

PRAYER CORNER

God, my healer and great physician, I come to you with a heart full of gratitude and praise. I know that you are my healer. You are a merciful God who knows my suffering. Thank you for bringing healing in your perfect way and time. In Jesus name I pray.

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

John Daley	Garciela Gomez
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Amelia Martinez	Ysleta Franklin
	Amy Novacek
	Jim McDonald
	Kevin & Juanita Thornton

Ursula Paige
Agnes Wilson
John & Blanche Malachi
Erma Platte
Albert Johnson, Jr.

And For the Repose of the Souls

Evelyn Joseph
Craig Tahamont
Jim McDonald

May they rest in peace,
through the mercy of God

Collection Summary: July 9, 2023

Regular Collection	\$2,863.00
Parish Maintenance	\$50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$277.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
St. Anne's—Candles	\$58.50
Social Outreach	\$
Donations	\$1,065.00
St. Anne's—Religious Articles	\$16.00
St. Peter's Pence	\$5.00
Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa	\$162.00

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Pew Research Center Poll shared that only 42% of the surveyed population responded that being part of a Catholic parish is an “essential part of what being Catholic means to you personally.” This makes Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel all the more significant:

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

As parish communities, what are we doing to cultivate the seeds that have been entrusted to us? Do we provide ample, rich soil for seeds to grow, or do we choke the seedlings by creating a culture that is not conducive— even detrimental—to healthy flourishing? Do we create rocky ground by quantifying grace and weaponizing sacraments? Do we perpetuate thorns by crafting divisions and distinctions that are not of God? Do we leave people vulnerable to isolation and fear, insisting that we know best instead of listening and accompanying?

We cannot lament that people are not coming to our parishes if we refuse to be places of nourishment and support. But if we want safe spaces, we must

be willing to create those spaces ourselves. Following the example of Christ, we must lower ourselves, choosing vulnerability over power, humility over prestige, and weakness over strength. We must be willing to make room in our hearts and minds for other voices, even when they challenge what we find comfortable. We must be willing to work for peace and justice, even when it is not convenient. We must be willing not only to advocate for, but to stand in solidarity with the immigrant and refugee, the person who lives without a home, and the person who lives with anxiety and depression. We must combat the evils of abuse, racism, sexism, xenophobia, and homophobia in all forms. In doing so, we cultivate an environment where seeds can grow, where people can thrive.

But we do not do this on our own. While we must work to cultivate the ground, the psalmist reminds us that it is God who waters the lands and breaks up the clods. It is God who crowns the year with bounty and harvest. Everything we do is a response to God’s invitation. May we respond to this invitation with renewed zeal, remembering that we cannot expect our parishes to grow (or even survive) if we are unwilling to accept God’s invitation to collaborate in the vineyard.

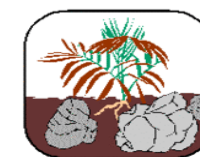
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The Parable of the Sower

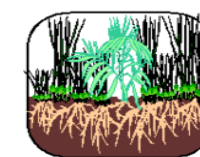
The Seed is the Word of God



The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

What type of Soil are You?
Is God Growing in Your Heart?

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Bulletin Reflections:

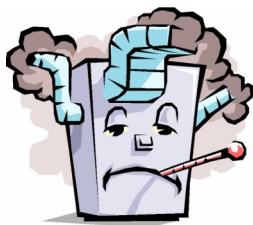
“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” - Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

“Las semillas que cayeron entre los espinos representan a los que oyen la palabra de Dios, pero muy pronto el mensaje queda desplazado por las preocupaciones de esta vida y el atractivo de la riqueza, así que no producen ningún fruto.” - Mateo 13:22

¿El atractivo de la riqueza y los bienes materiales ahogan a Dios de su vida? ¿Está tan absorto en las actividades terrenales que no tiene tiempo para Dios? La gratitud y la generosidad son virtudes que debemos esforzarnos en cultivar diariamente. Cada decisión que tomamos nos lleva un paso más cerca de Dios o nos aleja más de Él. Lo que recibimos en la Misa del Domingo debería compartirse también con los demás el resto de los días de la semana.

With Prayers and Love



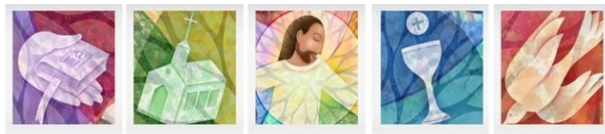
OMOM Air Conditioning Update:

A/C proposals have been submitted to Diocese and we are awaiting approval to proceed. Proposals range from \$36,000-\$42,000. We appreciate your continued patience, prayers and donations.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times
Monday, July 17	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 18	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 19	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Friday, July 21	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
Saturday, July 22	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 23	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)

Rosary is Sunday 9:20 a.m. and MTWF @ 6:20 a.m.



