

PRAYER CORNER

Father, hear the prayers of your people for healing. Thank you that you are the resurrection and the life, death holds no power over you. Your word says that you will hear the cries of those who call on you. Increase our faith that we may call on your unfailing love for the healing and recovery needed. Through Jesus we pray.

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Raven Anderson
Julian Elizondo
Larry Peplinski

Deceased Parishioners

Maxine Giovannitti
Lorita Price JeanBaptiste
James E. Alexander
Gladly Moreno Garcia
Bryan Barrett
Melba Jackson
Donald Floyd Chandler
Sister Jennie Louise Jones

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Sunday of Divine Mercy

The expression “Doubting Thomas” comes from this remarkable Easter story. The apostle Thomas, one of Jesus’s inner circle, was slow to believe in the resurrection. He demanded concrete evidence before he could believe that the risen Jesus had appeared to his fellow apostles. His story offers some comfort to those of us who are always nagged by doubts. With the memory of our Lord’s crucifixion fresh in their hearts, the nervous disciples had locked the doors of their meeting room. They had locked themselves for fear of Jewish reprisals. They were afraid that what was done to Jesus could be done to them. The turning point came when Jesus appeared among them and breathed the Holy Spirit into them, filling them with new purpose. “As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.” In the power of the Spirit they left their self-imposed prison, to go out and spread the message of Jesus. In today’s reading from Acts St Luke shows them witnessing to the resurrection both in word and by the quality of their living.

Some people who cannot believe profess to envy those who do. They would like to experience the certainty of believers and share the faith of their parents. And indeed, most ordinary mortals have moments of doubt during our spiritual journey. Thomas’s recovery from his doubts offers a valuable insight into God’s mercy and kindness. Are we sometimes like those disciples, indecisive, inactive, unwilling to promote the faith. The “slings and arrows of outrageous fortune” have dented our confidence. Are we tempted to abandon our faith journey, unable to see a way forward? Our past failures make us hesitant to try again. Today’s gospel offers a solution. The Lord himself has power to revive our courage and our faith. No locked doors,

nor even locked hearts, can keep him out. At first, Thomas refused to believe that the others had seen him. He demanded definite and demonstrable, tangible proof. Jesus gave him the proof he needed. “Put your finger here,” he said, “and feel my wounds.” He forgives our fears and doubts too, and offers us a fresh start. We need to say in our turn, “My Lord and my God. Today we meet with the risen Christ, just as St Thomas did. Sharing in the Eucharist is our statement of loyalty, our act of personal and shared faith. In praying the Eucharist together we help each other’s faith and strengthen our Christian community. It was because the members of the early Church in Jerusalem met in public for prayer and seemed such a joyful little community, that so many others came to believe and the church grew steadily in those early, Spirit-filled days.

No-one else can do our believing for us. Eventually Thomas came to believe in the resurrection, when he saw the risen Jesus with his own eyes. The story ends with a message for all who have received the gift of faith: ‘Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ Our faith is a gift from God. But it is not an inert gift that can we lock away like some precious heirloom. It is a living gift that needs nurturing, to grow and mature. Like other life-forms, faith can wither from neglect. We need to pray about it, think about it, and express it in actions arising from love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. But if like Thomas we continue seeking, we too will come into the presence of Jesus and say “My Lord and my God!”

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Bulletin Reflections:

“Jesus came and stood among and said to them, “Peace be with you”
John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships—with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too—just as God, Our Father, sees us.

With Prayers and Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
4/16/2023	Debra Savage
4/23/2023	Lisa Jones
4/30/2023	Vanessa Nava

Lectors		
4/15-16	Natasha Cha	Carolyn Yusuf Amanda Flood
4/22-23	C. Mitchell	Lisa Jones Lydia Salas
4/29-30	Carolyn. Yusuf	Zayn Willars Hayden Jones

Altar Server Schedule	
4/16	Daniel Gonzalez Miguel Giovannitti Hayden Jones
4/23	Miguel Giovannitti Giovanni Gonzalez Hayden Jones
4/30	Hayden Jones Giovanni Gonzalez Daniel Gonzalez

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Time
Monday, April 17	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 18	Mass 7:00a.m.
Wednesday, April 19	Mass 7:00 a. m. Adoration 6-7p.m.
Friday, April 21	Mass 7:00 p.m. Adoration 8 a. m.—Noon
Saturday, April 22	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 23	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.

