-4:50 pm Mass 5:00 p.m.	Repose Soul of Allegra Turner+
Sunday, March 24 <i>5th Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday</i>	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Repose Soul of Eloise Gouthia+

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

March 16-17 second collection is for Catholic Relief Services..



OMM welcomes everyone on the Lenten journey with us!!

Station of the Cross: 7pm
Mar. 22—lead by Parish & Finance Councils
Mar. 29—lead by CCE/RICA students **3 pm.**

Mass Times
7 am Mass will not be held on March 28 & 29, 2024. Confession will not be heard on those days either.

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

3/18—Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11
3/19—2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
3/20—Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
3/21—Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59
3/22—Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
3/23—Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
3/24—Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Palm Sunday

Announcements

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." We must die to self to give more in our marriage. Learn how to be the best spouse possible by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. 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

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Please contribute generously today! Give today or online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive).

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.



Easter Egg Hunt

OMM needs your help in gathering supplies for the Annual OMM Easter Egg Hunt which will be held after mass on **Easter Sunday**.

Please bring your donations of individually wrapped candy and plastic Easter eggs. Please bring your donations to the office. Thank you for your help.

Come and See Spring 2024

Join the diocese 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.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Meet OMM Parish Finance Council

This week, we are introducing Ms. Romel Gerard Clayton. She has been with OMM for 13 years. As a member of the finance council, usher and St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary #89, she hopes to build a stronger legacy of community than the already established foundation. The Presence of God, momentum and amazing team of parishioners are here and moving forward. She believes this is God's army and she is blessed to be a soldier in it. Thank you Ms. Clayton.



City of Fort Worth Job Fair

Citywide Job Fair on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 9am-2pm. The Job Fair will be held at Amon G. Carter Exhibit Hall at Will Rogers Memorial Center, Gate 17, 3400 Burnett Tandy Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76107. Discover exciting career opportunities at the It's Worth Working Here Citywide Job Fair 2024. Bring a resume for onsite interviews, network with professionals and get a free headshot.



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!

OMM We Appreciate You!

Thank you for supporting St. Anne's Annual Soul Food Dinner. We appreciate you making it a success. The funds raised will be used for continuance maintenance and upkeep of the altar.



Register now for Camp Fort Worth

Join the City of Fort Worth for Camp Fort Worth and let your child discover new skills and friendships at the City's community centers. Camp Fort Worth offers a variety of activities for ages 5-13, with each day offering new activities and experiences. Register online at <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com> or at a participating community center.



Dates: June 10-Aug. 2 (eight weeks)
Times: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Cost: \$65 per week (includes registration and a camp T-shirt; field trips not included)
Discounts and scholarships are available. Free week of camp if you register and pay in full before May 31.

Mercy Burgers are back on April 28.

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