Faith Formation

Give to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please use the commitment envelopes in the pews or donate online at : bit.ly/DiocesaAppeal.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Lectors		
7/15-16	Anaiah Barrera	Mary Battle Amanda Flood
7/22-23	Lydia Salas	E. Rodriguez Zayn Willars
7/29-30	Isabell Garza	L. Peoples Amanda Flood

Live Stream Support

10:00 am Mass	Sunday
7/16/2023	Debra Savage
7/23/2023	Lisa Jones
7/30/2023	Vanessa Nava

Weekly Readings

7/17—Ex 1:8-14.22; Mt 10:34-11:1
 7/18—Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
 7/19—Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
 7/20—Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
 7/21—Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8
 7/22—Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 7/23—Wis 12:13,16-19/Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13: 24-43 or 13:24-30
 (World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly)

Announcements



Mark your calendars! It's Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School and we are on a roll with God, July 24-28, 2023 from 5-7:30 p.m. in Parish Life Center. Every child in our community, ages 4-10, is invited to come and grow in faith through games, arts & crafts, music, and Bible stories. Dinner and snacks will be served daily and it is all free. Contact church office to register. Or email the church at ourmother@omomftworth.org. or Our Mother of Mercy Facebook page Registration ends July 15.

The Guadalupe Radio Network of North Texas is hosting their 15th Annual Summer Speaker Series event on Thursday, July 20, 2023, featuring Fr. Bill Casey of Fathers of Mercy at the Frontiers of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemon Ave., Dallas, TX. Tickets may be purchased by going to www.GRNonline.com, look for Summer Speaker Series. Tickets are \$75.

Jesus, I will follow wherever you lead me. Give me a willing spirit, the courage to endure, and a reliance on your strength to do it..

Frank B Staton Golf Classic

Join us for the Annual Frank B Staton Golf Classic. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. at Hidden Creek Golf Course, Burleson, TX, Saturday, September 16, 2023. Putting contest, awards, course prizes, \$10K hole in one, raffle tickets. Register at <https://Kofpcntx.org>. Sponsored by the Knight of Peter Claver Court 89, Benefiting education, scholarship and community.



Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Thank you for your generous support of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Afri-

ca. Your contributions provide pastoral care and support to the people of Africa who face many challenges from poverty and unemployment, inadequate health care, and forced migration. Your donations fund workshops, retreats, catechesis, and other projects that build the faith of African communities. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Text SPECIAL to 817-402-3525 or scan the QR code to give on your phone or visit <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo al Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. Sus contribuciones les proporcionarán cuidado pastoral y apoyo a los pueblos de África mientras éstos enfrentan muchos desafíos que provienen de la pobreza y el desempleo, de un deficiente cuidado de la salud y de una migración forzada. Sus donativos financiarán talleres, retiros, catequesis y otros proyectos que fortalecen la fe de las comunidades africanas. ¡Si no alcanzaron a dar a la colecta, aún lo pueden hacer! Para hacer su donativo visite bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections or mensaje de texto SPECIAL a 817-402-3525

Volunteers Needed for Food Truck Party-VBS

- Join us as we get on a roll with God! Your assistance is needed as follows:
1. We need donations for our Vacation Bible School, if your ministry could sponsor one day of the meals/snacks and beverages during the week of July 24-28, please contact Shonta Giovannitti or Carolyn Yusuf.
 2. Individual donations of fresh fruits, water, drinks, cookies, puddings, and cash donations are appreciated. Please see Shonta Giovannitti or Carolyn Yusuf after mass.
 3. We need you to serve as recruiters, group leaders, worship leaders, dancers, food servers, decorators, publicity personnel, and technical support. You must have completed the diocesan "Keeping Children Safe" training to work directly with the children.
 4. As part of our mission, our VBS will do a can food drive for the Tarrant County Food Bank during the month of July. Please bring your donations and place them in the VVBS box in the Parish Life Center garage. Thank you for all you do. For all inquiries contact Carolyn Yusuf at 817-726-6726 or sign on the Facebook page for OMOM.



“But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold.” Help your marriage be like the rich soil by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are July 28-30 and Oct. 27-29, 2023. 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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That all may know Christ