

PRAYER CORNER

By your faithfulness in suffering, Lord Jesus Christ, You've given us a perfect example of obeying Your Father's will. Our Lord and God help us in times of weakness and pain. We ask that you sustain us by Your grace so that our strength and courage do not fail. Please heal your servants according to your will. Amen.

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

- Nellie Rivera
- Amelia Martinez
- Garcia Gomez
- Sophia Lopez Arango
- Paula Vanatta
- Mary Gillespie
- Francisco Ledegma
- Sam Govea
- Joe Govea
- Betty Harris
- Alberee Haynes
- Ninoska Martinez
- Baby Andrew Carroll & Mom
- James Will
- Mario Najera
- Perry Stewart

And For the Repose of the Souls

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Collection Summary

Collected Revenue April 2023	\$14,135.00
Expenditures for April 2023	\$15,001.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$(866.00)
Weekly Collection: 5/7/2023	\$3,435.66
Parish Maintenance	\$160.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$170.00
Mass Intentions	\$15.00
St. Anne's—Candles	\$45.90
Ascension	\$30.00
Bulletin Ads	\$15.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$30.00
KPC Utilities Reimbursement	\$184.44
Confirmation Class Donation	\$200.00
Seminarian Offering	\$75.00

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

When I reflect on the readings for the Sixth Sunday in Easter, they call to mind the importance of serving others confidently and with a joyful heart. During the Last Supper, Christ says, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:18). So, when thinking about serving others, we must remember our good works represent God's works. When God says God will not leave people but will come to them, often, this means that we witnesses are the ones through whom God serves. For each of us, this tends to look and feel different. In the literal sense of my life, though, I have felt drawn to help orphans. I lost my mother when I was just beginning to enter adulthood. And yet, I'd still felt blessed to have known her 19 years before she returned to God. So, for me, visiting orphanages can sometimes feel bittersweet. During my twenties, I've visited some on weekends as a volunteer in Mongolia. I've often received tremendous affection from children's joyful grins and from their many questions about life in other countries. I return that affection as much as I can, in my expressions and in the time and attention I give them. For, I believe a parent's love is a special bond, so irreplaceable. It's a constant assurance of another's love. Yet, that confidence in another's love is necessary for us all. So, while visiting an orphanage, I feel at times like I gift, even in the smallest ways, the love I had received from my mother and from God. That said, while serving, I don't always know what I should do in every

moment. But that's OK, too. For the first reading from Acts describes how those who believed received the Holy Spirit. That includes us! So, when I serve, especially when I feel uncertain, I often pray: "Come, Holy Spirit." And I remember: While serving others, God serves through me. My attention shifts to how God desires to do that. This gives me more peace, joy, and hope. And when we serve, we should do so joyfully, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15). We ourselves must remember, we have hope because of what God does. So let that hope radiate in all that we do. Finally, that command asks us to explain our hope, not our service. For good service needs no explanation: It loves people well. It helps them to meet their needs and to better their lives. It has no other motive. Yet our "hope" is something people perceive when we serve well. It is evident without words. So, when I serve, I hope that those I yearn to empower feel confident from the nonverbal confidence I convey. This Sunday, I invite you to serve conscientiously. Recognize that God, within you, serves when you aid others. And whatever results from your acts, trust that you are radiating the good to which we're all called.

Reflections from Daniel Lindbergh Lang: www.uscatholic.org



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Bulletin Reflections

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

With Prayers and Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
5/14/2023	Howard Rattliff
5/21/2023	B. Rodriguez
5/28/2023	Debra Savage
6/4/2023	Lisa Jones

Lectors		
5/13-14	L. M-Vidaurri	Lisa Jones Zayn Willars
5/20-21	C. Yusuf N. Cha	Amanda Flood Hayden Jones
5/27-28	A Barrera L M-Vidaurri	Lydia Salas Zayn Willars



Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times
Monday, May 15	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 16	Mass 7:00a.m.
Wednesday, May 17	Mass 7:00 a. m. Adoration 6:30 pm-7:30 p.m. (New Time)
Friday, May 19	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8 a. m.—Noon
Saturday, May 20	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 21	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

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to embrace our Faith with a whole heart, but we must receive this gift in humility.

