

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.

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

Baby Luna Waits	Ben Swanson
Hector Huerta	Tommy Carroll
Agnes Wilson	Robert Domingues
Martha Luce	Fr. Anthony Robins
Marcus Rattliff, Jr.	Sonia Munoz
Ashley Babcock	Amelia Martinez
Joe Govea	Garciela Gomez
Larry Breacher	Paula Vanatta
Fr. Tom Wiggington	Mary Gilespe
Susan McDonald	Francisco Ledegma
Luis Briseno	Betty Harris
Adela Aleman	Alberree Haynes
John Daley	Baby Andrew Carroll & Mom
Sylvia Sykes	James Will
Cristel Bertand	Malinda Walker
Lizeth Carter	Raven Anderson
	Julian Elizondo
	Pete Marquez

Ysleta Franklin
Amy Novacek
Kevin & Juanita Thornton
Ursula Paige
Blanche Malachi
Erma Platte
Albert Johnson, Jr.
Trino Sanchez

And For the Repose of the Souls

Albert Yglecias
Armando Yglecias
Joy Yglecias
Mary Lerma Gomez
Rafaela Espiriqueta

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Regular Collection	\$1,476.00
Parish Maintenance	\$
St. Vincent de Paul	\$30.00
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St. Anne's—Candles	\$22.50
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St. Anne's Religious Articles	\$2.00
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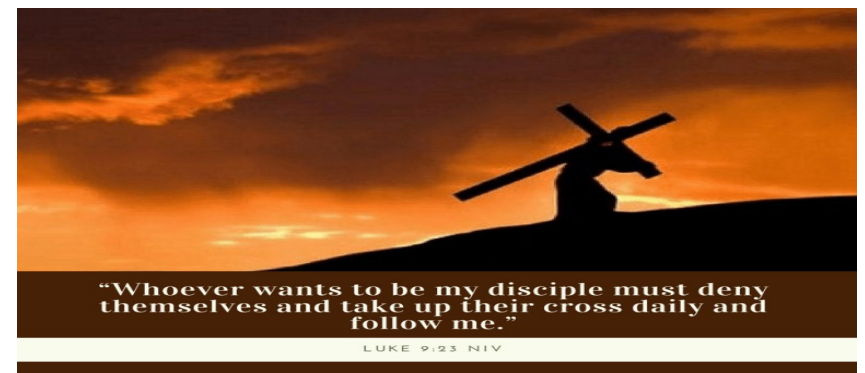
Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The saying goes, "I never promised you a rose garden." In a sense, GOD never promises a rose garden either during our life on earth, unless that rose plants are covered with the thorns. Jeremiah realizes how difficult his life is because he is a prophet of the LORD. The only source of help and strength is a relationship with the LORD as the psalm reminds us. Jeremiah never wanted the job of being a spokesperson (prophet) for the LORD. He had tried to make excuses to get out of the position of prophet. Even though GOD had promised to take care of him, Jeremiah did not always feel the protection from GOD. He was beaten, thrown into a dry cistern (a well), and persecuted. In today's passage Jeremiah complains that he was misled by GOD and he has had enough. He tries to keep from proclaiming GOD's message, but it starts burning away inside of him until he finally has to let it out. The psalmist realizes that no matter what happens, GOD is the one and only help that can be counted on. It is only when reflecting on one's life that it is possible to see GOD's hand at work, guiding, protecting, helping. The only response is to give GOD glory and praise.

sake of others. Peter, the one who has just proclaimed his faith in Jesus, challenges Jesus' message about having to suffer. He pulls Jesus aside and basically says to Him, "You won't win many followers and be able to be the great leader, if you talk about suffering and death." Jesus likens Peter's misunderstanding to a temptation from Satan. Peter not only misses the point of what it means for Jesus to be the Messiah, but Peter is also putting an obstacle in Jesus' way. Jesus challenges Peter and the other followers to be disciples – disciplined learners. He mentions that this means three things: denying themselves, accepting the cross, and following Jesus. Not only does Jesus tell His disciples what to do, but He will give them an example through His own life, suffering, death, and resurrection. Carrying a cross does not mean I wear a beautiful piece of jewelry that is shaped like a cross. Carrying a cross means I am willing to accept the excruciatingly painful death just like my Master. Following Jesus means more than saying I am a Christian when I attend weekend church services. It means imitating the Master-Teacher in every aspect of my life (and my death). It means that people can look at what I say and do and say, "I know who you remind me of. . .Jesus"

