

**PRAYER CORNER**

Heavenly Father, We pray that you would bring healing and restoration to our people's body, mind and spirit. Please grant them strength and courage as they face this difficult time. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

<b>Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In</b>	Ben Swanson	Ysleta Franklin
Baby Luna Waits	Tommy Carroll	Amy Novacek
Hector Huerta	Robert Domingues	Kevin & Juanita Thornton
Agnes Wilson	Fr. Anthony Robins	Ursula Paige
Martha Luce	Sonia Munoz	Blanche Malachi
Marcus Rattliff, Jr.	Amelia Martinez	Erma Platte
Ashley Babcock	Garciela Gomez	Albert Johnson, Jr.
Joe Govea	Paula Vanatta	Trino Sanchez
Larry Breacher	Mary Gilespeie	<b>And For the Repose of the Souls</b>
Fr. Tom Wiggington	Francisco Ledegma	Betty Harris
Susan McDonald	Betty Harris	Alberree Haynes
Luis Briseno	Baby Andrew Carroll & Mom	Armando Yglecias
Adela Aleman	James Will	Joy Yglecias
John Daley	Malinda Walker	Mary Lerma Gomez
Sylvia Sykes	Raven Anderson	
Cristel Bertand	Julian Elizondo	
Lizeth Carter	Pete Marquez	

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# OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

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**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As human beings living on earth, we owe each other mutual love and understanding. We are more connected to each other to the extent that if we refuse to share love, we may end up sharing hatred. The global pandemic is a lesson for us, on how a sickness which originated in China became a treat to the whole world from Asia, to Europe, North America, South America, Oceania and Africa. It is easier to think that nothing connects you to Asia, Africa or any other continent, but this global pandemic has proven that wrong. Even in our small communities, when we hear that one of us has been infected with corona virus, everyone begins to shiver and take safety precautions. We ask questions like: Who is that? Where does he live? I hope he is put in quarantine? These questions are often because we also feel unsafe considering the nature of the sickness. But what happens when we stop seeing a regular parishioner on Sunday masses, do we enquire to know why or ask if the parishioner is in good health? God is asking us today to love and take more responsibility for others. He commanded the prophet Ezekiel to take Spiritual responsibility for the Israelites. He made him a watchman for the house of Israel, with the condition that he must communicate God's word to the Israelites, and if the wicked refused to listen they will perish and the prophet saved. But if the prophet refused to preach the word, not only will the wicked perish, but he will answer for their blood. God is also asking you to take the spiritual responsibility for people

around you like the prophet Ezekiel. Though we are not perfect as human beings, yet we should always find a way of uniting with each other even when others offend us. Often we avoid people because we do not want to offend them neither do we want them to offend us. Jesus in the gospel reading of today gives us the principles of reconciliation. Though conflicts are inevitable in our relationships, families, and communities, but how do we manage them. Our Ability to counsel and talk over issues, to see things from the perspective of others or, our ability to empathize with others makes a lot of difference. Christ gives us a three-dimensional principle of reconciliation. First, we must sit down and dialogue face to face. Then, seek the mediation of a good friend, and finally, seek the mediation of our community or family. As Christians, how do we resolve our problems today? We must choose dialogue today as Christ taught us. Dialogue fosters mutual respect for each other. It fosters mutual love and restores relationships. It helps us to discover how related we are as part of God's family. And through dialogue, we can win more souls to Christ by becoming more aware of the weakness of others and helping others to turn back to God. We pray in this holy mass that the Lord may increase his love in our hearts that we may share the love of God with others who encounters us. Peace be with you!  
 —From Fr. Justin Nzekwe  
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*Love One Another*  
 AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34

**Bulletin Reflections:**

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...” - Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

“Pues a ti, hijo del hombre, yo te he puesto como centinela del pueblo de Israel. Tú deberás recibir mis mensajes y comunicarles mis advertencias...” - Ezequiel 33:7

Muchos de nosotros somos generosos con nuestros dones. Sin embargo, muchos de nosotros no somos generosos en proporción a los dones que hemos recibido. ¿Qué tan a menudo damos el mínimo nivel requerido? Recuerda, el Señor nos llama a cuidar y desarrollar nuestros dones y a devolverlos con ganancia. Él nos llama a ser generosos con todos los dones que hemos recibido, especialmente con el que es más importante para nosotros.

*With Prayers and Love*

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
9/10/2023	Howard Ratliff
9/17/2023	Isabell Garza
9/24/2023	Lisa Jones
10/1/2023	Brenda Rodriguez

Lectors		
9/9-10	Lanette M-Vidaurri	L. Peoples Mary Battle
9/16-17	Natasha Cha	Amanda Flood Carolyn Yusuf
9/23-24	Charlotte Mitchell	Debra Savage Hayden Jones

**Weekly Mass Schedule**

Dates	Times
<b>Monday, September 11</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass Fr. Richard Flores
<b>Tuesday, September 12</b>	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Bob Strittmatter
<b>Wednesday, September. 13</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Fr. Richard Flores
<b>Thursday, September 14</b>	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Bob Strittmatter
<b>Friday, September 15</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon Fr. Richard Flores
<b>Saturday, September 16</b>	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. Fr. Richard Flores
<b>Sunday, September 17</b>	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream) OMM Gospel Choir Fr. Willie Onuh

Rosary is Sunday 9:20 a.m. & M-F @ 6:20 a.m.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: and harden not your hearts.



