

PRAYER CORNER

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love! In Jesus name, Amen.

HOMEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick and homebound family:

- Evelyn Joseph
- Erma Platte
- John & Blanche Malachi
- Ysletta Franklin
- Joyce Mitchell
- Trino Sanchez
- Lindsay Maclin Cook
- Ramona Gonzalez
- Betty Levine

Safe and Sacred Reminder

The Diocese of Fort Worth recently added 15 new safe environment facilitators. If you need to renew your 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. It is important to note that safe environment certification for employees and adult volunteers is required prior to serving in ministry and must be renewed every two years. If you need assistance, contact Lydia at the church office at 817.335.1695 or email ommftworth1@gmail.com.

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Please contact Lydia Salas at the Church Office

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In Loving Memory of
 Larry & Olga Martinez,

One Day at a Time.



September 25th Collection

Regular	\$1,170.00
Parish Maintenance	\$50.00
St. Anne's (Candles)	\$70.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$40.00
St. Anne-Religious Art.	\$10.00
Social Outreach	\$27.00
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Online Donations 9/21-9/28	\$175.00

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Parish.



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OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

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Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays
 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The short gospel in today's Mass, is principally a discussion about faith.

The apostles say to Jesus 'Increase our faith' – faith which is a belief in God and loyalty to God.

It is clear that the apostles had been talking among themselves about God, and indeed about Jesus, not yet realizing that Jesus was already God among them, the second Person of a divine Trinity.

The apostles were the closest daily followers of Jesus and saw who he was and what wonders he had been doing in his public life, and yet as a group, they had to say to Jesus 'Increase our faith'.

In a way, it is a challenge to Jesus, as if to say, 'It's up to you to increase our faith, it is not up to us.' It was not the first time, and would not be the last that they had got the cart before the horse.

Jesus takes a look at them and wistfully says to them in a typical Middle Eastern throwaway comment, 'if you had an iota of faith, you would be able to work miracles yourselves. You could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and re-planted in the sea.'

In Greek, the word 'apostle' means messenger, envoy, ambassador, the one who is about to be sent on an expedition. The apostles, unknowing as of yet, were about to be launched on a career as messengers of a divine Word, without yet having a clue as to the message to be communicated.

Faith is a personal gift with community consequences. A child may be baptized into our faith, but does not have a personal faith or set of beliefs, until knowledge however imperfectly begins to form in the young person's mind. To help us remember what we actually believe, we recite the Creed, our set of beliefs, each time we attend Mass.

Do we ask others to increase our faith, or with God's help, do we do it ourselves? Faith in God certainly needs the strength of his grace. To receive faith, to be given the gift of faith, to nourish and develop faith, we need to be in the right place at the right time. We need to create situations where God can get a look- into our busy lives. The gift of faith does not wash away doubt, and so many a mulberry bush and other trees will be quite safe for a long time to come, without being uprooted and re-planted in the sea.

Some think that faith is a one-way street of belief in God, of a number of matters about God, which God in his wisdom has revealed over the millennia, or of matters which we can logically work out ourselves about God from his revelations.

But I like to think that faith is a two-way street, where God also believes in us, giving us life, intelligence, will, and most dangerously, giving us free will to make choice after choice.

We can ask ourselves, 'Do our lives, our work, our activities honor and worship God as a reflection of our faith?' Or does God say, 'Your faith is not half as awake, half as alive, half as vibrant as my faith is in you.'

Faith puts us on a path of belief towards God. Our sense of duty, the other thought in today's gospel, keep us going. And in all of this, God's grace through the sacraments gives us the spiritual strength to carry on.

Michael J. McCann



Bulletin Reflections

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything—all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

With Prayers and Love



October Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Lectors

A meeting is scheduled for Lectors on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the church.

Live Stream Support Schedule

10:00 am Mass	Sunday
10/2	Debra Savage
10/9	Lisa Jones
10/16	Vanesa Nava
10/23	Isbell Garza
10/30	Brenda Rodriguez

October Mass Schedule

Dates	Time
Monday, Oct. 3	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 4	Mass 7:00 am
Wednesday, Oct. 5	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 7	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8:00am-Noon
Saturday, Oct. 8	Adoration 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 9	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Live Stream)
Monday, Oct. 10	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 11	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 12	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 6:00 pm—7:00pm
Friday, Oct. 14	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoratin 8:00 am-Noon
Saturday, Oct. 15	Adoration 4::00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday, Oct. 16	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Live Stream)

We will continue to give you updates as we have Priests available for Saturday’s Mass



The Rosary will be said every Sunday starting at 9:20 a.m.