As we heard in last weekend's Gospel, St. Peter proclaimed his faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of GOD. Today, Jesus explains what it means for Him to be the Messiah. It means that He must suffer and die for the

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Safe and Sacred Certification

Renew safe and sacred certification or to start the safe and sacred training, log in to www.virtus.org and select a time, date, and location. Training for employees & adult volunteers are required prior to serving in ministry and renewed every two years. If you need assistance, call Lydia at the church office, 817.335.1695 or email ommftworth1@gmail.com.

Bulletin Reflections:

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

“Pues ¿qué provecho obtendrá un hombre si gana el mundo entero, pero pierde su alma?” - Mateo 16:26

San Francisco de Asís dijo, “Recuerda, tú eres lo que eres a los ojos de Dios, y nada más”. A menudo olvidamos esta corresponsabilidad de sabiduría cuando gastamos todo nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoros para ganar riquezas de este mundo. Necesitamos establecer nuestras prioridades de acuerdo con los valores de Dios y no con los valores del mundo material.

With Prayers and Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
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		
9/2-3	Charlotte Mitchell	Lydia Salas Zayne Willars
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
Monday, September 4	Mass 7:00 a.m. <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i> Confession After Mass
Tuesday, September 5	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m. <i>Fr. Bob Strittmatter</i>
Wednesday, Sept. 6	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i>
Thursday, Sept. 7	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m. <i>Fr. Bob Strittmatter</i>
Friday, September 8	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i>
Saturday, September 9	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. <i>Fr. Richard Flores</i>
Sunday, September 10	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream) Rawandan/Barundai Choir

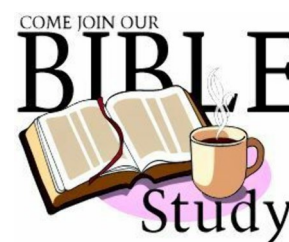
Rosary is Sunday 9:20 a.m. & MTWF @ 6:20 a.m.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. We are the light of the world, may our light shine before men, that they may see the good that we do and give glory to God.

Weekly Readings

9/4—1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
 9/5—1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
 9/6—Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
 9/7—Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
 9/8—Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 9/9—Col 1:21-23; Lk 6: 1-5
 9/10—Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Announcements



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/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

**St. Andrew Breakfast
September 9, 2023**

Holy Mass, Breakfast, Prayer and Discussion. This event is for high school and college men in the Diocese. St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton Street, FTW. Please reserve your spot by Sept. 7, 2023 through email at: Vocations@fwdioc.org

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.



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 at-

tend. To RSVP and for more information, visit www.fortworthredmass.org. La Misa Roja se llevará acabo 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. 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>.

**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.

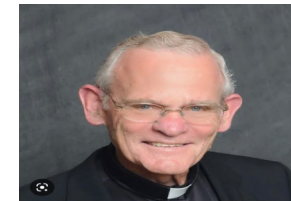
**Operation Zip Code Mobile Food Bank
September 2 9a.m. until gone**

Presented by New Harvest MBC & Freedom Shield Foundation, food bank will be at Jacquet Middle School, 2501 Stalcup Rd, Ft. Worth, TX 76119. No ID required, No registration required, any zip code welcome.

Volunteers Needed. Contact Johnna Donald, 682-201-4837 or arrive on 9/2 starting at 7:30 a.m.

Happy Birthday Fr. Bob Strittmatter

We are planning a birthday party for Fr. Bob 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 by August 31, 3 PM to the parish office at 817-335-1695/ommftworth1@gmail.com.



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2023-2024 Parish Officers**

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