Love one another.

**Weekly Readings**

9/11—Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11  
 9/12—Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19  
 9/13—Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
 9/14—Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
 9/15—1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 9/16—1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49  
 9/17—Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Announcements**



CCE/Faith Formation Classes will begin **September 24** 8:30 a.m.-9:40 a.m. See the parish website to sign-up also there are CCE Sign up table registration after mass..

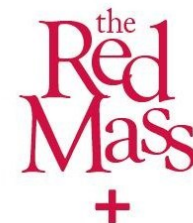
**Sept. 16** Catechist/Volunteer Meeting at 2:30 pm.

**Sept. 17** Special Blessing over Catechist and Volunteers

**Thank you for your generosity to the Daughters of Mary of Tabora, Tanzania**

Thank you for your warm welcome and support for the Community of the Daughters of Mary. Your generous support of the Community will make a difference in the lives of our elderly and infirm sisters. Thank you to all for your kindness. Be assured of our prayers and may God bless you always. For more information, go to [www.daughtersofmary-tabora.org](http://www.daughtersofmary-tabora.org)

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](http://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](http://www.fortworthredmass.org)

**Special Collections for September**  
 Sept. 10—St. Vincent DePaul  
 Sept. 17—Catholic University of America

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 Dio-

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

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Couples who pray together, stay together. Put God in your marriage by participating in the



next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Oct. 27-29, 2023. To apply go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.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.

**Diocesan Marriage Retreats**

The Office of Marriage and Family Life has organized a series of marriage retreats in English and Spanish beginning October 2023. Three of the retreats are in English with guest speaker Dana Nygaard, and three are in Spanish with guest speakers Maria de Carmen Uceda and Jesus Gras. More details about the retreats and registration is provided on the diocesan website on the following links: 1) Cana Commandments Marriage Retreat – <https://fwdioc.org/> 2) Sean Uno Retiro de Matrimonios - <https://fwdioc.org/retiros-de-sean-uno>

**Membership Luncheon**

The Auxiliary to the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of the Most Holy Trinity is having their annual membership luncheon at the River Crest Country Club in Fort Worth on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. There will be a delicious lunch, great entertainment, and a silent auction. The cost of the luncheon is \$45 per person or you can round up your RSVP to \$50 as an added donation to the Nuns. A table for 10 is \$400. You may pay for your reservation or give a donation at [Zelle:CARMELITEAUXILIARY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:Zelle:CARMELITEAUXILIARY@GMAIL.COM), [PAYPAL:@CARMELITEAUX.COM](mailto:PAYPAL:@CARMELITEAUX.COM), or by mailing a check to Pat Trementozzi. To get Pat's address or for questions about this event, please call Pat at (817) 564-1075. Advance reservations are required in order for the country club to know how many places to set for lunch.

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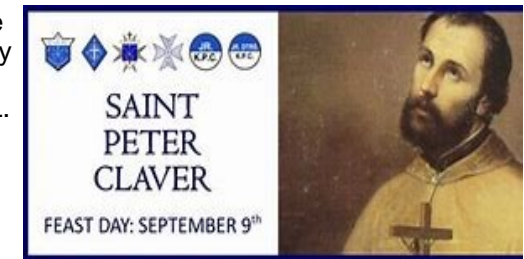
Please be sure to review the entire 2023 Accountability report online at [bit.ly/ADAAccountability](http://bit.ly/ADAAccountability). As you discern your contribution to the Annual Diocesan Appeal this year, reflect how you can best put Stewardship in Action. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. The Annual Diocesan Appeal provides an important way for us to put Stewardship in Action. It is an invitation to meet the needs of parishes, schools and outreach ministries across the 28 counties of the Diocese of Fort Worth. Learn more at [AdvancementFoundation.org](http://AdvancementFoundation.org). Commitment Weekend begins Sept. 16-17, 2023.

**Young Adult Dinner**

There is still time to RSVP for upcoming Young Adult Mass with Bishop Olson, September 14th at 6:30 PM - hosted by St Joseph Catholic Church in Arlington, TX. We are excited to confirm Bishop Olson will be celebrating Mass and joining us for dinner. Dinner will be provided by Hurtado BBQ, desert by Sabaidee Sweets Truck, and coffee by Travelin' Toms.



To all who made the Birthday Party for Fr. Bob Strittmatter a rousing success this past Saturday.



OMM welcomes KPC units Fort Worth 89 and Dallas 102 for St. Peter Claver Weekend.