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Weekly Readings

- 10/3—Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
- 10/4—Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
- 10/5—Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
- 10/6—Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
- 10/7—Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
- 10/8—Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
- 10/9—2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

OMOM Youth

Come join our youth gatherings at the Parish Life Center after Sunday 10 a.m. Mass.

Announcements

Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, which the Catholic Church celebrates with fervor and holiness. It is considered a powerful weapon against evil, as well as the perfect prayer to bring peace to the world. The rosary will be recited every Sunday beginning at **9:20 a.m.**

Family Day

Family Day is scheduled for **Sunday, October 16** after 10 a.m. Mass. You are invited to come dress in your favorite sports jersey and fellowship at Parish Life Center. We are asking you to bring a dish to share. Please indicate on the sheet located on the back table what you will be able to bring. Everyone is invited.

FW Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 2022 Convention

Join us on **October 26, 2022** at St. Ann’s Catholic Church, 100 S.W. Alsbury Blvd, Burleson, TX, as we honor **Marie Guidry** nominated for the **Benediction to Man-kind Award**. Last date to register is Thurs., Oct. 19, 2022. Registration fee is \$25.00. Contact Kathleen Thome: velvet68@aol.com.

Breast Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and is an annual campaign to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer. Parishioners may write the name of a loved one on poster board near altar.

Gospel Feast 2022

OMM Gospel Choir present Gospel Feast 2022: The final Word on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 7pm at OMM Church. This event will feature choirs from the DFW community. Tickets are a donation of \$10. Please see choir members for tickets. Come and receive Blessings with us as we lift our voices to the Lord!

The Annual Diocesan Appeal allows us to come together as a community of faith to identify those who rely entirely on the generosity of others to have their basic needs met. In our firm commitment to growing in the life of Christ, we strive to meet every spiritual need of each person

in the Diocese of Fort Worth. It is only with your help that we are able to do that. When we answer Jesus’ Call to Gratitude, we are acknowledging the blessings we have and striving to help others. Thank you for your generosity and your prayerful consideration of making a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift is appreciated by all those whose lives are touched by your generosity. Please respond generously to the commitment form that you received in the mail, during Mass next Sunday or by visiting <http://bit.ly/DiocesanAppeal> (case sensitive).

Annual Diocesan Appeal General Information, including the 2022 Accountability Report, letters from Bishop Olson, information about the ministries supported and various ways to give (stocks, employer matching funds, qualified charitable distributions from a retirement plan): <https://bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal>

A secure link to make a donation to the Annual Diocesan Appeal is <http://bit.ly/DiocesanAppeal>

A secure link to support the Annual Diocesan Appeal through recurring monthly giving (St. Francis Circle) <https://bit.ly/StFrancisADA>

VITA COURSES AVAILABLE

The United Way of Tarrant County provides FREE income tax preparation assistance at its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Free Tax Centers. New and returning volunteers are asked to register for basic and advance tax certification courses and trained for the 2023 tax season. Please visit unitedwaytarrant.org/VITA for additional information and updates.

Diocese of Fort Worth Job Openings

The Catholic Diocese of Ft. Worth is seeking to hire a Senior Human Resources Representative, a Business Partner Manager for Catholic Schools and an Employee Benefits Coordinator. All positions are full time. Consider working where you can serve God in the workplace with 2 week paid vacation, 19 paid holidays 401 (k) and pension plans, medical and dental insurance paid 100% for the employee. To apply go to: <https://fwdioc.org/employment>

Catholic Charities Weekend

The week of October 8-9, 2022, we are participating in a special collection for @catholiccharitiesFW! As the service arm of the Diocese of Fort Worth, Catholic

Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) works to give every person the opportunity to live their best life, free from poverty. CCFW partners with clients through a client-centered, relationship-based approach to meaningfully change their lives for good. Join us in supporting CCFW’s Little Way Campaign, in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux’ model of creating impact through little acts of holiness. You can give next weekend during Mass or online at <https://bit.ly/DiocesanSpecialCollections>.

Trunk or Treat at Fortress

Volunteer for Trunk or Treat, **Friday, October 28**. They are currently accepting unopened bags of candy, party favors, and 2 Liter bottles of soda. Items may be delivered via mail or in person at Fortress, 1007 E. Terrell Ave., 76104. Complete registration at website to volunteer: Fortressfw.org.

Glenwood Park

Saturday October 29th from 9am-noon, **Trash-Pick-up Day and Festivities Event** sponsored in collaboration with TCU, the Historic Southside Neighborhood Association and several businesses.

The goal is to engage the Southside community members and leaders. Bring about understand on the impact of historical redlining and divestment, and to commit to creating biodiverse green spaces through the Fort Worth Climate Safe Neighborhood Coalition. Come out and join us on Oct. 29th and show your community pride!

Stewardship Sunday

A Call to Gratitude - October 16, 2022