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Weekly Readings

- 5/15—Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
- 5/16—Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
- 5/17—Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
- 5/18—Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
The Ascension of the Lord
Act 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
- 5/19—Acts 18: 9-18; Jn 16:20-23
- 5/20—Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
- 5/21—Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

Announcements



First Communion:
May 21, 2023—10:00 a.m.
Confirmation:
June 4, 2023 at 10:00 a. m.

Catholic Communication Campaign Collection

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Fort Worth to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! **To donate, please visit <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive).**

La próxima semana, nuestra colecta especial apoya a la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación. Esta campaña construye comunidades católicas y las hace participar tanto en Estados Unidos como en los países en desarrollo utilizando la Internet, la televisión, la radio y los medios impresos. La mitad de los fondos recaudados permanece aquí en la Diócesis de Fort Worth para financiar los proyectos locales de comunicación. ¡Su apoyo ayuda a difundir el mensaje del Evangelio! Para informarse más, visiten www.usccb.org/cc. Para informarte más, visita <https://bit.ly/ColectasEspeciales> (distingue entre mayúsculas y minúsculas).

Vocation Discernment Program

The SERRA Clubs for Fort Worth and Dallas are once again hosting the Vocations Awareness Program Discernment Weekend June 23-25th at the University of Dallas. This is our 32nd year and we find it is the best opportunity for young men and women to have a chance to sit one on one with religious to receive guidance in their discernment process. A weekend of discernment helps single Catholic men and women, ages 18-40, find answers about life as a Priest, Sister, Brother, or Consecrated Lay Woman. Learn more and apply **at www.vapinfo.org, or contact Fr. Paul**

Bechter at the Catholic Diocese of Dallas: **214-379-2860**. Application Deadline June 12, 2023!

Seeking Nolan Catholic High School Hall of Fame Nominations

The Hall of Fame Review and Recommendation Committee, are seeking nominations from you for candidates for the Nolan Catholic High School Hall of Fame. They are looking for individuals from the Nolan Catholic community to honor their outstanding achievements in their personal and professional lives; those who exemplify the Nolan Catholic motto of "Esto Dux." Alumni, current and past parents, as well as past and present faculty and administration, are all eligible to nominate someone and to be nominated; benefactors and Nolan Catholic community supporters are also eligible.

The criteria and nominating form can be found on the Nolan Catholic High School website: **www.nolancatholic.org/hall-of-fame**

Nominations will be accepted through July 15. The members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2023 will be inducted on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, at halftime of the Homecoming game.

Church Anniversary Planning Committee

Our church will celebrate its 95th Anniversary on Sunday, January 14, 2024. We will begin the planning for a host of events and activities leading up to the big day and into the year of the celebration. If you would like to serve on the planning committee, please mark your calendars and join our first meeting immediately following mass on Sunday, May 21st.

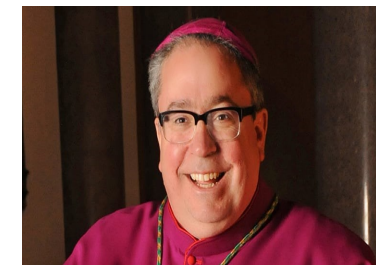


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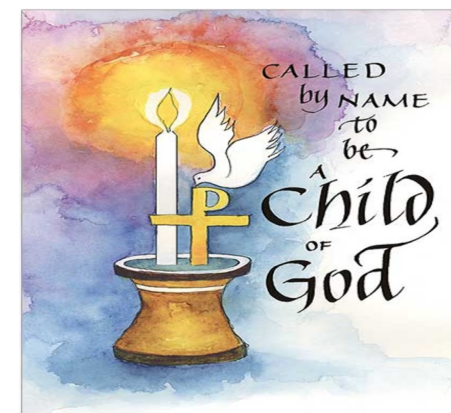
Happy Mother’s Day! Husbands, give the mother of your children a weekend away with you. Grow more in love than ever on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. . The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is July 28-30, 2023. To apply go to www.wvme.org. Questions – email apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.

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 United States for a celebration of our faith and culture. For more information and to register go to <https://www.nbccgathering2023.org/>



This Sunday, we welcome Bishop Michael F. Olson, S.T.D., M.A. to Our Mother of Mercy Church. Thank you for visiting.



Congratulations to those recently baptized.

Leadership Workshop June 24, 2023

Leaders of Our Mother of Mercy ministries are expected to attend a mandatory leadership workshop at the parish life center. Workshop will be from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on June 24, 2023

