

PRAYER CORNER

O, Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore you. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do, give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me, and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your will. Amen

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- Ysleta Franklin
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- Kevin & Juanita Thornton
- Albert Johnson, Jr.

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- Frutoso Juarez
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- Edna Wright
- Arnold Gerard
- Mary Brown

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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Wednesday and Thursday:

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



Reflecting on today's readings, which seem to be all about legality, rules, and regulations, one can find the theme of authority running through the passages. After all, these readings include the ten commandments which God delivers to the Israelites after a period of unruliness. Moreover, we read in the gospel that Jesus also uses his authority to dispel those who would attempt to commodify the temple grounds. This authority we read about is not just any sort of authority, however; it is the authority of the king of the universe.

It is important to note that these readings remind us that unjust authority can exist, too. Didn't the Israelites have their own authorities who at one time decided it was acceptable to engage in idol worship, and another time allowed merchants to use sacred ground for profit? The laws and rules of humans can often bring about pain, suffering, and divisiveness. After all, slavery was legal at one point. So too was segregation.

Therefore, the only rightful authority is that of God, who cares for all creation. Remember, most of the ten com-

mandments have to do with loving our neighbors our fellow humans. It is evident that God wills our good, as God's authority is based on love. The takeaway I get from these readings is that even if we do not fully understand what God commands us to do, we can trust that all God does for us is for our benefit.

May we always respect the authority of God, for it is only by listening to God and following the commandments of God's kingdom, that peace can be brought to the shared household we call Earth.

Excerpt from Reflection: God's authority is based in love by Ivan Brea
<https://uscatholic.org/>

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Bulletin Reflections

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

 May we walk through this season intentionally, removing distractions that take our gaze away from your glory. May we quiet the noise that pulls us from adoration of you and puts our attention on lesser things. May we simplify where we have been stressed, may we surrender what has been burdensome, may we repent of what has been sinful, Lord Jesus.

The movie for Soup & Cinema, March 2 is Shake the Devil Off, a documentary featuring Fr. Jerome LeDoux.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

MARCH	Lectors	
2nd & 3rd	C. Mitchell	L. Peoples Zayne Willars
9th & 10th	Natasha Cha	Debra Savage Zayne Willars
16th & 17th	Lanette M. Vidaurri	Amanda Flood Carolyn Yusuf
23rd & 24th	C Mitchell	Mary Battle Lydia Salas
31st		L. Peoples

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times	Mass Intention
Monday, 4	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass	Repose Soul of Steve Bell+
Tuesday, 5	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.	For Priestly Vocations of Diocese Ft. Worth
Wednesday, 6	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 -7:00 pm	Repose Soul of Felipa Hernandez+
Thursday, 7	Mass—7:00a.m. Confession—6:30 a.m.	Repose Soul of Camillo Les+
Friday, March 8	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon	For Priestly Vocations of Diocese Ft. Worth
Saturday, March 9	Adoration 4-4:50 pm Mass 5:00 p.m.	Repose Soul of Lucy Lee+
Sunday, March 10 4th Sunday of Lent	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Repose Soul of Freda Spratt+

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

Next week (March 3) special collection is for Parish Maintenance.



Lent 2024

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

Station of the Cross: 7pm/ Every Friday in Lent.

Mar. 8, 2024, lead by St. Anne’s Altar Society
 Mar. 15—lead by KPC
 Mar. 22—lead by Parish/ Finance Council
 Mar. 28—Holy Thursday 7pm
 Mar. 29—lead by CCE/RICA 3 pm.
 Mar 29—Good Friday 7pm

Weekly Readings

- 3/4—2 Kgs 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30
- 3/5—Dn 3:25m 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
- 3/6—Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- 3/7—Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- 3/8—Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- 3/9—Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
- 3/10—2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



Announcements

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.



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

Catholic Relief Services Collection

March 16 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. 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).



Join us March 16 for OMM Clean up day at 11:00 am.

Updated Voting Requirements

A Federal District Court Judge has ruled that Texas must modify its photo voter ID law to allow voters to cast a regular ballot in an election after showing an alternative identification and signing a simple declaration form.

Identification Requirements for Voting Under Texas law, voters who possess one of the seven acceptable forms of photo ID must present that ID at the polls when voting in person. Voters who do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of the seven approved forms of photo ID may fill out a Reasonable Impediment Declaration (RID) (PDF) at the polls and present an alternative form of ID, such as a utility bill, bank statement, government check, or a voter registration certificate.

Here is a list of the acceptable forms of photo ID:

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person’s photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person’s photograph
- United States Passport (book or card)

With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, which does not expire, for voters aged 18-69, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. For voters aged 70 or older, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid. Election Identification Certificates are available from DPS driver license offices during regular business hours

What to do if you don’t have any of the above ID or Documents? A voter who cannot present the above forms of photo ID or supporting documents may still cast a **PROVISIONAL** ballot.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, you know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection, to support us in all danger, and carry us through all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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