

PRAYER CORNER

Heavenly Father, we pray that you would bring healing and restoration to our family and friends in body, mind, and spirit. Please grant them strength and courage as they face this difficult time. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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Our Mother of Mercy

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# OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

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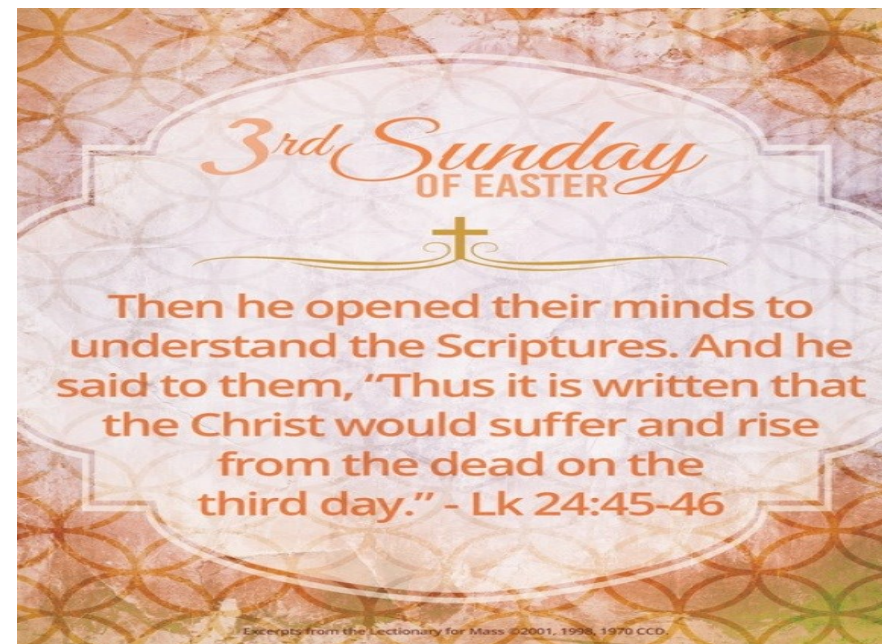
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**Office Hours**

**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**



In our confused and limited human condition, we are daily confronted with ignorance, knowledge, and understanding. Every human being starts out as a "tabula rasa" (a smoothed tablet, without impression on it). Only by hard work can a youngster overcome ignorance, gather knowledge, and attain insight and understanding. We need knowledge in order to achieve insight. When a teenager states: "But I think..." and it turns out that he made his statement without first gathering information, most people will take this youthful blunder in stride. They know that a teacher will tell the youngster what one is supposed to do before a statement is made. But when a grown-up does the same thing, time and again, that person comes through as a big talker!

Today's Bible readings deal with ignorance (First Reading), knowledge (Second Reading), and understanding of the Scriptures (Gospel). Living in an isolated and closed society, Catholics could perhaps afford to leave knowledge and understanding up to the priest. But such a closed society of Catholics is a thing of the past.

Through the mass media everybody enters our home today. We owe it to ourselves and others to be informed Christians. If not, the flood of information that overwhelms us daily will confuse us.

However, even the grown-ups can come to insight and understanding only by exerting themselves. Adult Christians should read the Bible, their diocesan newspaper, and good books, and watch television programs that deal with their religion. Ignorance can be culpable and lead to disaster as the First Reading clearly implies.

—From Saint Joseph Sunday Missal  
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**Bulletin Reflections**

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

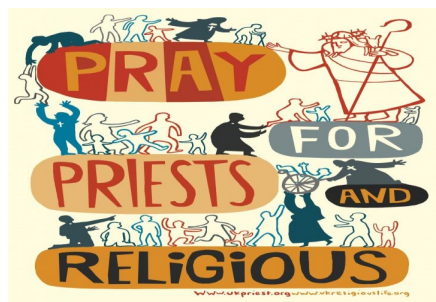
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**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
April 14	Howard Ratliff
April 21	Isabel Garza
April 28	Debra Savage

APRIL	Lectors	
13/14	Charlotte Mitchell	LaWonda Peoples Carolyn Yusuf
20/21	Natasha Cha	Amanda Flood Zayn Williars
27/28	Lanette M Vidaurri	Mary Battle Lydia Salas



