

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, as we ask your help
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,
we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place.
May your love touch others through us,
and may I help all people to live in peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

JESUS SPEAKS TO US

*Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek
you.*

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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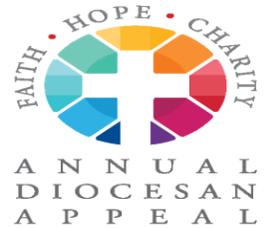
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**ORDINARY TIME: Aug. 7th
Nineteenth Sunday**

According to the nineteenth century French philosopher, Charles Peguy, 'the faith that God loves best is hope.' As our second reading today illustrates, it is this kind of faith that Abraham, our Father in Faith, models. On the basis of a divine promise, he and his wife Sarah, both of them well on in years, leave their homeland and embark on a dangerous journey to a distant and unknown land. 'It was by faith, Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner in the Promised Land and lived there as if in a strange country' (Heb 11:8-9).

This dynamic, forward-looking, image of faith is a far cry from the understanding of faith that I grew up with and that continues to inform my life, the kind of faith celebrated in that rousing hymn, Faith of our Fathers – faith as fidelity to a sacred tradition. Abraham's faith was more about moving forward in trust than about holding on to something handed down. In the words of Samuel Johnson, his faith was 'a triumph of hope over experience'. I believe that this kind of trusting, hope-filled faith, is particularly relevant for the time in which we live.

The image of faith as journeying forward in hope also surfaces in our first reading from the Book of Wisdom. This book was written in the first century before Christ to encourage the Jews living far from their homeland, and strengthen their faith in the future kingdom God held in store for them. The passage read today recalls the night God liberated their ancestors from slavery in Egypt and gave them the courage to set out on a journey into the desert in the hope of reaching the promised land. 'That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage' (Wis 18:6). It was this kind of courageous, joyful faith that nurtured the lives of our missionary forebears – men and women who spent their lives sowing the seeds of God's Word in far flung regions of the globe, many of whom died without seeing the

fruits of their labours.

The opening words of today's gospel passage from Saint Luke recall Jesus' touching appeal to his disciples not to be afraid but to trust in the kingdom the Father has in mind for them: 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom' (Lk 12:32). Fear, not doubt, is the opposite of faith. 'Fear not' is Jesus' most frequent exhortation to his disciples. Fear can paralyze us, holding us locked in the past, unable to move forward. The faith Jesus is looking for involves letting go of those things we imagine will make our lives secure – our possessions. In today's gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to sell their possessions and give alms (cf. Lk 12:33).

The courageous, forward-looking, faith that inspired Abraham and the Israelites and that Jesus requires of us is never easy. In the anxious and uncertain time in which we live, it is particularly demanding. The kingdom of the Father – the kingdom of universal justice, peace and love – that Jesus proclaimed seems to be a long way off. Daily, the media confront us with horrific images of war, hardship, loss and grief. By human calculation, the future seems bleak. While the world teeters on the brink of ecological disaster, political and religious institutions are becoming increasingly polarised and unable to unite in addressing the greatest threat that humanity has ever faced.

At a time like this, we tend to hold on grimly to the familiar terrain of the past rather than embrace the unknown future. But our Christian faith calls to move forward with hope in our hearts. This is the faith that we celebrate in every Eucharist. In the Eucharist we recall and re-enact what Jesus did on the night before he died – how, in the face of betrayal, suffering and death, he took bread and wine, blessed them and shared them with his disciples. This was surely the greatest act of hope-filled faith the world has every known. Hence, as Timothy Radcliffe O.P., the former Master General of the Dominicans, reminds us, 'the Eucharist is not a cheerful gathering of nice people who sing songs and feel good. It is an outrageous expression of hope in defiance of everything that could destroy it' (The Tablet, 16 July '22, p. 13). (continue on page 3 of Bulletin

Bulletin Reflections:

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”
 Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

With prayers and love,



AUGUST LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass Lectors- TBA

20th Sun 8/14/22	Amanda Flood	Zayne Willars
21st Sun 8/21/22	Alicia Garza	Carolyn Yusuf
22nd Sun 8/28/22	Lydia Salas	Joselyn Madrigal

Mass Schedule

Dates	Time
August 6	5:00 pm Liturgy of the word with communion service
August 7	10:00 am
August 13	5:00 pm Adoration starting at 3:00 pm with confessions followed with Mass.
August 14	10:00 am
August 20	5:00 pm Liturgy of the word with communion service
August 21	10:00 am
August 27	5:00 pm Liturgy of the word with communion service
August 28	10:00 am

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

Adoration Times

Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm
Friday 8:am– Noon
Saturday 4:00pm-5:00pm

Vocation View

Be alert to God’s presence even in the least expected times, places and events. You will be ready to respond to God’s call.

