

PRAYER CORNER

Come to my aid, O God. O Lord make haste to help me. You promised those who ask, would receive, those who seek, would find, those who knock, would have doors opened to them. Hear the prayers of your church, grant my requests, and pardon my sins. Amen.

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

Mom
James Will
Marie Mesker
Marie & Valley Harrison
Nellie Rivera
Amelia Martinez
Garcia Gomez
Sophia Lopez Arango
Paula Vanatta
Mary Gillespie
Francisco Ledegma
Sam Govea
Joe Govea
Betty Harris
Alberce Haynes
Ninoska Martinez
Baby Andrew Carroll &

Mom
Mario Najera
Perry Stewart
Malinda Walker
Evadell Ware
Raven Anderson
Julian Elizondo
Larry Peplinski
Pete Marquez
Ysleta Franklin
Amy Novacek
Catherine Carroll
Jim McDonald
Kevin Thornton
Juanita Thornton

Ursula Paige
Agnes Wilson
John & Blanche Malachi
Erma Platte
Evelyn Joseph
Albert Johnson, Jr.

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

Regular Collection 5/14/2023	\$2,0787.00
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10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**The Ascension of the Lord
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Has this been a glorious spring? We seemed to go from winter to summer the last few years. The vivid colors of the azaleas and wisterias as they bloom in their full glory are . . . glorious.

Glory is a curious word. Five times in the Gospel and three times in the second reading we hear a form of the word "glory":

...glory given to God,
... glory received by Jesus,
... glory passed on,
... glory of suffering for faithfulness to God.

That word "glory" always puzzled me until I found a biblical scholar who made sense of it. "Glory" as used in John's Gospel is "the manifestation of God's majesty." Jesus is the perfect revealer of God's glory:

...his healing, a manifestation of god's majestic power
... his preaching, a manifestation of god's majestic wisdom
... his forgiveness, a manifestation of god's majestic
... his teaching, a manifestation of god's majestic truth
... his compassion, a manifestation of god's majestic love and graciousness

Jesus' obedience -listening - to the father was the critical mass. Listening has consequences, the consequences of his telling the truth about the father and the state of religious practice led inexorably to his passion and death.

Those who were here on Good Friday may remember the homily about the last supper being the turning point in Jesus' life. The time of action in his life when he got up from the table and went to the garden of gethsemane. In the garden the passive voice began to be operative. Jesus was arrested, was

bound, was tried, was found guilty, was stripped, was flogged, was made to carry his cross, and was crucified. All passive voice.

Action ceased and passiveness began. Passion in this context of "passion and death" is the flip side of action. Jesus had completed his actions of preaching, teaching and healing.

Now we recall the words of today's Gospel when he prayed to his father:

"Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son that your son may give glory to you. I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Father, give me glory at your side."

At Jesus' "hour of glory" passerbys scoffed at him and jeered. There was nothing outwardly glorious in him as he hung on the cross. Yet it was precisely in this "hour" that God's glory was most present, even if unrecognized. Jesus manifested the Father's majesty as much in his passivity as in his activity.

We glorify our father both by doing the work God sends us - action- and working through those things that "happen" to us - passion. We hear Jesus continue in his last supper discourse: "I have given them the glory you gave me that they may be one, as we are one - I living in them, you living in me - that their unity may be complete."

We glorify God and are glorified by God in being united to him.

Spring flowers manifest God's majesty in their visible, glorious beauty. We manifest God's majesty in the not always visible-to-us beauty of our lives. Our glory will follow as day follows night.

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Renew safe and sacred certification or to start the safe and sacred training, log in to www.virtus.org and select a time, date, and location. Training for employees & adult volunteers are required prior to serving in ministry and renewed every two years. If you need assistance, call Lydia at the church office, 817.335.1695 or email ommftworth1@gmail.com.

Bulletin Reflections:

"I am praying for them..."
JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

With Prayers and Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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

Lectors		
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 22	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 23	Mass 7:00a.m.
Wednesday, May 24	Mass 7:00 a. m. Adoration 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Changed back to previous time)
Friday, May 26	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8 a. m.—Noon
Saturday, May 27	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 28	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

"Go and make disciples of all nations!" Our lives must proclaim the Truth that comes to us from Christ, embrace the call to be a witness of Christ to the ends of the world!

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800-553-3321

Weekly Readings

- 5/22—Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
- 5/23—Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
- 5/24—Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
- 5/25—Acts 22:30, 23-6-11; Jn 17:20-26
- 5/26—Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
- 5/27—Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
- 5/28— Pentecost Sunday Gn 1:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5 Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Announcements



To better serve the OMM community, starting Wednesday **May 30** the following office hours will be observed.

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Catholic Communication Campaign Collection

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC engage and build Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Fort Worth to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc. Support the collection today at <https://bit.ly/DiocesaSpecialCollections> (case sensitive).

Hoy realizaremos la colecta para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación (CCC). Su apoyo ayuda a la CCC a construir comunidades católicas y hacerlas participe tanto en Estados Unidos como alrededor del mundo 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 esfuerzos locales. Sean parte de esta campaña para difundir el mensaje del evangelio. ¡Apoyen a la colecta hoy! Para informarse más, visiten <https://bit.ly/ColectasEspeciales> (distingue entre mayúsculas y minúsculas).

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.

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/>



Council 89 Knights of St. Peter Claver

Sincere gratitude to Council 89 KPC for providing carnations to all the moms on Mother's Day. Your considerate gesture was greatly appreciated.

Ministry Retreat June 24, 2023



All ministry leaders are requested to attend a planning retreat on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 9am-2pm in the Parish Life Center. If

the ministry leader is unable to attend, please insure a representative from your ministry is in attendance. Workshop will be from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on June 24, 2023

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

Vocations Are Everybody's Business



2023 First Communicants

Congratulations to the 1st Communion class of 2023: Tomy De La Paz, Elizabeth Diaz, Crystal De La Paz, Edwin De La Paz and Juleah Sanchez. Remember that God's love will always be there to comfort you, to guide you, and bless you. May you feel the warmth and comfort of the Lord's love with you everyday.

8th Annual Healthy Lives Matter Alzheimer's Education Seminar

Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks cordially invites you to attend the 8th Annual Healthy Lives Matter Alzheimer's Education Seminar on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at Tarrant County College Trinity River Campus, 300 Trinity Campus Circle, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. On-site registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

For this very important half-day event, we are excited to partner with the Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter and have invited experts to speak on topics that are designed to provide peer support and resources to family caregivers as well as healthcare professionals in Tarrant County. This seminar will provide insights into Alzheimer's disease progression and offer practical solutions for coping with challenging situations. This is a FREE event, but registration is required. Register on-line at www.tarrantcountytx.gov/alzevent or call (817) 531-5600 or (817) 370-4500.

Sacraments Preparation



First Communion: Confirmation Shields are due. May 21, 2023—10:00 a.m.

Confirmation: Practice for the Confirmation Mass will be on May 28th during CCE/Faith Formation Class at 8:30 a.m. June 4, 2023—10:00 a.m.