

PRAYER CORNER

Oh Lord, comfort the sick, those that are dying and the elderly. Cover them with your wings and strengthen their hearts that they may continue worshiping you. Help them to find comfort in your word because, in it, there is healing and wholeness. In Jesus name, we believe and pray, Amen.

JESUS SPEAKS TO US

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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](http://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](mailto:ommftworth1@gmail.com).

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One Day at a Time.



**September 18th Collection**

Regular	\$4964.77
Parish Maintenance	\$52.00
St. Anne's (Candles)	\$59.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$67.00
Utility Reimbursement	\$136.00
Catholic University	\$50.00
Online Donations (9/11 -9/20)	\$250.00

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



# OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It is well known in advertising circles that fund-raising drives get more money from a picture of a single starving child than from statistics about a million starving children. And today, Jesus, the master storyteller presents us with a word-photo of a starving Lazarus (Luke 16: 19-31). Jesus paints the rich man as a master of extravagant and conspicuous consumption and then point-for-point he contrasts the lives of the two main characters. The rich man dressed himself in fine linen and purple garments, while oozing sores provided the main color one could find on Lazarus. While servants would have attended to the wealthy man's every whim, only animals could be found at Lazarus' side. The only comfort he got was from the passing dogs that licked his sores. The story invites us to picture lonely Lazarus breathing his last, only to be ushered by God's own messengers and granted a place of the greatest comfort and love imaginable. In regard to the rich man, we hear only the blunt statement that he died and was buried. It was only after his comfortable life came to an end that the rich man began to notice Lazarus. Then from the netherworld the rich man took it for granted that he could preserve the privileges of his class distinctions. He demonstrated appropriate respect for Abraham and then assumed that the once overlooked Lazarus might just be there to replace the servants he had comman-

deered during his lifetime. What a comedown he was in for! The time for reaching out and relating to another had come to an end. He had squandered his chance to enjoy the communion of heaven. He had spent a life without learning either to give or receive. The rich man had what Pope Francis would diagnose as a heart problem. In his first canonization ceremony, Pope Francis preached that 'comfortable living' can cause what he called 'gentrification of the heart'. That seems to have been the problem of the rich man in Jesus' story – he didn't think he was doing anything wrong, he was simply enjoying what came his way assured he had deserved it. One of the most eloquent of the Church Fathers, St. John Chrysostom wrote, 'Remember this without fail, that not to share our own wealth with the poor is theft from the poor and deprivation of their means of life – we do not possess our own wealth but theirs'. Our world today might call this foolishness. Advertising is eager for us to focus on our own wants rather than another's need. Jesus today reminds us through our selected readings from Amos and Luke to open our eyes and our hearts to the needy at our door – be that the door of our nation, our neighborhoods, our church or our home. Pope Francis calls us to consider how our affluence may cause us serious heart disease. — *except from Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan*



*Office Hours*

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

**Bulletin Reflections**

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

*With Prayers and Love*



**October Lector Schedule**

Saturday	Sunday

**September Mass Schedule**

Dates	Time
<b>Monday, Sept. 26</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 27</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 28</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, Sept. 30</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 8:00 a.m.-noon
<b>Saturday, October 1</b>	Adoration 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, October 2</b>	Mass 10:00 am Live-stream
<b>Monday, October 3</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, October 4</b>	Mass 7:00 am
<b>Wednesday, October 5</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, October 7</b>	Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Saturday, October 8</b>	Adoration 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, October 9</b>	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.

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By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

**Weekly Readings**

- 9/26– JB 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
- 9/27–JB 3:1-3, 11-17,20-23; Lk 9:51-56
- 9/28—Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
- 9/29– Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab; Jn 1:47-51
- 9/30—Jb 38:1, 12-21;4-:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
- 10/1—JB 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Lk 10:17-24
- 10/2—Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

**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.**

**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 Mankind 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. OMM Parish Council has announced a **Pink & Pearls Sunday** the weekend of Oct. 1-2. Come dress in pink and wear your pearls to show support to help increase awareness and to encourage regular screening and early detection of breast cancer.

A prayer poster board will be provided near altar, so parishioners may write the name of breast cancer survivors to be prayed over during the month of October.

**OMOM Youth**

Come join our youth gatherings at the Parish Life Center after Sunday 10 a.m. Mass, starting on September 25, 2022.

**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 prayer-

ful 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>

**Diocese of Ft. Worth Vocations**

**Come and See**

The Come and See Weekend event offers a weekend live-in experience at St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, LA for men 16 years of age and older who are discerning a call to the priesthood. The weekend allows to come and see for themselves, to ask questions, express concerns, meet other seminarians, and pray for God’s will. Transportation, lodging, and food are provided. The event is **November 4-6, 2022**.

**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**

Next week, 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/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

**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](http://fortressfw.org).

**Glenwood Park**

**Saturday October 29th** from 9am-noon, a **Trash-Pick-up Day and festivities event** sponsored with TCU, the Historic Southside Neighborhood Association and several businesses.

The goal is to engage the Southside community members and leaders and understand the impact of historical redlining and divestment, 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!

**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.

**Stewardship Sunday**

A Call to Gratitude - October 16, 2022

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action