

PRAYER CORNER

All praise & glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless our family & friends, so that they may bear this illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore them to health, and lead them to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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| Regular Collection | \$1,811.85 |
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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



The readings for this Sunday show us our need for God's Divine Mercy, which is offered to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the forgiveness of our sins, and through each celebration of the Sacraments, when we receive them in Faith.

The first reading (Acts 2:42-47) tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy — sharing, sacrificial agápe love — practiced by the early Christians. In the second reading (1 Pt 1:3-9), St. Peter glorifies God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for showing us His mercy by granting His Son Jesus Resurrection from the dead and a glorious Ascension into Heaven, thus giving us the assurance of our own resurrection. Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith for everyone.

Life messages: 1) We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's

mercy throughout the year is through the Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice in our daily lives the Mercy we have already received and become eligible for God's merciful judgment. 2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and leads us to serve those we encounter with agape love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each other our loving service. The Spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living, dynamic Faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. b) Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and communal prayer. c) Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

—From <https://frtonyshomilies.com>

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Bulletin Reflections

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” - Acts 4:32

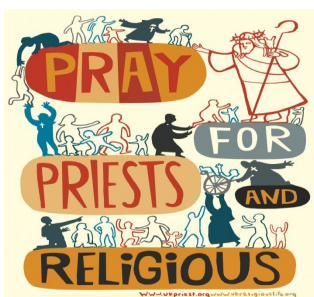
All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others

With Prayers & Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

| Live Stream Support | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 10:00 am Mass | Sunday |
| April 7 | Lisa Jones |
| April 14 | Howard Ratliff |
| April 21 | Isabel Garza |
| April 28 | Debra Savage |

| APRIL | Lectors | |
|-------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 6/7 | Lanette M Vidaurri | Debra Savage Zayn Williars |
| 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 |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Monday, April 8 | Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass | Repose Soul of Maggie Alexander+ |
| Tuesday, April 9 | Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m. | Maria Burke Happy Birthday |
| Wednesday, April 10 | Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 -7:00 pm | Repose Soul of Kellie Moore+ |
| Thursday, April 11 | Mass Confession—6:30 am | Priestly Vocation for Diocese of Fort Worth |
| Friday, April 12 | Mass Confession after Mass Adoration 8 am—noon | |
| Saturday, April 13 | Adoration 4-4:50 pm Confession 4-4:50 pm Mass 5:00 pm | Repose Soul of Terrence Anthony Gordon+ |
| Sunday, April 14 | Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream) | Repose Soul of Teresa Bob+ |

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

Second Collection on April 6 & 7 is for Parish Maintenance

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Weekly Readings

4/8—Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 4/9—Acts 4:39-37; Jn 3:7b-15
 4/10—Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
 4/11—Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
 4/12—Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
 4/13—Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
 4/14—Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

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



Announcements

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.

Community Volunteer Needed

The church is in NEED of an Additional community volunteer to attend and represent the parish at monthly meetings of the Historic Southside Neighborhood Association (HSNA). Regular monthly meetings are held at the Southside Community Center Building on 959 E Rosedale and New York Ave (1 block south from the church parish address) on the **2nd Monday at 6pm - 7 pm**. Our Mother of Mercy Church is located within the the HSNA boundaries. as a volunteer representing OMM, You will share HSNA news that will help keep our church family informed and provide community inputs on decisions which affect our Church grounds and community located in the 76104 zip code. Issues include community housing, code enforcement, safety & crime prevention, economic development & neighbor quality of life. If interested please contact the church office or email ourmother@omomftworth.org for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. Attend the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is May 3-5, 2024. To apply go to www.wvme.org. Questions – email applications@dfwme.org. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.

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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 professional subject matter expert will facilitate a session to answer questions on the topic. The session 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**.

95th Anniversary Award of Recognition recipient will be announced April 7 after Mass.

International Catholic Stewardship Council Conference

Register now for the 62nd ICSC Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana **September 15-18, 2024**. This year's conference theme is "Called to be Saints." Pastors, business managers, stewardship and development committees and school development officers are invited to attend this gathering of Catholic stewardship leaders and fund development professionals from across the United States and take benefit from the valuable information and networking available. Limited scholarships for conference fees for first time attendees are available by contacting Wendy Collins, Director of Stewardship and Parish Relations at the Advancement Foundation or call 817-533-3178.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On April 21, 2024 the Catholic Church will mark the 61st annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest" (Mt. 9:38; Lk.10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. The

Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life and secular institutes

Early voting is April 22-30. Election day is May 4.



What's on the ballot?

On May 4, residents can vote on the 2024 Venue Tax., which is...Authorizing the City of Fort Worth, Texas to provide for

renovation of the Fort Worth Convention Center and related infrastructure (the "Venue Project" designated by City Council Resolution No. 5866-01-2024), and to impose a new venue hotel occupancy tax on the price paid for a room in a hotel, at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) of the price of the hotel room, for the purpose of financing the Venue Project; if approved, the maximum hotel occupancy tax rate imposed from all sources in the City of Fort Worth would be seventeen percent (17%) of the price paid for a room in a hotel

Presentation of the Gensis Man and Woman Award

St Anne's Altar Society will present the awardees of the Gensis Man and Woman Award for 2024 on April 21, 2024. A reception will follow in the parish life center.



Please wear **blue** in support of Autism Awareness Month on April 7 and April 29.

