

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.

Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-In

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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.

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10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” When Jesus speaks these words at the Last Supper, two disciples speak out. Maybe you can relate to each of them in turn. The first is the Apostle Thomas, often called “Doubting Thomas”. This unflattering name is usually connected to Thomas doubting his fellow apostles when they tell him that they’ve seen the Risen Lord [John 20:24-25]. Yet this Sunday we hear Thomas express doubt, not about his fellow apostles, but about his Lord. He does this in two ways. First, he doubts Jesus when he complains that “we do not know where you are going”. He’s expressing doubt about Jesus as a leader, for Jesus does not seem to be sharing knowledge about what their goal is. Second, he expresses doubt about the means by which to reach the goal. “How can we know the way?” You have to admit that this objection bears a certain logic: if you do not know where you’re headed, how can you know how to get there? If you’ve read Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland, you remember the nonsensical exchange between Alice and the Cheshire Cat. Alice asks the Cat, “Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?” “That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,” said the Cat. “I don’t much care where—” said Alice. “Then it doesn’t matter which way you go,” said the Cat. [Alice added as an explanation:] “—so long as I get somewhere”. “Oh, you’re sure to do that,” said the Cat, “if you only walk long enough.”

Many people in our culture feel like a hamster on a wheel. Earthly goals after many decades don’t seem to produce the accomplishment they had hoped for, and the goal of Heaven on earth never seems to materialize. So, the doubter asks, what is the connection between earth and Heaven? As far as reaching the goal of Heaven, is our time on earth just simple waiting, hoping we don’t commit the

mortal sin that will close the doors of Heaven against us? This is a very negative view of the spiritual life: that following Jesus is defined by what we don’t do. We need to put ourselves in the shoes of the apostle Philip. Philip makes a simple request: “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” But if Philip thought that he was being humble in asking this, Jesus has other ideas. “Have I been with you for so long... and you still do not know me, Philip? ... How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?” You can almost imagine Philip wide-eyed at Jesus’ response, thinking that he’d asked for very little. Jesus expands on what He means by explaining that His own words and works are not, in fact, done on His own. The Father and the Son are one. They are one to such perfection that their words and works are one. This is a profound point, but it’s not Jesus’ final point—or even His strongest point—in today’s Gospel passage. “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.” The Easter Season is not only about Jesus rising from the dead. The Easter Season is also about Jesus rising to the Right Hand of the Father. The sacred event of Jesus’ Ascension is what makes it possible for those ‘greater works’ to be worked by Jesus’ followers. Whether it’s the work of one’s vocation to Holy Matrimony or consecrated life or Holy Orders, or whether it’s dedication in old age to an intense life of prayer and the acceptance of suffering, each and every Christian finds strength for the journey in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only Way that leads to the embrace of God the Father

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Bulletin Reflections

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”
1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

With Prayers and Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
5/7/2023	Isabel Garza
5/14/2023	Howard Rattliff
5/21/2023	B. Rodriguez
5/28/2023	Debra Savage
6/4/2023	Lisa Jones

Lectors		
5/6-7	C. Mitchell	E. Rodriguez L. Peoples
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5/20-21	C. Yusuf N. Cha	Amanda Flood Hayden Jones
5/27-28	A Barrera L M- Vidaurre	Lydia Salas Zayn Willars

Weekly Mass Schedule

Dates	Times
Monday, May 8	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 9	Mass 7:00a.m.
Wednesday, May 10	Mass 7:00 a. m. Adoration 6:30 pm-7:30 p.m. (New Time)
Friday, May 12	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8 a. m.—Noon
Saturday, May 13	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 14 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	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

‘In my Father’s house, there are many dwelling places.’ Prepare a place in the Father’s Mansion by living His promises here on earth.

Divine Word Missionaries and Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit
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Weekly Readings

- 5/8—Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21
- 5/9—Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
- 5/10—Act 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
- 5/11—Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
- 5/12—Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
- 5/13—Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
- 5/14—Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14-15-21

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

Crowning of Mary will be held on May 7, 2023, at 10:00 Mass. The May Crowning is a Catholic devotion that occurs in the month of May, recognizing Mary as Queen of heaven and earth. We participate in Mary’s crowning to recognize her role in Our Lord lifting us out of the long cold days of winter and firmly planting our hearts in the warm and promising soil of spring.



Sacraments Preparation



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

ATTENTION—ATTENTION

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 these to Lydia Salas.

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.

Baker Chapel A.M.E. Food Pantry

Baker Chapel AME Church located at 1050 East Humbolt St., Fort Worth, has a food pantry which is open every Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m.—12 noon. For more information you may call 817-336-5326 or 817-907-8493



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, ...” Let the Lord into your marriage to do His works. Learn how your Sacrament can be a light to the world by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is July 28-30, 2023. To apply go to www.wwme.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.

