

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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Ninoska Martinez
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Babies Edward & Darla
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Mario Najera
Kitty Mesker
Christi Deporto
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Malinda Walker
Evadell Ware
Ruby Robinson
Raven Anderson
Julian Elizondo
Larry Peplinski

Deceased Parishioners

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

Collection from April 16, 2023

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Third Sunday of Easter

I hear a pivotal question in our readings today, a pivotal question for a synodal church. Why don't Cleopas and his companion immediately recognize Jesus? That's close to the question I hear, but I hear a question beneath this, too. What passages of the prophets did Jesus highlight and how is he inviting us to see something new? That's closer to the question I hear today, but I hear another before this. Before we pick up the story on the road to Emmaus, Luke says that Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and many other women went to Jesus' tomb and found it empty. An angel told them that Jesus was alive. When they shared the good news, Luke says, "the words seemed to them an idle tale and they did not believe them."

The question before the debate and maybe the question of the debate: Whose witness do we believe? And whose proclamation of the good news do we dismiss because of the identity of the witness? This is a central question of a synodal listening church today. Whom do we believe God speaks to and through?

This is the heart of the question that keeps coming up about women's roles in the church. This is the heart of the question that keeps coming up about cultural and ethnic diversity in the church. This is the heart of the question that keeps coming up about welcome and inclusion of those whose contexts and experiences of love and

family don't fit into neat categories. This is the heart of the question that keeps coming up about the challenge of clericalism. This is the question Peter is addressing to a perplexed crowd in Acts, a crowd debating what to make of the witness of men and women filled with the Holy Spirit testifying to God's saving action in a variety of languages. In the verses we skip over today, Peter quotes the prophet Joel, "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophecy. Your young men and old men will see visions and dream dreams... Indeed, even upon servants and handmaids I will pour out my Spirit." Perhaps Jesus spoke of this on the way to Emmaus, that he is the fulfillment of the promise of the prophet Joel. In days to come, all identities shall give witness and their witness will be received and believed. Then, the eyes of the disciples were open to recognize Jesus and they believed the witness of the women.

Whose witness do we believe, celebrate, and confirm? In our daily lives and in the life of the church? The question is not new. Neither is God's outpouring of Spirit upon all and our call to open our eyes and ears to recognize Jesus, alive among all of us.

By Kelly Adamson, *u.s.catholic.org*



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Bulletin Reflections:

“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” LUKE 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

With Prayers and Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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

Lectors		
4/22-23	Charlotte Mitchell	Lisa Jones Lydia Salas
4/29-30	Carolyn Yusuf	Zayn Willars Hayden Jones

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



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



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

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Time
Monday, April 24	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 25	Mass 7:00a.m.
Wednesday, April 26	Mass 7:00 a. m. Adoration 6:30 pm-7:30 p.m. (New Time)
Friday, April 28	Mass 7:00 p.m. Adoration 8 a. m.—Noon
Saturday, April 29	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 30	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)

Vocation Views

‘Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning.’ Now that Christ is raised from the dead, our actions must be changed to reveal this great gift to the world.

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What does GOD want of me?

Weekly Readings

- 4/24—Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
- 4/25—1Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
- 4/26—Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- 4/27—Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- 4/28—Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
- 4/29—Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
- 4/30—Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1Pt 2:20b-25; Jn10:1-10 (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)



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 sell 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 from the KPC by writing to Knights of Peter Claver-Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Committee St. Veronica’s Court # 89 c/o floridajohnscholarship1@gmail.com.

Sacraments Preparation



Corrected dates for Sacrament Preparation :

First Reconciliation/Penance: May 6 , 10:00 a.m.

First Communion: May 21, 2023—10:00 a.m.

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

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

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.



Good Shepherd Sunday Collection April 30, 2023



The Diocese of FW has designated this Sunday for a special collection for the education and formation of our future priests. To make your gift visit

<https://bit.ly/FWSeminarian>(case sensitive) or TEXT Seminarian to 817-402-3525.



“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” Let your hearts burn for Jesus and your spouse. Learn how on the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences. “¿No es verdad que el corazón nos ardía en el pecho cuando nos venía hablando por el camino y nos explicaba las escrituras?”. Dejen que sus corazones ardan por Jesus y su esposo/a. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are Apr. 28-30 and July 28-30, 2023. To apply go to www.wmme.org. Questions – email apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.

We are saddened 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. Ft Worth TX, 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 National Veteran’s Cemetery.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Parishioners of OMM, a ministry fair is being held after Mass on April 30, 2023. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to assist and grow our church.



Lectors

A meeting is scheduled for all Lectors on April 30, 2023 after Mass.

All ministries and organizations of OMM are reminded that events and dates for events must be approved prior to the event by Deacon Tom and put on the church calendar by Lydia Salas, church secretary. Also, bulletin announcements must be submitted and approved at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Please give to Lydia Salas.

Let us consider our callings, let us reflect on our responsibilities, and let us follow Jesus Christ

Thomas S. Monson