

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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Joe Govea	Amelia Martinez
Larry Breacher	Garciela Gomez
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Susan McDonald	Mary Gilespie
Luis Briseno	Francisco Ledegma
Adela Aleman	Betty Harris
John Daley	Alberree Haynes
Sylvia Sykes	Baby Andrew Carroll & Mom
Cristel Bertand	James Will
Lizeth Carter	Malinda Walker
Ben Swanson	Raven Anderson
Tommy Carroll	Julian Elizondo
Robert Domingues	Pete Marquez
Fr. Anthony Robins	Ysleta Franklin
Sonia Munoz	Amy Novacek
	Kevin & Juanita Thornton

Ursula Paige
Agnes Wilson
Blanche Malachi
Erma Platte
Albert Johnson, Jr.
Trino Sanchez

And For the Repose of the Souls

Mark Brown
Shalon Jenkins
Sally Jaramillo
Charlie Lira

Grant them peace O Lord

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 15:21-28. There is a lesson, a very necessary one, for all of us in this episode of Christ's public life. It is the necessity of perseverance in our prayers of petition. Prayer is an essential part of our Christian life, and the essential part of prayer is that of adoration and thanksgiving, but prayer of petition has a big part in our daily prayers. We have so many spiritual and temporal needs, needs which we cannot provide by ourselves. Christ himself has told us to ask Him for these needs: "ask and you shall receive."

Do we ask with the fervor and perseverance which prove that we have "great faith"? That faith is the proof which Christ needs before He grants our requests. The Canaanite woman of whom we have just heard is for us an example of that deep-seated faith and trust in Christ's power and Christ's goodness. Even though He ignored her she continued to beseech Him, and when He answered with what seemed a direct refusal, her faith and trust did not waver. She answered His reason for refusal with another statement which showed that the granting of her petition would not in any way interfere with or impede His primary task, His mission to His father's chosen people. This was the proof of great faith which He required. He granted her request.

We must imitate and learn from this pagan mother. Her love for her child made her ready to undergo every hardship or suffering for the restoration to health of her loved one. When we turn to Christ in our needs is our faith in Him as sincere and unwavering as was this woman's? No doubt it often is, and yet we do not get the desired answer. As Christians we know that our particular request may not always be for our good, or for the final good of the person for whom we

are praying. In that case, the good God will not grant what would be to our eternal disadvantage. But if our prayer is sincere and persevering, we shall always get an answer, and one which is better than what we asked for.

How often do we wonder at or perhaps doubt God's mercy when we see, for example, the young father of a family being taken from his loved and helpless ones, notwithstanding the prayers and tears of his wife and children. Where is God's mercy here? Where is His answer to these sincere prayers? But who are we to question God's mercy? The answer is there and often clear enough: that death brings out in his relatives and neighbors virtues which they would otherwise never have had occasion to practice—virtues that will earn for them eternal life.

It is only when we get to heaven - and getting to heaven is our purpose in life - that we shall see how our prayers, sincere and persevering, were answered by God.

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



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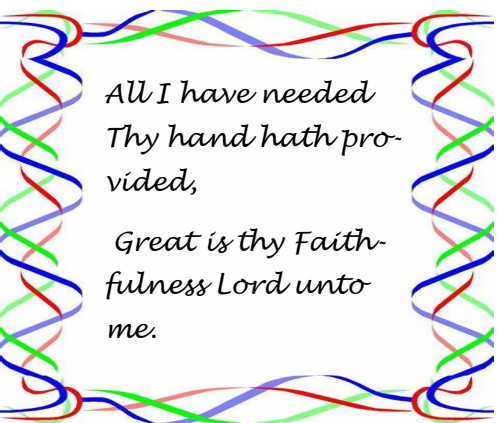
“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” - Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God’s salvation plan.

“Los dones y el llamado de Dios son irrevocables.” - Romanos 11:29

Dios tiene una misión en mente para cada uno de nosotros. El nos da los dones que necesitamos para cumplir esa misión. Somos llamados a ser buenos administradores de esos dones para hacer el trabajo que Él ha planificado para cada uno de nosotros. Si negamos nuestros dones o no los utilizamos como Dios nos lo pide, entonces parte de Su obra queda sin terminar. Cada uno de nosotros tiene un papel en el plan de salvación de Dios.

With Prayers and Love



*All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy Faithfulness
Lord unto me.*

Lectors		
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 21	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 22	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 23	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Friday, August 25	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
Saturday, August 26	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 27	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream) Fr. Dan Pattee, TOR

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/DiocesanAppeal. Love one another as I have loved you.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
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

8/21—Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
 8/22—Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
 8/23—Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
 8/24—Rv 21: 9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
 8/25—Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
 8/26—Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23 1-12
 8/27—Is 22: 19-23; Rom 11: 33-36; Mt 16: 13-20

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

Next weekend, 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.



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.



Are you confused about the Bible? Join us as we begin to study and understand God’s divine word. A Bible study class is being

formed at OMOM. If interested, please contact the office at 817-335-1695 or email at ourmother@omomftworth.org

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.



The William McDonald YMCA will host a Blood Drive on **Wednesday August 30, 2023**

from 12pm-6pm. For appointment please visit redcrossblood.org and enter: wmmymca or Call 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767)

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 tabs to the Parish Life Center and show your support for these two worthy institutions. See parishioner Dorothea Lee Menefee for more information.

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@fwdioc.org

God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

The 2023-2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal will begin the weekend of Sept. 9-10. The first request mailings will go out the week of August 30, 2023 with commitment weekend set for Sept. 16-17. The theme for this year’s annual appeal is “Love one another as I have loved you taken from Scripture: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord, love one another as I have loved you” John 13:34



CCE/RCIA Classes will begin the Sunday after Labor Day or September 10th.



Let’s create an atmosphere of respect, collaboration, and empathy. We’re a community of learners, working together to foster an environment where everyone can thrive. Embrace diversity, celebrate achievements, and offer a helping hand to those in need. Remember that challenges are stepping stones to success, and setbacks are opportunities to learn and grow.