

PRAYER CORNER

Dear Jesus, you are the divine physician, you are the healer of the sick. We come to you in this time of need. Grant us grace and strength to accept the will God has for us. We place this illness under your care and humbly ask that you restore us if it be your will. Amen.

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fel-

low servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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Love one another
 as I have loved you.

"I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you."
 — John 13:34

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Bulletin Reflections:

“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” – Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the live the life that He intended for you.

“Si vivimos, para el Señor vivimos; y si morimos, para el Señor morimos. De manera que, tanto en la vida como en la muerte, pertenecemos al Señor.”- Romanos 14:8

Esa es la esencia de la corresponsabilidad - todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos es un don de Dios. No somos los "dueños" de nada, somos simplemente "administradores" de los dones que Dios nos ha dado, especialmente en nuestras propias vidas. Ore al Señor, diariamente, y pregúntele como lo llama a vivir la vida que Él ha destinado para usted.

With Prayers and Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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

Lectors		
9/16-17	Natasha Cha	Amanda Flood Carolyn Yusuf
9/23-24	Charlotte Mitchell	Debra Savage Hayden Jones

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times
Monday, September 18	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass Fr. Richard Flores
Tuesday, September 19	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Bob Strittmatter
Wednesday, September. 20	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Fr. Richard Flores
Thursday, September 21	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Bob Strittmatter
Friday, September 22	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon Fr. Richard Flores
Saturday, September 23	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. Fr. Richard Flores
Sunday, September 24	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.

Father, This is the day You have made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. Judgment for others is not in our hands, and should not be on our resumes. As we seek You more each day in prayer and in Your Word, show us how to be forgiving, in Christ. Cleanse us of our tendency to keep records of wrongs and reasons for blame. Let us not become people who shame others, but show them how to be free through Christ. We want our lives to reflect Your brightness, Your grace, and Your love. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Weekly Readings

- 9/18—1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
- 9/19—1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
- 9/20—1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
- 9/21—Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
- 9/22—1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
Native American Day
- 9/23—1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
- 9/24—Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Announcements



CCE/Faith Formation Classes will begin **September 24** 8:30 a.m.-9:40 a.m. See the parish website to sign-up.

Special Collections for September

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



Jesus says we must forgive others seventy-seven times. Learn how the gift of forgiveness and healing can strengthen your marriage by going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Oct. 27-29, 2023. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Questions – email applications@dfwme.org. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a 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, PAYPAL:@CARMELITEAUX, 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.

El Auxiliario de las Monjas Carmelitas Descalzas de la Santísima Trinidad tendrá su almuerzo anual de membresía en el River Crest Country Club en Fort Worth el sábado 30 de septiembre de 2023, de 11:00am a 2:00pm. Habrá un delicioso almuerzo, un gran entretenimiento y una subasta silenciosa. El costo del almuerzo es de \$45 por persona o puede redondear su RSVP a \$50 como una donación adicional a las Monjas. Una mesa para 10 es \$400. Puede pagar su reserva o hacer una donación a Zelle:CARMELITEAUXILIARY@GMAIL.COM, PAYPAL:@CARMELITEAUX, o enviando un cheque a Pat Trementozzi. Para obtener la dirección de Pat o para preguntas sobre este evento, llame a Pat al (817) 564-1075. Se requieren reservas anticipadas para que el club de campo sepa cuántos lugares establecer para el almuerzo. Traiga a un amigo y no solo tenga un almuerzo maravilloso, sino que también disfrute de un día de alimentación espiritual con compañerismo y diversión.



We need your help stocking the OMM food pantry, which is maintained by St. Vincent de Paul. Please bring donations to the parish life center.

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Love one another as I have love you.

While the world tries to convince us that we are valued only for what we can produce, the Gospel reminds us of the real truth of life: we are loved. This is our strength and our identity: we are God’s loved ones. At times we create an idea of holiness based on ourselves and our personal heroics, turning holiness into an unattainable goal. Being a disciple of Jesus and advancing on the path of holiness means letting ourselves be transfigured by the power of God’s love. Join our parish in meeting our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal, honoring Christ’s commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Thank you for making a commitment to the Annual Diocesan Appeal today online at bit.ly/DiocesanAppeal.

Priesthood Sunday

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. September 24th is Priesthood Sunday. Join us in praying for our priests, praising God for their courage and generosity. Let us show our priests our encouragement and gratitude in thoughts and deeds. God Bless our priests!

You are cordially invited to attend Emanuel L. Young Post 838, The American Legion 50th Anniversary Banquet. It is on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 5pm. Guest Speaker is our own Col. Mike Barks. For more information, contact Comm. C.A. Glaspie at 817-991-9826 or email caglaspie1143@sbcglobal.net.

