PRAYER CORNER

God our Father, source of all health, be near those who suffer in the time of weakness and pain; relieve them of their burden and heal them, if it be Your will. Give peaceful sleep to those who need rest for soul and body, and be with them in their hours of silence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOMEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Deborah & Guillermo Barrera
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Juanita Thornton
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William & Melba Jackson
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Joyce Mitchell
Trino Sanchez
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Deceased Parishioners

Maria Guadalupe Flores
Helene Keitolar
Theresa Wright
Hilary Green
Rene Brown
Mark Hebert

The names on list are rotated due to limited space.

Collection Summary

Weekly Collection—Jan. 15, 2023	$3,809.41
Monthly Collected Revenue December, 2022	$13,776.00
Monthly Budgeted Need December 2022	$18,999.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit) December, 2022	$(5,233.00)

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Office Hours

Wednesday, Thursday &Fridays

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles.

When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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Bulletin Reflections:

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

With Prayers and Love

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	**Sunday**
1/22/2023	Lisa Jones
1/29/2023	Vanessa Nava

Lectors		
1/ 21/22	Natasha Cha Carolyn Yusuf	Lydia Salas Zayne Willars
1/ 28/29	L M-Vidaurri	E. Rodriguez Lisa Jones

January Mass Schedule

Dates	Time
Monday, Jan. 23	**Mass 7:00 a.m.**
Tuesday, Jan. 24	**Mass 7:00a.m.**
Wednesday, Jan. 25	**Mass 7:00 a.m.** **Adoration 6-7p.m.**
Friday, Jan. 27	**Mass 7:00 a.m.** **Adoration 8 a.m.– Noon**
Saturday, Jan. 28	**Adoration 4:00 -5:00 p.m.** **Confession:** **Mass:5:00 p.m.**
Sunday, Jan. 29	**Mass 10:00 a.m. (Live Stream)** **Father Patee—Celebrant**

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.

Act of Hope

Good Jesus, in You alone I place all my hope. You are my salvation and my strength, the Source of all good. Through Your mercy, through Your Passion and Death, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the grace of final perseverance and a happy eternity.

Weekly Readings

1/23—Heb 9:15,24-28; Mk 3:22-30

1/24—Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

1/25—Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;Mk 16:15-18

1/26—2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

1/27—Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

1/28—Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Mk 4:35-41

1/29—Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; 1Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Announcements

Year End Contributions

Please make sure that the Parish Office has your most up to date home address. Yearly donation statements will be sent out at the end of January. Call 817-335-1695 or email:

omomftworth1@gmail.com with updated information

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.He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him." Let us answer God's call to make our marriages the best they can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are Jan. 27-29 & Apr. 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.

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Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Knights of Peter Claver Council 89.

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Treasurer – Frank Norvel
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Officers for KPC, Ladies Auxiliary, St. Veronica Court 89, for 2023 are:
Grand Lady—Carolyn Yusuf
Vice-Grand Lady—Danielle Foley
Recording Secretary—Linda Campbell
Financial Secretary—Lana Alexander
Treasurer—Dorothea Lee Menefee
Jr. Daughter Counselor—Stephanie Edmonds

Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House

"Behold, I make all things new." (Rev. 21:5). Come on retreat to grow in relationship with God, the source of the renewed peace and joy we all desire. **Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House**, on the shores of Lewisville Lake, in Lake Dallas, Texas wants to help you find the peace that surpasses understanding. Reserve a spot for one of our upcoming retreats today at **www.montserratretreat.org**! Spaces are limited due to COVID and are going fast!

Men's Retreat: Jan 26-29, 2023
Women's Retreat: Feb. 2-5, 2023

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Diocesan Catechist Formation Program

The Dept. of Evangelization & Catechesis is excited to announce that the Catechist Certification Programs are now registering for Winter 2023 classes. The St. Francis de Sales classes meet once a month for about ten months. For more information on the English St. Francis de Sales online class, go to the diocesan website at **https://fwdioc.org/st-francis-de-sales.** The St. Junipero Serra classes meet weekly, offering a series of six week courses from the fall through early summer. Classes will be offered in English either in person or online starting January 2023. For more information go to the diocesan website on St. Junipero Serra Institute at **https://fwdioc.org/st-junipero-serra-institue.**

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The 2023 offertory envelopes are still delayed. While we await the envelopes, please continue to use the visitor envelopes located in the pews and make sure to write your name on the envelope and state if the envelope is for regular collection or special collection. Thank you so much for your patience.

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2023 Josephite Calendars are Here

The 2023 Josephite Calendars have arrived. The ushers will distribute the calendars after mass or you may pick one up from the office during office hours while supplies last.

The Knights of Peter Claver Council 89 at OMM Church will hold their annual Mardi Gras Extravaganza on **Saturday February 11, 2023, St. Jude Event Center, Arlington, Texas, 7-11pm. Featuring The Furious Band and DJ Fred Carter.** See any KPC member for more information on tickets or visit

https://kofpcntx.org/ Everyone is invited

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