

**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**

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	Ysleta Franklin	
	Amy Novacek	
	Jim McDonald	

**And For the Repose of the Souls**

Jim McDonald  
 May they rest in peace, through the mercy of God

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Regular Collection	\$2,595.00
Parish Maintenance	\$250.00
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St. Anne's—Religious Articles	\$
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Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa	\$35.00

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 Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus also celebrates the power of humility as he thanks his Father that his message has come home to the humble. We can imagine Jesus almost dancing with joy as simple people listen to him and get it. These are people who have gotten caught up in the dynamic of Jesus' love and mission. They've been captured by the love of his tender Father. The people he describes would know how to sing, "Ain't gonna study war no more." They can face those who disdain them with the self-assurance that comes from knowing they are loved beyond measure.

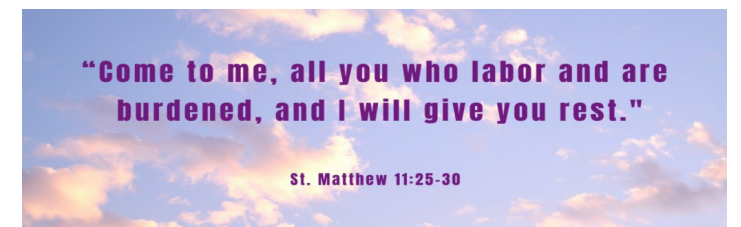
Jesus says, "No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son reveals him." Why just some and not others? Jesus explains the privilege of "little ones," those who are the antithesis of the "wise and learned." The wise ones he's talking about might be called sophisticated. We could think of their "learning" as technology or technique, the ability to control things. Those are acquired skills, achievements of mind and muscle that enable people to manage their world.

Useful as these abilities are, they do not automatically put us in right relationship with ourselves, others or the world around us. The very word "sophistication" serves as a warning to us, for one of its closest verbal cousins is "sophistry," the use of apparently sound arguments to deceive others. We can recognize these wise and learned by the way they strut, letting the world know they consider themselves above the rest — a status they believe they have earned, as if they had chosen wisely when and where to be born.

The little ones? They're different. Their strength lies in the fact that they don't think they know it all. They're open to the free gift of God's love, never expecting to deserve it. The more they discover, the humbler they become and thus even more open to God. This cycle of continual growth in humility creates greatness of soul. Not only that, but the humbler people are, the freer they become. The freer they are, the less impressed they will be by the self-acclaimed sophisticated ones. They can laugh at parodies of power and importance and feel sympathy for people who rely on them. Paul would recognize them as people who are in the Spirit; people whose humility and confidence, whose courage and humor, all spring from the energy of God's Spirit dwelling in them.

This brings us to Jesus' invitation, "Come unto me all who are burdened ... my yoke is easy." Imagine the freedom of never feeling you had to impress others or demonstrate your worth! (No more being "debtors to the flesh.") Imagine what it would feel like to have genuine sympathy for the "wise and learned," who rely on themselves, compelled to make a show of their prestige. Imagine laying down all those heavy burdens! This is the invitation of the Gospel. When we rejoice in the fact that we can never earn it, we are prepared to enjoy it.

From: Mary M. McGlone  
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**Bulletin Reflections:**

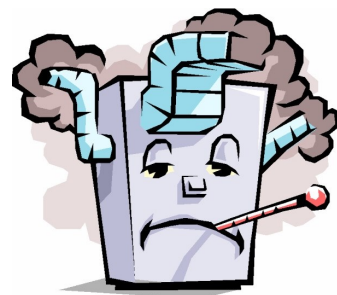
“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” - Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

“Porque Mi yugo es fácil y Mi carga ligera.” - Mateo 11:30

Cuando pensamos que debemos ser buenos administradores, podemos pensar que Dios está pidiendo demasiado de nosotros cuando nos llama generosamente a compartir nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro. Sin embargo, debemos recordar que no somos “propietarios” de nada, somos simples “administradores” de los dones que Dios nos ha otorgado. Todo lo que Él nos pide es que, en gratitud, devolvamos una pequeña parte de lo que Él nos ha dado.

*With Prayers and Love*



**OMOM Air Conditioning Update:**

We have received 4 bids on a new a/c unit. Bids received range from \$36,000-\$42,000. We have sent information to the Diocese and are awaiting approval to proceed. We appreciate your continued patience, prayers and donations.

**Weekly Mass Schedule**

Dates	Times
<b>Monday, July 10</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, July 11</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, July 12</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, July 14</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
<b>Saturday, July 15</b>	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, July 16</b>	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)

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



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



**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

Lectors		
7/8-9	Lanette M.-Vidaurre	L. Peoples Zayne Willars
7/15-16	Anaiah Barrera	Mary Battle Amanda Flood

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
7/9/2023	Howard Rattliff
7/16/2023	Debra Savage
7/23/2023	Lisa Jones
7/30/2023	Vanessa Nava

**Weekly Readings**

7/10—Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26  
 7/11—Gn:32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38  
 7/12—Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a  
 7/13—Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15  
 7/14—Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23  
 7/15—Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33  
 7/16—Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**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 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 [our-mother@omomftworth.org](mailto:our-mother@omomftworth.org) or Our Mother of Mercy facebook page Registration ends July 15.

**Special Collections for Month of July** July 9—St. Vincent De Paul

**Pick up your envelopes from the Church Parish Office.**



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](http://www.GRNonline.com), look for Summer Speaker Series. Tickets are \$75.

**Eucharist Ministers are needed!**

The parish is in need of volunteers to visit the sick/shut-in parishioners to share the Eucharist. Please prayerfully consider this ministry. Contact Parish office for details.

*I will praise your name forever, my king and My God.*

**Aging with Grace**

Science may explain physical aging, but life experience and faith can teach us far more about how to cope with it. As we age or care for aging parents, we often wonder what the Church teaches about ethical medical decisions, the sanctity of life, and preparing documents, such as advance directives or a will. The FW Diocese along with Advancement Foundation will hold a workshop on Tuesday, July 18 10-2 p.m. for empty nesters, retirees, caregivers and their loved ones. This

event will help answer those questions and provide guidance and inspiration for the journey ahead! The location will be at Holy Family Catholic Parish, 6150 Pershing Ave., FW 76107. The cost is \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Register at :<https://www.advancementfoundation.org/aging:with-grace>.

**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://Kofpctx.org>.



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**Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**

This weekend we take up our collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled—but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. From the formation of clergy to communications programs that bring the Gospel to remote territories, to youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples, the Church's needs are wide-ranging. The solidarity fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges and build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Please be generous. Text SPECIAL to 817-402-3525 or visit <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

Este fin de semana realizaremos nuestra colecta para apoyar al Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. Los habitantes de África son personas alegres y llenas de fe, pero a medida que crece la Iglesia en África, crecen también las necesidades pastorales de sus habitantes. Desde la formación del clero a los programas en el área de comunicaciones que llevan el Evangelio a territorios remotos, a la pastoral juvenil dirigida a la próxima generación de discípulos, son muchas las necesidades de la Iglesia. El Fondo de Solidaridad es una oportunidad para nuestra parroquia para solidarizarse con los pueblos de África. Nuestras contribuciones los ayudan a enfrentar estos desafíos y a construir unas bases duraderas para un discipulo-

lado misionero. Para hacer su donativo visite [bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections](http://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.



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Give your marriage a rest from the world and renew your love by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is July 28-30, 2023. To apply go to [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org). Questions – email [applications@dfwme.org](mailto:applications@dfwme.org). Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [mdgallegos06@gmail.com](mailto:mdgallegos06@gmail.com) 214-497-0188.

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