

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, We ask that you heal our sick, bring comfort to the families who have lost love ones. May your will be done. Amen

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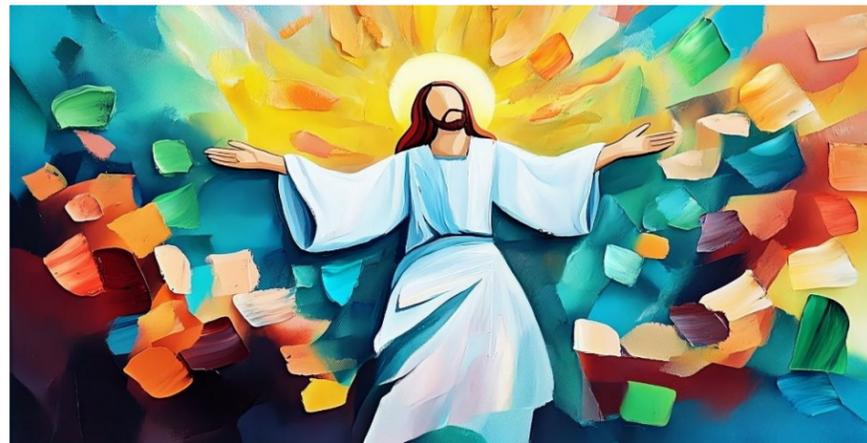
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Walking Toward the Light

The 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A shows us how God calls people to trust Him. In each reading, we see someone stepping forward with faith. Abram leaves his home. The disciples follow Jesus up the mountain. Paul tells Timothy to keep going even when life is hard. These readings help us see that Lent is a time to listen and follow. God may lead us in ways we do not expect. We are not meant to stay in one place. Just like Abram and the disciples, we are called to move forward with hope. This Sunday gives us a reason to keep going. Even when the way is hard or uncertain, we walk in faith. God is leading us somewhere good.

Pastor

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Parish Office Hours
Wednesday & Thursday
11:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday
10:00 am—1:00 pm

March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent

Regular Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00 am
Vigil Mass Sat: 5:00 pm
Mon thru Fri—7:00 am
Saturday: 8:00 am

Adoration Times

Wednesday: 5:00pm-7:00pm
Thursday: 7:30am-3:00pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Friday: 7:30am-noon
Saturday: 4:00pm-4:50pm

Rosary

Sunday 9:00 am
(1st Sunday Live-streamed)
Monday-Friday 6:20 a. m.
Saturday—7:15 a.m.

Confession

Mon-Fri: 6:00am—6:50 am
7:30am-7:55am
Saturday 4pm-4:50pm
By appointment during office hours

Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
March 6



Sunday March 1

Continued good health Martin Barrera
For the repose soul of Vernon A. Newton

Monday March 2

For OMM Parishioners

Tuesday March 3

For OMM Parishioners

Wednesday March 4

For OMM Parishioners

Thursday March 5

For OMM Parishioners

Friday March 6

Happy Birthday Delores Newton
Repose soul of Maria Felipa Hernandez

Saturday March 7

8am Mass— Ignacia Rodriguez
5pm Mass— For OMM Parishioners

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Parish Support for week of: 2/22/2026	
Regular Collection	\$1,988.00
Weekday Mass	\$369.00
Mass Intentions	\$60.00
Parish Maintenance	\$
St. Anne's Candles	\$101.00
St. Anne's Relig Merch	\$
St. Anne's Dinners	\$686.00
Black and Indian Mission	\$259.00
Ash Wednesday	\$209.50
	\$
Total Collection	\$3,672.50
Total Weekend Attendance	152

Daily Readings for the Week

Mar. 1—Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Mar. 2—Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Mar. 3—Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Mar. 4—Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Mar. 5—Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16: 19-31
Mar. 6—Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 *World Day of Prayer*
Mar. 7—Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

March Special Collection

Mar. 1—Parish Maintenance
 Mar. 8—St. Vincent De Paul
 Mar. 15—Catholic Relief Services

Safe Environment Certification

To volunteer in any capacity for the Parish you will need to complete a Safe Environment class. The initial class is **Protecting God's Children** and is good for 2 years. The renewal class is **A Plan to Protect**. Renewals must be completed every 2 years. To renew/or start log in to **www.virtus.org**: For assistance, call Lydia Salas/church office.

