

**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**

Ysleta Franklin  
 Alberee Haynes  
 Ninoska Martinez  
 Baby Andrew Carroll  
 Babies Edward & Darla McDonald  
 Katherine McDonald  
 James Will  
 Mario Najera  
 Kitty Mesker  
 Christi Deporto  
 Perry Stewart  
 Malinda Walker  
 Evadell Ware  
 Ruby Robinson  
 Raven Anderson  
 Julian Elizondo  
 Larry Peplinski  
 Pete Marquez

**Deceased Parishioners**

Glady Moreno Garcia  
 Frances Narcisse  
 Melba Jackson  
 Donald Floyd Chandler

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# OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

Historically African-American Catholic Church—all are welcome!

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**Easter Sunday**

This, indeed, is the central mystery of our faith. Jesus, allowing himself to be consumed with passion for righteousness and swallowed by death has, in turn, conquered death once and for all with the power that is the promise of eternal life.

Christ's pathway of passion, death and resurrection was personal: it was unique. It had been fashioned by the Father from all eternity. Jesus was faithful to God's vision for him; Jesus embraced his vocation as the humble, gentle Messiah; Jesus suffered the pain of death; Jesus experienced the power of rising again.

God has fashioned a personal path for each of us from all eternity. Each of us has a unique role to play in the Father's never-ending revelation of divine life, divine love, divine justice, divine peace and divine reconciliation. Still, the way to resurrection is the way of the cross - the way of giving up, the way of letting go, the way of surrendering any and all things, thought, attitudes and actions that prevent us from embodying the passion of Christ: the passion for all that is righteous and true.

*Francis de Sales offers this image in Book 9 of his Treatise on the Love of God: "God commanded the prophet Isaiah to strip himself completely naked: this, the prophet did, and went about and preached in this way for three whole days (or, as some say, for three whole years). Then, when the time set for him by God had passed,*

*he put his clothes back on again. So, too, we must strip ourselves of all affections, little and great, and make a frequent examination of our heart to see if it is truly ready to divest itself of all its garments, as Isaiah did. Then, at the proper time we must take up again the affections suitable to the service of charity, so that we may die naked on the cross with our divine Savior and afterwards rise again with him as new people."*

Be certain of one thing: the daily dying to self that is part of living a passionate life is not about dying, stripping and letting go for its own sake. No, it is that all of who we are may be purified to more faithfully and effectively live lives of divine passion and compassion. God does not desire that we die to self out of self-deprecation, but that we die to self in order that, paradoxically, we may actually be more of who God calls us to be.

"Love is as strong as death to enable us to forsake all things," wrote St. Francis de Sales. "It is as magnificent as the resurrection to adorn us with glory and honor."

This glory and honor is not just reserved for heaven. To the extent that we die a little each day and experience the fidelity of God's love in the midst of all adversity, trials, struggles and "letting go," we can experience something of the resurrection every day.

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**Bulletin Reflections**

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

With Prayers and Love

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
4/9/2023	Howard Rattliff
4/16/2023	Debra Savage
4/23/2023	Lisa Jones
4/30/2023	Vanessa Nava

Lectors		
4/6/23	Anaiah Barree Lanette Martinez-Vidaurri	
4/7/23	Carolyn Yusuf Charlotte Mitchell	
4/8/23	Carolyn Yusuf Zayne Willars Charlotte Mitchell	
4/9/23	LaWonda 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

**Weekly Mass Schedule**

Dates	Time
<b>Monday, April 10</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, April 11</b>	Mass 7:00a.m.
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b>	Mass 7:00 a. m. Adoration 6-7p.m.
<b>Friday, April 14</b>	Mass 7:00 p.m. Adoration 8 a. m.—Noon
<b>Saturday, April 15</b>	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession Mass 5:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, April 16</b>	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](http://bit.ly/DiocesaAppeal).

**Weekly Readings**

Altar Server Schedule	
4/8	Z. Willars Hayden Jones Daniel Gonzales Giovanni Gonzales
4/9	Daniel Gonzalez Giovanni Gonzalez Miguel Giovannitti
4/16	Daniel Gonzalez Miguel Giovannitti Hayden Jones
4/23	Miguel Giovannitti Giovanni Gonzalez Hayden Jones
4/30	Hayden Jones Giovanni Gonzalez Daniel Gonzalez

4/10—Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15  
 4/11—Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18  
 4/12—Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35  
 4/13—Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48  
 4/14—Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14  
 4/15—Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15  
 4/16—Acts 2:49-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**Announcements**



Easter Egg Hunt for children after Mass on Sunday!

**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/>

**OMM Community Garage Sale**



Vendors and neighbors are welcomed to 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](http://OMOMft-worth.org)

**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!

**WHEN YOU HEAR GOD'S VOICE TODAY, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART!**  
*Vocations Are Everybody's Business*

**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.



**Key Election Dates**  
 April 6—Last Day to Register to Vote  
 Early Voting Starts: April 24-May 2  
 May 6—Election Day

**Special Collections**

April 9– St. Vincent DePaul  
 April 9—Easter

**Sacraments Preparation**



Dates for preparation of the sacraments.

**First Reconciliation/Penance:** May 6, 7th 20th or 21st  
**First Communion:** May 21, 2023  
**Confirmation Retreat:** May 6, 2023  
**Confirmation:** June 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

**Vocation Invitation**

The Diocese of Ft. Worth invites all young men, high school and college age wanting to learn about the priesthood to the St. Andrew Breakfast. This will include Holy Mass, breakfast, prayer and discussion. It will be held at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton Street, FW, 76102. Mass starts at 8:00 a.m. Please reserve your spot by April 20, 2023 through email at [vocations@fwdioc.org](mailto:vocations@fwdioc.org).

**Financial Empowerment Fair 2023**

Saturday April 22, 2023—10am-2pm  
 Northside Community Center  
 1100 NW 18th St. FtW, 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](http://CFWFinancialFair2023.eventbrite.com)



KPC 89 Crawfish Boil



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](http://kofpcntx.org). For more information contact [KPC89EVENTS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KPC89EVENTS@GMAIL.COM) or Art Sanford @ 817-296-3921

**Warriors of the Yarn**

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

