

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.

Sick & Shut-In Parishioners

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Julian Elizondo

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Pete Marquez
Ysleta Franklin
Amy Novacek
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Juanita Thornton
Ursula Paige
Agnes Wilson

Deceased Parishioners

Glady Moreno Garcia
Bryan Barrett
Melba Jackson
Donald Floyd Chandler
Sister Jennie Louise Jones

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Regular Collection	\$1,546.65
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Mass Intentions	\$0
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OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

Historically African-American Catholic Church—all are welcome!

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Palm Sunday

As we enter into Holy Week, the readings for Palm Sunday invite us to reflect on the depth of Jesus' sacrifice and the meaning of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We see Jesus as a humble and peaceful king, riding on a donkey instead of a horse, surrounded by crowds of people who wave palm branches and shout his praises. This image reminds us of Jesus' identity as a powerful and beloved leader who comes to save us from sin and death. At the same time, we are also reminded of the cost of Jesus' sacrifice. The Gospel reading from Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 describes the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, including his betrayal by Judas Iscariot, his arrest and trial before the high priest, his denial by Peter, and his sentencing by Pilate. We see Jesus' selflessness and obedience, even in the face of intense suffering and humiliation. The theme of feeling abandoned is also present in the readings. Jesus' cry of "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" in Matthew 27:46 reminds us of the depth of Jesus' suffering and his identification with all

those who have ever felt abandoned or alone. Yet even in his darkest hour, Jesus expressed trust in God's ultimate protection and proclaimed .

As we reflect, we are invited to consider our own response to Jesus' sacrifice. Are we willing to follow his example of love, humility, and selflessness? Are we willing to trust in God's ultimate protection, even in the face of suffering and despair? These are difficult questions, but they are essential for our growth and our relationship with God.

As we journey through Holy Week, let us take time to reflect on the depth of Jesus' sacrifice and the meaning of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. May we be inspired by his selflessness and obedience, and may we be strengthened in our commitment to follow him, even in the midst of adversity.

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Bulletin Reflections:

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.” These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

With Prayers and Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
4/2/2023	Brenda Rodriguez
4/9/2023	Howard Rattliff

Lectors		
4/1-2	A. Barrera L. M-Vidaurre	E. Rodriguez Hayden Jones
4/9		L. Peoples Zayn Willars
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



Dates	Time
Monday, April 3	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 4	Mass 7:00a.m.
Wednesday, April 5 Passover Begins	Mass 7:00 am Adoration 6-7p.m
Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday	Mass 7:00 pm No Confessions No Livestream
Friday, April 7 Good Friday	Mass 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross—3:00 pm No Confessions No Livestream
Saturday, April 8 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	Mass 8:00 pm No Confessions No Livestream
Sunday, April 9 Easter	Mass 10:00 a.m. No Confessions Livestream

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.



Give to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please use the commitment envelopes in the pews or donate online at : bit.ly/DiocesaAppeal.

Weekly Readings

- 4/3—Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
- 4/4—Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- 4/5—Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
- 4/6—Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-31, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
- 4/7—Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
- 4/8—Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
- 4/9—Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27 or 27:11-54

WHEN YOU HEAR GOD'S VOICE TODAY, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART!

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Announcements



Our Mother of Mercy’s Annual Easter Hunt is next week! Please help Mrs. Brenda Rodriguez by volunteering and providing Easter supplies for Easter Egg Hunt. Please provide easter candy, plastic eggs, etc. Items may be dropped off at the parish office or church no later than **April 5, 2023**. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for after Mass on Easter.



Pick up your envelopes after church

Special Collections

- Upcoming special collections
- April 7:** Holy Land/Good Friday
- April 9:** St. Vincent DePaul
- April 9:** Easter
- National Black Catholic Congress**

The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) convenes a national congress every five years. The next congress will be held July 20-23, 2023 at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland.

Join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the U.S. for a celebration of our faith and culture. For more information and to register go to <https://www.nbccgathering2023.org/>

Mass of Reparation for Victims of Abuse

The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth invites you to attend a Mass of Reparation for Victims of Abuse to help heal those who have been harmed by the terrible evil of abuse and for the reparation for sins of sexual abuse perpetrated against minors and the vulnerable. Principal cele-

brant will be Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, STD, MA along with concelebrants Very Rev. Jonathan Wallis and Msgr. E. James Hart. Mass will be celebrated Saturday, April 22nd, 11:00 o'clock am at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Diocese of Fort Worth Priestly Ordination

The Catholic Diocese of FW announces the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Brandon Edward LeClair, Deacon Austin Travis Hoodenpyle and Deacon Randolph Edward Hopkins, Jr., by the imposition of hands of His Excellency Bishop Michael F. Olson. We invite everyone to join in this celebration on the 20th of May 2023 at 10:00 am St. Patrick Cathedral Fort Worth, TX 7610

Our Mother of Mercy

To celebrate the 95th Anniversary of the Church, we are planning for a Gospel concert. The event will also be a fundraiser for the church and will take place on the actual anniversary date of Sunday, January 14, 2024. If you would like to be a part of the 95th Anniversary Celebration Fundraiser planning committee, please sign the sheet on the back table of the church or contact LaWonda Peoples . Planning meetings will begin in April.



Council 89 at Our Mother of Mercy Parish



Good Friday Fish Fry—April 7, 2023 11:00 am-5:30 pm
Online Pre-sales ends Sunday April 2 at 5pm

All are invite to stop by Claver 89 Hall to purchase a meal and support the Knights, 1007 East Terrell Ave., Fortress YDC—school cafeteria.

Menu: 1. Fried Catfish Dinner—\$12
2. Fried Catfish Poboy—\$8
While supplies last other **cash only** items include: bottled water, chips, soda for \$1. Pre-sales online order or contact Brother Frank Norvel at 817-253-0806. Tickets available from members of KPC. Email: kpc89events@gmail.com



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Jr. Knights & Jr. Daughters Winners at KPC Junior State Convention

Council 89 Junior Knights & Junior Daughters attended the annual Knight of Peter Claver Junior Texas State Convention and returned with 1st and 2nd place awards! **Congratulations** to Hershel Beverly, Havlynd Beverly, Haydrick Beverly, and Brianna Edmond for winning 1st place in the Teen Dance Group competition. 2nd place in the Teen Musical Duet went to Hershel Beverly on Cello and Havlynd Beverly on Flute. Haydrick Beverly took 1st place in Teen Dramatic Interpretation. Haydrick Beverly also placed 2nd in Teen Art Painting and Brianna Edmond took 1st place in the Teen Science Project. Job well done!! Anyone wanting more information on the Junior Knights and Junior Daughters, see any KPC member.

The Thorn
Experience the Passion of Jesus

This movie will be shown at the Parish Life Center on Wednesday, April 5th, at 6:45pm-9pm. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