**Weekly Mass Schedule**

Dates	Times	Mass Intention
<b>Sunday</b> , April 14 Fr. John Shannahan TOR Rwandan Choir	Mass 10:00 am (Livestream)	Repose Soul of Teresa Bob+
<b>Monday</b> , April 15	Mass 7:00 am Confession after Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b> , April 16	Confession –6:30 am Mass 7:00 am	
<b>Wednesday</b> , April 17	Mass: 7:00 am Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 -7:00 pm	Happy Birthday Eamonn Conway
<b>Thursday</b> , April 18	Confession—6:30 am Mass: 7:00 am	Diocese of Ft. Worth Priestly Vocations
<b>Friday</b> , April 19	Mass: 7:00 am Confession after Mass Adoration: 8 am– noon	
<b>Saturday</b> , April 20	Adoration 4-4:50 pm Confession 4-4:50 pm Mass: 5:00 pm	Repose Soul of Joseph Will+

**Rosary:** Sunday 8:30 am; Mon-Fri 6:20 am

**Second Collection on April 13 & 14 is for St. Vincent De Paul Mission**

**Weekly Readings**

O Lord, we ask that you would bless us at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church with vision for the future and reverence for the past. Guide us each day as we minister to one another and to the world. Help us each day to bear witness to your name and to do that which you would have us do. We ask it through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

- 4/14—Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
- 4/15—Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
- 4/16—Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- 4/17—Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- 4/18—Acts 8:26-40; Jn6:44-51
- 4/19—Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
- 4/20—9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Mercy Burgers April 28.  
Sponsored by the Knights of St. Peter



**Announcements**

**Part-Time Job Opportunity**

OMM is searching for 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.

**OMM 95th Anniversary Activities Continues with April Activities**

**Fireside Chat**

Men of Mercy Mind, Body, and Soul will take place at the Parish Life Center on Thursday, **April 18, 2024**, at 7pm. Two medical doctors will lead the informal discussion to address concerns and answer questions raised on men’s mental and medical health. The event is open to all men of the parish. More details will be shared with those registered closer to the event.

**Reverse Mortgages for Seniors**

A discussion on the truths and myths regarding reverse mortgages. This talk will take place following mass on Sunday, **April 21** at 11:45 a.m. at the Parish Life Center

**To attend both events**, you must register on the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church. Signup deadline is **Sunday, April 14th**.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is celebrated on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation. On Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21, we take up a special collection for the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Currently, the Diocese is supporting 29 seminarians on their discernment journey by providing funds to cover their education and for-

mation costs and necessities of living. You can participate in this pastoral work and help them on their journey by generously supporting the Good Shepherd Sunday Collection.

**Prayer for Vocations**

Bountiful Father, your Son Jesus, urged us to pray for laborers for your harvest. We pray for an abundance of priests and consecrated men and women to care for the needs of your Church. Through the intercession of Our Lady, queen of Apostles, pour out your Holy Spirit upon our families. May we encourage each person to discern and follow the vocation to which you have called them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Presentation of the Gensis Man and Woman Award**

St Anne’s Altar Society will present the Gensis Man and Woman Award for 2024 on **April 21, 2024**. All parishioners are invited to attend a reception following the presentation in the parish life center.

**FIAT Retreat**

Young women aged 16-25 are invited to join a special retreat organized by the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth. This retreat offers a unique opportunity to gather with the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the Dominicans of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, and other consecrated religious women for a time of prayer, reflection, and discernment held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Azle, TX. Please note those in high school must register as a parish group with appropriate number of adults, safe environment certified chaperones (male or female). The \$20 registration fee covers lunch and dinner during the retreat. Please bring cash, check or money order. If you have any questions please contact Victoria Ramon, [vramon@fwdioc.org](mailto:vramon@fwdioc.org) or 817-945-9352.

**City seeks master developer for Evans & Rosedale urban village**

The City of Fort Worth has launched a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) to find a new master developer for the Evans & Rosedale urban village in Fort Worth’s Historic Southside. This is an opportunity for an experienced mixed-use developer to work on a multi-block, six-acre greenfield site, located five minutes from downtown Fort Worth – the urban core of one of the fastest-growing large cities in the U.S. Interested developers can visit the Evans & Rosedale webpage - [www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/econdev/rfei/evans-rosedale](http://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/econdev/rfei/evans-rosedale) to learn more about the project and how submit their proposals. **Responses are due by 5 p.m. Monday, April 22.**



Your donations are needed to help St. Vincent de Paul restock the pantry shelves at Our Mother of Mercy. Thank you so very much for your help with food donations. Donations may be brought to the parish life center or leave in the back of the church.

*Thank You*

St. Anne’s Altar Society thanks everyone who donated Easter Lilies.



In support of Autism Awareness Month, please wear blue for April 29 Mass.

A special retreat for young women aged 16-25.

**FIAT**

April 20, 2024  
11 AM - 8 PM  
Holy Trinity, Azle  
\$20 Per Person

18-25 YEAR OLD MUST HAVE COMPLETED SAFE ENVIRONMENT

I have found Him when my soul loves. (Song of Songs 2:4)