

PRAYER CORNER

Dear God, we ask that You inspire hope in us during this trying time. Our spirits have waned, and we are feeling heavy. We ask You now for the wisdom and peace to carry on. Please give us the gift of a replenished spirit and guide us to have hope through our trials.

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

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And For the Repose of the Souls

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Grant them peace O Lord

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Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 14:22-33. Our Lord sent His disciples to row across the lake, knowing that they would meet strong, gale-force head-winds and be in danger. He did this because He wanted to strengthen their faith and trust in Himself. He intended to come to them at the right moment, working two miracles — walking on the water and calming the storm. This He did and the result was as He had intended — their faith in Him was strengthened, they declared He was the Messiah, the Chosen of God. Peter, already the recognized leader, and always the most daring among them, showed himself ready to risk drowning in order to prove his trust and confidence in Christ. While he trusted in Christ, all went well, but when his faith weakened he would have been lost were it not for the outstretched helping hand of his master. This was also a very necessary lesson in the education of Peter and his companions.

For us, too, there is a necessary lesson in this incident. It is that we must continue to trust in Christ and his loving Father, even when God seems to have deserted us. Most of the troubles and trials of our lives are caused by the injustice and lack of charity of our fellowmen. The remainder can be attributed to our own defects and sins or to some weakness in our mental and bodily make-up. But God foresees all these misfortunes, and can prevent them. Instead he lets them take their course, because they can and should be the means of educating us in our knowledge of life's true meaning and they should draw us closer to him.

Christ foresaw the storm and the grave risk His Apostles would run when He sent them off across the lake. But that trial and the grave danger they ran was for their own good, because they learned to realize that

He was from God and they could always trust Him. Our trials and our earthly ailments are also foreseen by God and permitted by him (even if inflicted on us by a sinful fellowman) so that they will draw us closer to Him and help us on the road to heaven.

This they will do, if we accept them and bear with them until He comes to our aid. Our troubles in life are like the growing pains of our youth — they are necessary if we are to arrive at our full stature as sons of God. They form, mold and shape our religious character and bring us closer to God — if we allow them to do so. For the lukewarm Christian who rebels against God because of his earthly sufferings, they can do the opposite. He cannot see the purpose and value of suffering because he has never seriously pondered or grasped the real meaning of this life and God's loving plans for him.

As in the first reading today, God may not be in the tornadoes or earthquakes or roaring fires, nor does He cause them perhaps, but He is ever near to His true children when such calamities occur. He has a purpose in every trial or tribulation which crosses the path of our lives, a purpose always to our eternal advantage if only we will see and accept his will in these trials.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



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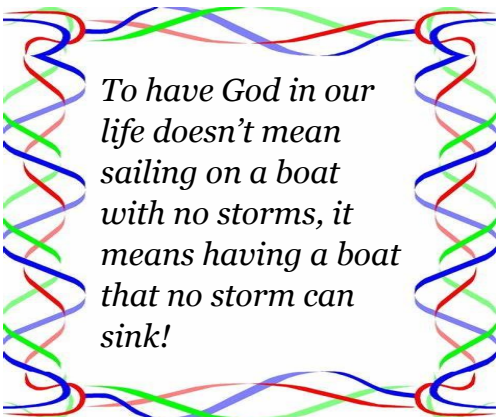
“He said, ‘Come.’ Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.” - Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

“Él dijo, ‘Ven’, Pedro salió del bote y comenzó a caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús.” - Mateo 14:29

¿Cuándo oye que Jesús lo llama, responde inmediatamente y confía que Él sabe lo que está haciendo? ¡Si es así, usted está caminando sobre el agua! Cuando le decimos “sí” a Jesús, sentimos el poder de su presencia en nuestras vidas. ¡Podemos sentir la libertad que Él nos da! Escuche como Jesús lo llama a vivir la vida extraordinaria que Él ha destinado para usted.

With Prayers and Love



To have God in our life doesn't mean sailing on a boat with no storms, it means having a boat that no storm can sink!

