

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, as we ask your help for our brothers and sisters who are ill, we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place. May your love touch others through us, and may we help all people to live in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

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And For the Repose of the Souls

- Rafaela Espiriqueta
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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play


on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.


In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

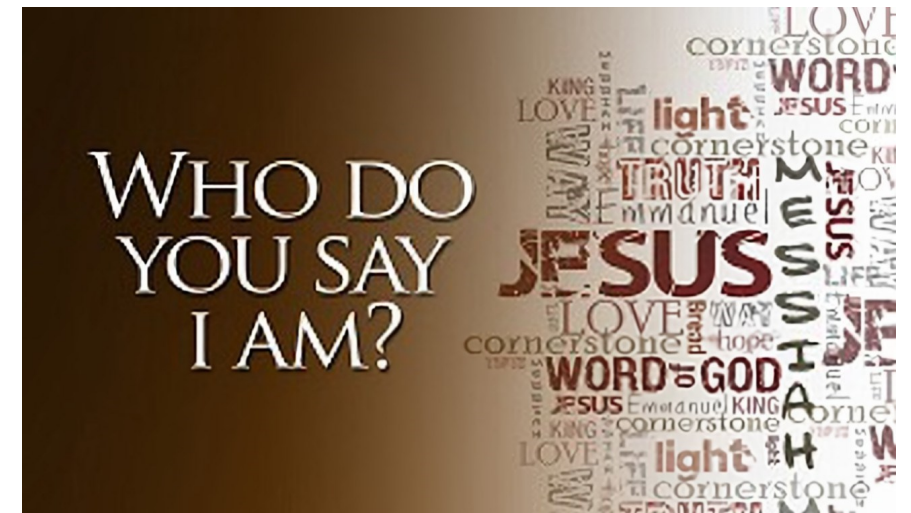
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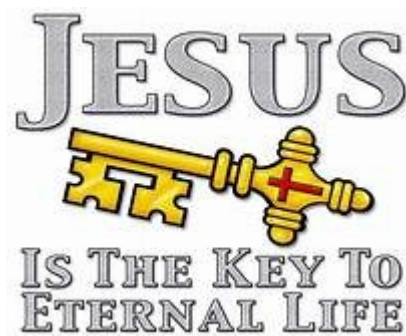
“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else’s prayer.

“¿Quién le ha dado primero a Dios, para que luego Dios le pague?” - Romanos 11:35

San Pablo nos recuerda un hecho central de la corresponsabilidad. No podemos darle a Dios nada - Él es realmente el dueño de todo. Dios lo hizo todo, inclusive a nosotros. Ya que fuimos hechos a Su imagen y semejanza, nosotros también somos llamados a ser generosos. La manera en la que usamos los dones que Dios nos ha dado se transforma en nuestra manera de retribuirle a Dios. ¡La gratitud por todo lo que hemos recibido abre nuestros corazones a una alegre generosidad! Y, a través de nuestra generosidad, somos la respuesta a las oraciones de alguien más.

With Prayers and Love



Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times
Monday, August 28	Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Richard Flores
Tuesday, August 29	Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Bob Strittmatter
Wednesday, August 30	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Fr. Richard Flores
Friday, September 1	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon Fr. Richard Flores
Saturday, September 2	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. Fr. Richard Flores
Sunday, September 3	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream) Fr. Dan Pattee, TOR

Rosary is Sunday 9:20 a.m. & 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. Love one another as I have loved you.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
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

Lectors		
8/26-27	Lanette M-Vidaurri	C. Yusuf Debra Savage

Weekly Readings

8/28—1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
 8/29—1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
 8/30—1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
 8/31—1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
 9/1—1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
 9/2—1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
 9/3—Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Announcements

Mission Appeal

This weekend, Sister Sophia Mbihije, Congregation of the Daughters of Mary-Tabora (CDMT) Tanzania, will be at OMOM to speak on the Daughters of Mary. Thank you for your support and prayers.



COME JOIN OUR **BIBLE Study** 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

CCE/RCIA Classes will begin the Sunday after Labor Day or September 10th. See the parish website to sign-up.



I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple. I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

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

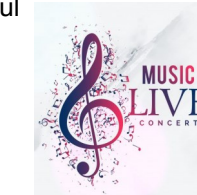
Pssst! Hey!

We are planning a surprise Birthday Party for Fr. Bob Strittmatter on Sept. 2 after Mass. We will have a Potluck Dinner in the Parish Life Center. We ask you to bring Mexican or Chinese foods or make financial donations. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the parish office at 817-335-1695/omomftworth1@gmail.com. Please pray for cooler weather this weekend.



Sacred Music Concert

Featuring the beautiful voices of Fr. John Robert Skeldon and Christen Rians and additional musicians. This concert will be benefiting Mother & Unborn Baby Care on Sept. 30, 2023. It will be held at St. Patrick Cathedral starting at 6 pm. Reception follow in the parish hall. Ticket are \$50 per person/ \$75 per couple. You may also donate a ticket for clergy \$50.



Red Mass

The Red Mass will take place on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6 pm, St. Patrick Cathedral. It will be followed by a reception at the Ft Worth Club. The Red Mass Committee invites all attorneys, judges, public officials, law students, and their families and staff to attend. To RSVP and for more information, visit www.fortworthredmass.org.

La Misa Roja se llevará a cabo el jueves 28 de septiembre de 2023 a las 6:00 pm en la Catedral de San Patricio. Seguirá con una recepción en el Fort Worth Club. El comité de la Misa Roja invita a todos los abogados, jueces, funcionarios públicos y sus familias y personal a asistir. Para confirmar su asistencia y para obtener más información, visite www.fortworthredmass.org

Special Collections for September

Sept. 3—Parish Maintenance
 Sept. 10—St. Vincent DePaul
 Sept. 10—Catholic University of America
 Sept. 10—Annual Diocesan Appeal

Many Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth are alumni of the Catholic University of America, including our own Bishop Michael Olson. 4 seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Worth are currently studying at the Catholic University of America. It is important that the United States has a Catholic University that is well attended and teaches the truth, beauty and good-

ness of our Catholic faith. Parishioners can give online at: <https://fwdioc.org/special-collections>.

Do we know how to get in touch with you? Do we have your most recent mailing address, phone number, and email? If not, please complete the OMM registration form with all the requested information. Also, to receive all the full sacramental services your parish offers, such as baptism, marriage, funerals, first communion, confirmation, etc., you must be registered with your parish church.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Dallas-Fort Worth-East Texas

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is accepting nominations for the 2023 Longest Married Couple (couple does not need to be Catholic). Submit the couple’s name, location, and wedding date, along with the nominator’s name, phone number and email address. Winners will be recognized in each state, as well as an overall national winner. To nominate, email paul.robin.ring@wwme.org, or call 321-544-3440.



You are always there to be my comfort and my shelter. As I go through this day, Lord, whatever trials come my way, please be with me, surround me with your peace. Enable me to do my best today for your glory. This I ask in Jesus name. Amen



Psalm 145:18