

**PRAYER CORNER**

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their circumstances.

**Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-in**

Mark Brown Jr.  
Larry Breacher  
Fr. Tom Wiggington  
Susan MacDonald  
Luis Briseno  
Adela Aleman  
John Daley  
Sylvia Sykes  
Cristel Bertand  
Lizeth Carter  
Ben Swanson  
Tommy Carroll  
Robert Domingues  
Fr. Anthony Robins  
Sonia Munoz

Lizzy, Marie & Valley Harri-son  
Amelia Martinez  
Garcuela Gomez  
Paula Vanatta  
Mary Gilespie  
Francisco Ledegma  
Betty Harris  
Alberee Haynes  
Baby Andrew Carroll & Mom  
James Will  
Malinda Walker  
Raven Anderson  
Julian Elizondo  
Pete Marquez  
Ysleta Franklin  
Amy Novacek  
Kevin & Juanita Thornton

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

**And For the Repose of the Souls**

Lester Celestone, Jr.  
Cheryl Robertson  
J. B. Ephraim Jr.  
John Malachi  
Bettye Dixon  
Reed Harris  
*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness.*

**Collection Summary: July 30, 2023**

Regular Collection	\$2,876.00
Parish Maintenance	\$75.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$74.00
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Assumption of Mary	\$15.00
St. Anne's—Religious Articles	\$
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# OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

Historically African-American Catholic Church—all are welcome!

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**Thursday 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Atop Mount Tabor in Israel is where the pure light of Christ — the uncreated light of his true identity — was first revealed to the world. Not at his birth, not at his baptism, nor as he preached and healed. Although the Light of the World came to us in those momentous events, it was not revealed so clearly, so powerfully, so dramatically as when he let Peter, John, and James witness it on the mountaintop, as seen in today's Gospel passage.

The highest experience of faith was, and still is what happens when the Father says, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." The transfiguration of Christ occurs again and again every time we listen to him and our faith is enlightened. It happens every time we have a breakthrough from blindness to understanding, from sinfulness to holiness, from doubt to trust. However, now we are transfigured with Jesus!

Whenever we let his uncreated light consume the darkness within us, the people around us see Christ's true

identity in us. We shine with him. Therefore, it's vitally important that we give Jesus the areas of darkness that still linger within us and let him expose the truth in his light. By repenting (which means we change), we're transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being that was created in the image of God. It's our sainthood! Listen. Can you hear God's voice saying about you what he said about Jesus on Mount Tabor? "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." He is saying this to others as you do the work to which he's called you. Some folks will hear him, some won't, but our yes to his calling is not based on how many people will heed his voice. We serve God because we have been transfigured. Our holiness impels us to go where we can do the greatest good.

By Terry Modica:  
*Good News Ministries.* <https://gnm.org/daily-reflections/2023-08-06>



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**Bulletin Reflections:**

“...then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’” - Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they “were very much afraid.” We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God’s voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.

“Una voz salió de la nube, diciendo: ‘Este es Mi Hijo amado en quien Yo estoy complacido; escúchenlo a Él.’”

- Mateo 17:5

Cuando Pedro, Santiago y Juan oyeron esto inmediatamente se postraron en el piso ante Él y tenían “mucho miedo”. Nosotros también debemos responder de la misma manera cuando oímos la voz de Dios. ¿Cuántas veces nos sentimos temerosos cuando nos invitan a participar más completamente en la vida de la Iglesia? ¿O, cuando alguien dice algo negativo acerca de la Iglesia, y tenemos miedo de responder? Recuerde, nosotros también somos los hijos amados de Dios; Jesús está allí para ayudarnos, pero necesitamos escuchar.

*With Prayers and Love*

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8/19-20	Natasha Cha	Amanda Flood Lydia Salas
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**Weekly Mass Schedule**

Dates	Times
<b>Monday, August 7</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, August 8</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, August 9</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, August 11</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
<b>Saturday, August 12</b>	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, August 13</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**

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
8/6/2023	Vanessa Nava
8/13/2023	Howard Ratliff
8/20/2023	Isabel Garza
8/27/2023	Lisa Jones
9/3/2023	Brenda Rodriguez
9/10/2023	Howard Ratliff

**Weekly Readings**

8/7—Nm 11:4b-15; My 14:13-21  
 8/8—Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14  
 8/9—Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1,26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28  
 8/10—2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26  
 8/11—Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28  
 8/12—Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20  
 8/13—1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**Announcements**



Back 2 School  
Free Cuts & School Supplies

No Families Left Behind has partnered with Miss Erica at House of Fades Barber Studio located on the Historical South Side of FW, 1206 Glen Garden Dr. They will provide kids with **Free** back to school hair cuts, school supplies and food resources on August 12, 2023 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.



“And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” Through the grace of Jesus, your marriage can be transformed. Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Oct. 27-29, 2023. To apply go to [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org). Questions – email [applications@dfwme.org](mailto:applications@dfwme.org).

“Y se transfiguró frente a ellos, su cara brilló con el sol y sus ropas eran tan blancas como la luz”. Mediante la gracia de Jesús tu matrimonio se puede transformar. Unete a nosotros en la Próxima Experiencia del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Español, escriba a [mdgallegos06@gmail.com](mailto:mdgallegos06@gmail.com) 214-497-0188.

Jesus, I want to rejoice in you always. You are near, Let me have no anxiety, but in every concern by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving I wish to let my petitions be made known in my communing with God.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard my heart and my thoughts in You.

**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](http://FreeWill.com/FortWorthDiocese).

**Catholic Charities Fort Worth**

Catholic Charities Fort Worth will host our 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>.

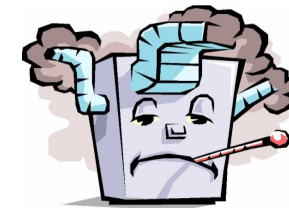
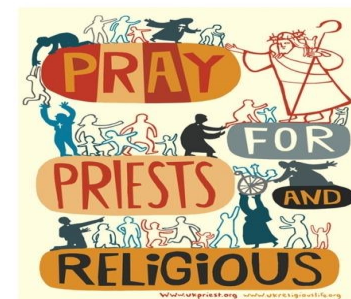
**St. Andrew Breakfast**

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](mailto:Vocations@fwdioc.org).

**Sunday Fellowship Committee**



In order to continue Sunday coffee and donuts, we need volunteers to work on a rotating basis to set-up before and clean-up afterward the donuts/coffee. We also need financial donations to keep Fellowship Sunday going. Please pray on this and contact the church office.



**OMOM Air Conditioning Update:** Contracts have been signed by contractor and Diocese. A/C/ units are order, we should see movement soon. Thank you for continued patience, prayers and donations.



Please wear orange to church the weekend of August 12 and 13 in Unity against gun violence.



**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**