Lectors		
8/12-13	Natasha Cha	Zayne Willars Mary Battle
8/19-20	Natasha Cha	Amanda Flood Lydia Salas
8/26-27	Lanette M-Vidaurri	C. Yusuf Debra Savage

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times
Monday, August 14	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 15	Mass 7:00 a.m.(Livestream) <i>The Assumption of the Virgin Mary</i>
Wednesday, August 16	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Friday, August 18	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
Saturday, August 19	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 20	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)

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



**ANNUAL
DIOCESAN APPEAL**
CATHOLIC stewardship IN ACTION

Give to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please use the commitment envelopes in the pews or donate online at : bit.ly/DiocesaAppeal. Love one another as I have loved you.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
8/13/2023	Howard Ratliff
8/20/2023	Brenda Rodriguez
8/27/2023	Lisa Jones
9/3/2023	Debra Savage
9/10/2023	Howard Ratliff
9/17/2023	Isabell Garza
9/24/2023	Lisa Jones
10/1/2023	Brenda Rodriguez

Weekly Readings

8/14—Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
 8/15— *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil:* 1Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28; **Day** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
 8/16—Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20
 8/17—Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1
 8/18—Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
 8/19—Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15
 8/20—Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Announcements

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women, Grapevine TX Chapter invites the Ladies of Our Mother of Mercy Parish to a Prayer Breakfast on September 9, 2023, at St. Michael Catholic Church 3713 E. Harwood Rd, Bedford, TX. As an Apostolate of the Fort Worth Diocese, Magnificat Grapevine Chapter exists to evangelize and to encourage Catholic women to grow in holiness through opening more fully to the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. The guest speaker is Maria Vadia. **Reservation information is at: <https://magnificate-ministry.net/chapters/tx-grapevine>.** Reservations are \$30. You can also use pay-pal or call 214-868-5559.

Mission Appeal

The weekend of August 26-27, Sister Sophia Mbihije, a religious of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary-Tabora (CDMT) Tanzania, will be at OMOM to talk about the Daughters of Mary. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to his love, to His Fatherly tenderness, amid the storms. Jesus wanted this for Peter and disciples and also for us.

Pope Francis

August Make a Will Month

Advancement Foundation is introducing an online estate planning tool parishioners can use to create their will for free online at **FreeWill.com**. August 20 is the national **Make-A-Will Sunday**. FreeWill's self-help solutions for common estate planning needs help you create a legal will completed free of charge, and make it easy to create other important estate planning documents so you are prepared for your future. FreeWill.com/FortWorthDiocese.

Catholic Charities Fort Worth

Catholic Charities Fort Worth will host Light the Way Gala on Saturday, August 19, at the Hurst Conference Center, for a fun filled evening including dinner, a live auction, games and more. Please join us to hear more about our vision and help us end poverty one family at a time. Tickets information can be found at <https://>

one.bidpal.net/ccfwgala/welcome.

St. Andrew Breakfast

High school and college men in Ft. Worth Diocese interested in the priesthood are invited to attend the next St. Andrew Breakfast on **August 26, 2023**, starting at 8:00 am. There will be Holy Mass, breakfast, prayer and discussion. This event is at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton, Ft. Worth. Please reserve your spot by August 24, 2023 through email at **Vocations@fwdioc.org**.



OMOM Air Conditioning Update:

Work started on new A/C Thursday, 8/10/23. Thank you for continued patience, prayers and donations.

Theology of the Body Workshop

The Office of the Hispanic Ministry and the Hispanic Young Adult Ministry (Pastoral Juvenil Hispana), will have a Theology of the Body workshop on August 19 & 20. Registration is a 8:00 a.m. Starts at 9:00 am. It will be held at the Formation Center, 2517 Hanna Ave., Fort Worth, TX. The theme is: The Joy of Being Fully Human.

Fundraising Opportunity

We have an opportunity to help Harris Hospital and Ronald McDonald House raise funds to help in the fight against cancer. By saving your water bottle caps, Harris Hospital will use the funds earned from the water bottle caps toward breast cancer awareness. Ronald McDonald house is collecting soda can tabs to raise funds for children cancer treatment. Each gallon of aluminum tabs helps provide one cancer treatment for one child. Bring your containers of caps and/or tables to the Parish Life Center and show your support for these two worthy institutions. See parishioner Dorothea Lee Menefee for more information.



*You forgive me Lord,
Not once but many times.
Your words are mercy.*

*Your mercy brings me joy
And renews my spirit.
Your words bring me new life.*

*Your salvation shows me the truth,
That peace and justice go together.*

*Your words are peace and justice.
Your justice brings abundance,
For you provide enough for everyone.
Your words tell me to share.*

*Take my hand my Lord and help me
Follow your voice,
To build your Kingdom of peace.
Amen*



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

SAVE THE DATE

Bishop Michael Olson invites all Young Adults (18-35) of the Diocese of Fort Worth to a special Mass on

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Location & Details will be made available soon.

For more information, or to be added to our contact list please email [Victoria Ramon - vramon@fwdioc.org](mailto:vramon@fwdioc.org)