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Weekly Readings

8/8-EZ1:2-5,24-28c; Mt17:22-27
 8/9-EZ 2:8-3:4; MT 18:1-5,10,12-14
 8/10-2COR 9:6-10; JN12:24-26
 8/11-EZ12:1-12; MT18:21-19:1
 8/12 EZ16:1-15,60,63 or EZ 16:59-63; MT 19:3-12
 8/13-EZ18:1-10,13b,30-32; Mt 19:13-15
 8/14-Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Announcements

Mission Support for Tororo Uganda

For the weekend of August 13 -14, Fr. Cyril Buyeera will be presiding over Saturday 5pm and Sunday 10:00 Mass (see Mass schedule)

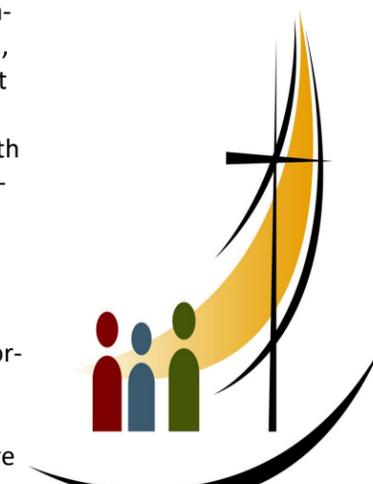
He is from the Archdioceses of Tororo, which covers approximately 8500 miles and serves a population of 3.6 million people, of whom about 1.2 million are Catholic.

Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education and Faith Formation for early childhood (Pre-K thru 12th grade) will begin weekend of July 31st. Registration forms are located on the table at the rear of the church. You can also download the registration form posted on the church’s website. Forms will need to be completed and returned to the office by **Sept. 4th**. Classes will start **Sept. 25th**. Classes will be held on Sundays prior to Mass. Exact time to be determined. We are in need of Religious Education teachers and helpers. Previous experience would be greatly appreciated or if interested in knowing more about this ministry, please contact Deacon Tom.

Are You Signed Up???

Do we know how to get in touch with you? Do we have your most recent mailing address, phone number, and email? If not, please complete the OMM registration form with all the requested information. Just a gentle reminder, to receive the full sacramental services your parish church offers, such as baptism, marriage, funerals, first communion, confirmation, etc., you must be registered with your parish church. PLEASE UPDATE your information now! Forms are



located at the rear of the church. You may also call the office to update or email information to the office.

Young Adult Mass

Bishop Michael Olson invites all Young Adults of the Diocese of Fort Worth to a special Mass on September 8th at 6:30 PM, St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth, TX. Meal & Reflection to follow in the Pastoral Center. Please RSVP for meal to Melissa Loza at mloza@fwdioc.org.

RED MASS

The Red Mass Committee of Fort Worth, Texas cordially invites all attorneys, judges, public officials, and their families and staffs to attend the Red Mass on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at [St. Patrick Cathedral](http://St.PatrickCathedral.com) in downtown Fort Worth. A reception and guest lecture will immediately follow Mass at the Fort Worth Club. There is no cost to attend the Mass or the reception.

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!

Open Retreat, Aug. 12-14, 22

Women's AA Recovery Retreat, Aug. 18-21, 22

Saturday Morning of Reflection, Sept. 17, 22

Young Adults Retreat, Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 22

Deaf Ministry Program

Starting September 3, 2022 the Deaf Ministry Program will offer an 11-week course of American Sign Language at St. Peter Catholic School in Fort Worth on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Students will learn basic vocabulary, rules of grammar and cultural aspects of the deaf community and the history of American Sign Language. Please register by August 26, 2022 to be part of this class.

Jesus calls us to love the Lord and to love one another. Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Sept. 9-11, 2022. 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.

SAVE THE DATE REMINDER

The Knights of Peter Claver Council 89 @ Our Mother of Mercy Parish will host the Annual Frank B Staton Annual Golf Classic on **Saturday October 1, 2022 at Hidden Creek Golf Course in Burleson TX**. The event format is a 4 person scramble best ball format with a 1 PM shotgun start. The event provides educational scholarships to members of the parish community and related local charities in our community. Visit the events page on our website <https://kofpcntx.org/> for more details or contact Knight Art Sanford 817-296-3921 for player and sponsorship information.

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Our Christian faith calls us to continue to witness to this defiant hope, even when the familiar moorings of our world seem to be collapsing around us. Faith does not guarantee that things will always work out for the best, at least not in the way we might expect. We are reminded of the words of Václav Havel, former President of the Czech Republic: 'Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how it turns out'. And to live by this hope-filled faith is to be fully alive. It is to live in every circumstance with a light in our eyes and a spark in our hearts. It is to become clear signposts, pointing 'to a city founded, designed and built by God' (Heb 11:10).

Michael McCabe SMA, cork, July 2022 Society of African Missions