

O Father, we lift up those who are sick and confined, seeking Your healing touch and comfort. Bring peace and comfort. Amen

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Historically African-American Third Sunday of Easter
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Walking with the Risen Lord

The 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A reminds us that Jesus is alive and walks with us. The readings show how His followers came to believe in the resurrection. They also call us to live with hope and trust in His promise.

In the first reading, Peter tells the crowd that Jesus' death and resurrection were part of God's plan. He speaks with courage, showing that the Holy Spirit gives strength to share the Good News.

The Gospel tells the story of the road to Emmaus. Two disciples walk with a stranger who explains the Scriptures to them. They finally recognize Him when He breaks bread. This moment shows how Jesus is present with us in Word and Sacrament.

The 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A encourages us to look for Jesus in our daily lives. He is with us in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in the people we meet. When we open our hearts to Him, our faith grows stronger.

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

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

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- April 19**
For OMM Parish Family
- April 20**
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For OMM Parish Family

- April 22**
For OMM Parish Family
- April 23**
For OMM Parish Family
- April 24**
Repose soul Ignacia Rodriguez†
- April 25**
8am Mass— For OMM Parish Family
- 5pm Mass**—For OMM Parish Family



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Stewardship for week of: 4/12/2026	
Regular Collection	\$2,960.00
Weekday Mass	\$200.00
Mass Intentions	\$5.00
Parish Maintenance	\$7.00
St. Anne's Candles	\$83.65
St. Vincent DePaul	\$450.00
Bulletin Ads	\$
Pontifical Good Friday	\$10.00
Office Supplies	\$50.00
Easter Collection	\$15.00
Total Collection	\$3,780.65
Total Attendance	158

Livestream Schedule
April 19—Howard Rattliff
April 26—Isabel Garza
May 3—Lisa Jones

April Lector Schedule
April 18/19 Lanette Martinez-Vidaurri
 Lydia Salas Daniel Gonzalez
April 25/26 Stephanie Rodriguez
 Brenda Weiss Amanda Flood

Daily Readings for the Week
April 19—Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1: 27-21
April 20—Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
April 21—Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
April 22—Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
April 23—Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
April 24—Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
April 25—1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Reflection for 3rd Sunday of Easter
All through life's day, you walk with us, Lord. But often we don't recognize you, for we are blinded by work and worry, doubt, confusion and fear, and so you remain a stranger to us. Before the day's end we will ask many questions, experience many sorrows and disappointments. And then, suddenly, whether we are young, middle-aged, or old, we will find that night is approaching. In that moment we pray, that, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our eyes will be opened, and that we will recognize you. And you will not vanish from our sight, but stay with us to guide us to the Father's house.



Special Collections April 2026
April 26—Good Shepherd—Seminarian Fund

Parish Council Invitation from Father Peter

We are seeking parishioners who are willing to serve on the next Parish Council. This is a meaningful opportunity to share your voice, offer your gifts, and help guide the spiritual and pastoral direction of our church community.. If you are prayerful, collaborative, and committed to the life of our parish, we encourage you to consider serving. If you are interested, please contact Father Peter.. We ask that you prayerfully reflect on this opportunity to serve our parish family.



OMM would like to honor all High School and College graduates of the church. Please sign up on the sheet located on the back table

Ramp Expansion Update



The ramp expansion at OMM is in process and the process is slow!. Our contractor has submitted all required documents to the City of Fort Worth. However, because OMM is an historic site, the request must go through the office of Ms. Laura Young, with the Historic and Cultural Landmark Commission to obtain the Certificate of Appropriateness for this project.

Stroke Scan Plus

Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings will be at OMM on May 2. A representative will be attending all services on April 25 & April 26, 2026 to announce the ultrasound screening event. Pre-registration will be held after each mass for the ultrasound screening event that is scheduled.

Rachel Ministries Retreat April 24-26, 2026

This retreat is for those seeking healing after an abortion. There is hope whether the abortion took place yesterday or many years ago. You are not alone! For more info or to register, please call 817-923-4757.

Confidentiality is strictly observed. The retreat location is not advertised to protect anonymity of participants.

Party Planning Volunteers

Fr. Bob Strittmatter will be celebrating his 60th Anniversary as a priest. We would like to have a dinner/party for him on **May 23, 2026**. Please call the parish office to volunteer your time. Bring your favorite dish and let's make this a wonderful memorable event!

Spirit Games 2026 Sunday, April 19, 2026 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

The "Spirit Games" at Nolan Catholic High School (NCHS) is an annual, faith-filled event for the youth of the Fort Worth Diocese, hosted by the Stephen Breen Memorial Foundation and the Diocese of Fort Worth, featuring Mass, fun activities like obstacle courses, 9 Square in the Air, and more, as well as face painting, sand art, and delicious BBQ. All to support Catholic education and to honor the legacy of Stephen Breen. We hope to see you there, proudly showing your Catholic school community spirit!

Lights, Catholic, Action! Lights, Catholic, Action! S2 Ep. 32: Knights of Peter Claver in Action



Have you ever heard of the Knights of Peter Claver? In this episode, Michael Barks takes us inside this historic Catholic organization and its mission of service, charity, and brotherhood. He shares his journey of living out his Catholic faith through the Knights at Our Mother of Mercy Parish and reflects on how service strengthens community. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April 26

The 63rd annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 26, 2026, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. This day is dedicated in a particular way to exploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2, Mt 9:38).

Important Sacrament Dates!

May 2—Confirmation Retreat and Confession.
May 2 — 1st Reconciliation for Holy Communion and Rehearsal at 10am at OMM Catholic Church
May 3— 1st Holy Communion at 10 AM at OMM Catholic Church
May 11—Confirmation at 6 pm St. Mary the Assumption Catholic Church, 509 W. Magnolia Ave. 76104



Society of St. Vincent de Paul 5th Spring Craft & Vendor Fair! April 25 9am-3pm

St. Vincent de Paul Church
 5819 Pleasant Ridge Rd.
 Arlington, TX 76016
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