Vocation Views

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ Jesus commissions us to be his witnesses to the end of the world, do not be afraid to proclaim him in thought, word and deed.

Divine Word Missionaries and Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit



What does **GOD** want of me?

Weekly Readings

- 4/17—Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
- 4/18—Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- 4/19—Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- 4/20—Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- 4/21—Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
- 4/22—Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
- 4/23—Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Announcements



KPC Council #89



Saturday, May 20, 11am-3 pm—Pre-Sale orders only! Order/Pay in advance before May 10. \$25 includes 3 lbs. boiled crawfish, boiled potatoes and corn on the cob. —Order online @ kofpcntx.org. For more information contact KPC89EVENTS@GMAIL.COM or Art Sanford @ 817-296-3921

OMM Community Garage Sale

Vendors and neighbors are welcomed to sale at the Community Garage Sale on Saturday, April 29, 2023, 9:00 am-4p.m. Sellers must bring own table and chairs. There is a \$50 donation. For registration and donation go to OMOMft-worth.org



The Florida Johnson Scholarship

Graduating high school seniors (see application criteria) are encouraged to apply for the Florida Johnson Scholarship sponsored by the Court #89 Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary, Fort Worth, TX, which honors Lady Florida Johnson. Deadline for application is **May 7, 2023** for the fall semester. Applications are available at the rear of the Church or by from the KPC by writing to Knights of Peter Claver-Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Committee St. Veronica’s Court # 89 c/o floridajohnsonscholarship1@gmail.com.



Sacraments Preparation



Corrected dates for Sacrament Preparation :

First Reconciliation/Penance:

May 6

First Communion:

May 21, 2023

Confirmation Retreat:

May 6, 2023 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Confirmation:

June 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Financial Empowerment Fair 2023

Saturday April 22, 2023—10am-2pm Northside Community Center 1100 NW 18th St. Ft W, TX 76164 Expert speakers and vendors will provide you with tools and knowledge to take control of your money and achieve your financial goals. Scheduled sessions include: Entrepreneurship & Small Business; Personal Finance & Credit Scores; Homeownership & Estate Planning; City Resources & Programs. Seats are limited. Visit CFWFinancialFair2023.eventbrite.com

Warriors of the Yarn

Join members & friends of OMM to crochet and/or knit prayer shawls and lap blankets for Christmas Baskets. Bring your own supplies; we meet Wednesdays from 3:00pm-4:00pm in parish life center.



Senior Bingo

Every 1st Friday, from 10-12 noon



Fort Worth Association of Federated Women’s Club House, 1051 Evans Ave., FW, TX —Prizes, Lunch, Come join the fun.

Good Shepherd Sunday Collection April 30, 2023,



The Diocese of FW special collection for the education and formation of our future priest. **To make your gift visit <https://bit.ly/FWSeminarian>(case sensitive) or TEXT Seminarian to 817-402-3525.**



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William McDonald YMCA Blood Drive



The William M. McDonald YMCA, 2701 Moresby, Ft. W, TX 76105 is hosting a blood drive on the following days: Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 12pm-6pm Wednesday, May 30, 2023, 12pm-6pm Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, 12pm-6pm For appointment please visit: Redcrossblood.org and enter WMMY-CA or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)

We are sad to report the passing of Maxine Giovannitti, the wife of Deacon Tom. The visitation will be on Monday, April 24, 2023 at Shannon Rose Hill Chapel and Cemetery, 7301 E. Lancaster, Ave. FwT, 76112, from 6-8 pm. The funeral will be on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Our Mother of Mercy, at 10:00am with a light repast following in the parish life center. Burial will be at 2:00 pm, at DFW Veteran’s Cemetery.

We are also sad to announce the death of Lorita Price JeanBaptiste, the mother of Jennifer Ratliff. Mrs JeanBaptiste’s funeral is on Friday, April 14, 2023 in Louisiana.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

