

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 as this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
 St. Frances of Assisi

JESUS SPEAKS TO US

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

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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**In Loving Memory of
 Larry & Olga Martinez,**
 One Day at a Time.



August 28th Collection

Regular	\$1,617.03
Parish Maintenance	\$58.00
St. Anne's (Candles)	\$20.00
Religious Articles	\$10.00
Mass Intentions:	\$15.00
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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 4, 2022)

In today's Gospel, Jesus outlined the conditions of discipleship. He says: If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and his mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters and even his own life, cannot be my disciple. Jesus said this when He was on the road to Jerusalem. He knew that He was on His way to the cross. The crowds who were with Him thought that He was on His way to an empire. They followed Him because of so many things they heard about Him.

When Jesus tells us to hate our nearest and dearest, He does not mean that literally. He means that no love in life can compare with the love we must bear to Him. We must love Him above all things.

It is possible to be a follower of Jesus without being a disciple. A student may attend lectures but may not be a student of the lecturer. A follower is someone who has a great interest in Something. Someone who supports, admires or believes in a particular person, group or idea whereas a disciple is a person who believes in the idea and principles of someone famous and tries to live the way they do or did. Jesus wants us to follow Him and be His disciples.

Allegiance to Christ must be Paramount in a disciple's life, even above his near and dear ones – father or mother, son or daughter. The call of Jesus must be obeyed above other calls. St Jerome would say, "for this order is needed in every affection; after God, love thy father, thy mother and thy children, but if a necessity should

occur that the love of parents and children comes into competition with the love of God, and where both cannot be preserved, remember that hatred of our kindred becomes love of God".

In the Jewish chief commandment, we hear the following: Hear O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might (Deut 6:4-5). This verse is part of Shema, the basic creed of Judaism. Every Jew began with this verse and every Jew must commit it to memory. This means that the love of God must be greater, above every other thing or person in heaven or on earth.

Jesus did not promise luxury and comfort to His disciples. He told them that they will encounter difficulties as they work in His vineyard. Being followers and disciples of Jesus we should expect difficulties and carry our crosses and follow Him.

So many Christians find it difficult to follow Jesus and learn from Him. They are always giving excuses in following Christ. They find it difficult to accept the things of heaven and make amends where they erred. Even some ministers of God no longer discharge their duties properly and diligently. Some parents find it difficult to teach their children the way of Christ, the way that leads to salvation. All sorts of immortality are now the other of the day. People don't pray any more as they should. Let's examine our lives, be willing to suffer for Christ sake and prize Him above everything and everybody.

Fr. Jb Mbbah-Offor

Office Hours

Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays

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



Bulletin Reflections

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

With Prayers and Love



You are just, O Lord, and
 your judgment is right;
 treat your servant in accord with your merciful
 love.

September Mass Schedule

Dates	Time
Monday, September 5	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 6	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 7	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 9	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8:00 a.m.-noon
Saturday, September 10	Adoration 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00
Sunday, September 11	Mass 10:00 a.m. Live-stream
Monday, September 12	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 13	Mass 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 14	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 15	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 16	Adoration 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 17	Mass 10:00 a.m. Adoration 6:00p.m.–7:00p.m.

We will continue give you updates as we have Priests available

Weekly Readings

- 9/5– 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
- 9/6– 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
- 9/7—1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
- 9/8—Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- 9/9—1 Cor 9:16-19, 22B-27; Lk 6:39-42
- 9/10—1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
- 9/11—Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Announcements

Morning Mass

Beginning Monday, September 5th, morning masses will return! Morning mass will be celebrated on Monday’s, Tuesdays, Wednesday’s and Friday’s at 7:00 a.m. The Morning masses will not be live streamed.

Religious Education

CCE (Pre-K3 Thru 12th grade) and RCIA (Adults) class registration will end September 4th, 2022. Forms are still available on parish website.

CCE and RCIA Instructor’s workshop is Sunday, September 11 in the St. Peter Claver Annex Building after Mass.

Young Adult Mass

Bishop Michael Olson invites all young adults of the Diocese of Ft. Worth to a special Mass on Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral Downtown, Ft. Worth. Meal and reflection to follow in the Pastoral Center. Please RSVP for meal to Melissa Loza at MLoza@FWDioc.org.

Calling Catholic Women of OMM

St. Anne’s Altar Society of Our Mother Mercy Catholic Church is extending an invitation for active members.

The purpose of Our Altar Society is to bring catholic women together, the goal is to keep the Tabernacle and Altar maintained. We are a working ministry, and we need to work together with the awareness that we are called to holiness. If your interest is working with women of our parish family and striving for holiness, then please join us by contacting the church office.

Parish and Financial Council

The parish and financial council will meet after Sunday Mass on September 11. We are looking to expand both councils to include more members. If interested in serving, please see Deacon Tom.

Samaritan’s Purse Now Hiring.

Help process Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world in Jesus’ Name! We have a variety of seasonal jobs open at our regional processing centers during mid-November to mid-December-from assisting teams of volunteers to lifting cartons or operating forklifts in our warehouse. Apply at samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs. Hourly payrate of \$20 per hour for Customer Service and Warehouse Workers.

Feast Day of St. Peter Claver

Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver invite members of the parish to the KPC annual family picnic, Saturday, **September 10, from noon-4pm at Claver Hall** located across from the church. The picnic is part of the KPC’s weekend festivities celebrating the feast day of their patron saint, St. Peter Claver. A head count is needed, so please contact any member of the Knights and Ladies or email: kpc89events@gmail.com. If reserving by email, please type **Claver Weekend** in the subject line. We welcome your fellowship!

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.” In your marriage, take refuge in the Lord. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are **Sept. 9-11 and Nov. 11-13, 2022.** To apply go to www.wmme.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.

Nolan Catholic High School

Families are invited to **Middle School Night** at Nolan Catholic High School on Friday, September 16! Current 6th - 8th grade students will have the opportunity to partake in one of five "Viking Experiences" including Marching Band, Norsecrew, Cheer, Royelles, and Football. For more information and a participation waiver for each Viking Experience, please see website: www.nolancatholic.org. Look for links under Middle School Night information. We hope to see you there!"

"Nolan Catholic is now hosting Prospective Parent Coffee & Tour events. These events provide parents with an up-close opportunity to meet our Principal, Mr. Oscar Ortiz, and our President, Mrs. Kristy Webb; as well as our Admissions Team. You also will get to tour our beautiful 65-acre campus and learn more about Nolan Catholic High School! We will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the library for a brief presentation while enjoying coffee. Student Ambassadors will then lead campus tours from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Our first one will be on September 23, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Please RSVP on website to attend. We look forward to meeting you!"