Fasting and abstinence during Lent are not about dieting or deprivation—they are about detachment, discipline, and journeying with Christ to Easter. Jesus Himself fasted in the desert for 40 days and so the Church gives us Lent as the time to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and unite our sufferings and sacrifices to Christ.

Abstinence (no meat on Fridays) reminds us of Christ's sacrifice. We give up something good (meat) to turn our hearts toward the greater good—God Himself.

Fasting (this could mean eating nothing and drinking only water or what the Church proscribes – eating only one full meal with two smaller meals that don't add up to a full one) on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent trains our bodies to become servants of the soul, rather than the other way around.

Reflection for 2nd Sunday of Lent

The Gospels show clearly that Peter was a man of action; he always needed to be doing something. Son on Mount Tabor, instead of contemplating in silence and wonder the glory of his Lord, he wanted to build three tents. There is a time for stillness, for contemplation, for wonder, for adoration in the presence of God. A time to heed the words of the psalmist: 'Be still, and know that I am God.' Sometimes we are too busy. We would be better to be silent, to be listening, to be wondering, to be adoring in the presence of God

Important Sacrament Dates

May 2—1st Reconciliation for Holy Communion and Rehearsal at 10/AM at OMM
May 3—1st Holy Communion at 10aM at OMM



Connecting Christ's Cross to Our Own Lives
 Catholic see their personal struggles—illness, grief, injustice, family burdens—reflected in the Stations. Jesus fall, feels pain, receives help, and keeps going. The devotion teaches that **our crosses can have meaning** when united with Christ's.

20 Out of the Box Things to do for Lent 2026—Part 2

Are you tired of giving up chocolate for Lent? Then here are some other creative ideas on what you can do for Lent 2026.

4. A Chaplet a Day
 Incorporate the chaplet of Divine Mercy into your daily prayer. The chaplet is a powerful prayer that can take place in the span of ten minutes or so on a commute, during a lunch break, or whenever the opportunity arises. (You could also offer chaplets for specific people and give them the beads as in number three).

5. Staycation Pilgrimage
 Maybe you can't get to the Holy Land or to a major shrine during Lent, but consider taking a trip to your diocesan cathedral, or setting aside a day to visit a series of churches, chapels, and holy places in your community.

6. Do Your Own Stations of the Cross

Take the season of Lent to compose your own personal meditations on each of the Stations of the Cross. You could write them from the perspectives of those who were with Christ during his passion, from Christ's perspective, as a prayer from you to the suffering Christ. There are lots of ways to do this. Once you've written them, pray with them often.

7. Desert Journal
 Keep a Lenten journal to catalogue your journey with Christ into the desert.

By Colin Maciver / ascensionpress.com

2026 Primary Elections
 Texas Primary Election: 3/3/2026
 To view what is on ballot go to: Ballotpedia.org/Texas_elections_2026



Email Verification



The recent winter closures made it apparent that we need to stay connected. We are building an email distribution list and or phone tree. If you have not provided an email, please do. Pick up an index card from the ushers, complete it and return it. If you do not have an email, please provide a cell phone number. Emails and Phone trees lists are currently being developed so that we may keep everyone informed. Thank you.

Soup and Cinema

The OMM Choir is hosting Soup and Cinema and maybe a song after Saturday mass for the Lenten Season. Donations are \$10. Come join them.



Security Alert Mexico Travel Advisory

FW Catholic Diocese
 From: Mike Short, Dir. of Security mshort@fwdioc.org
 Many parishes plan pilgrimages and other travel to Mexico. Those parishes traveling be aware of the increased security concerns in parts of the country that have been reported by the US Embassy. Please let my office know if your groups have plans to travel to Mexico in the near future so that I can share up to date security information that may impact your travel.

This is a link to the security advisory issued by the US Embassy on February 22, 2026.
<https://mx.usembassy.gov/security-alert-ongoing-security-operations-u-s-mission-mexico-february-22-2026/>

Come & See Discernment Retreat
 Join us for a Vocations Weekend Retreat for men in high school and college, ages 16 and older, from March 27 - 29, 2026, at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, LA. Experience Mass, discernment stories, communal prayer, and a seminary tour—all at no cost. Transportation is provided to and from the seminary.

For those who are or will be 18 years of age at the time of the event, you will be required to register and complete the Safe Environment training no later than March 19, 2026. For more information, contact Vocations at vocations@fwdioc.org or 817-945-9321.



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 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

March 8, 2026