

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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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

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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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The Shepherd Who Guides Us

The 4th Sunday of Easter Year A is often called Good Shepherd Sunday. On this day, we hear readings that remind us how Jesus leads, protects, and cares for His people. The image of the shepherd is one of the most comforting pictures in the Bible. It shows the closeness and love between God and His people.

We are not alone in our journey. We are part of a larger community of believers, the Church, led by Christ Himself. As members of this community, we are called to support and care for one another. We listen for and to His voice, follow His path, and support one another as a community of believers. Let us trust in His protection and love, knowing He leads us to eternal life.



April 26
Repose souls of Anita Uranga†
Ruth Briseno Hernandez†
April 27
For OMM Parish Family
April 28
For OMM Parish Family

April 29
For OMM Parish Family
April 30
Repose soul Angelica Florest†
May 1
Happy Heavenly Birthday Gregorio Estrada†
May 2
8am Mass— For OMM Parish Family
5pm Mass—For OMM Parish Family



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Stewardship for week of: 4/19/2026

Regular Collection	\$2,497.00
Weekday Mass	\$175.00
Mass Intentions	\$20.00
Parish Maintenance	\$110.00
St. Anne's Candles	\$80.65
KPC Utility Reimbursement	\$171.57
Bulletin Ads	\$40.00
Other Contributions	\$65.25
Phil the Box	\$72.80
Donations Rwanda/Burundi Mass	\$298.27
KPC Lenten Fish Fry	\$1,201.62
Total Collection	\$4,732.16
Total Mass Attendance Sat & Sun Mass (146) Sun. 5pm Mass (126)	272

Daily Readings for the Week
April 26—Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2: 20b-25
Jn 10:1-10
April 27—Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
April 28—Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
April 29—Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
April 30—Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
May 1—Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
May 2—Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Compassion is not learned without suffering. Unless we have suffered and wept, we really don't understand what compassion is, nor can we comfort someone who is suffering. Unless we have walked in darkness, we can't help wanderers to find their way. But if we have suffered we become pathfinders for others. And it is by reaching out to others that we ourselves are healed. Jesus bore the marks of our violent world on his body. Those wounds were the proof of his love. They were the mortal wounds the Good Shepherd picked up in caring for his sheep. The wounds of Jesus are the source of consolation, courage, and hope to us in our sufferings. By his wounds we are healed.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
April 26, 2026
 The Diocese of Fort Worth
 special collection for the education
 and formation of our future priests.
 Scan QR Code to give online.

Safe Environment Training Opportunity

There will be a Safe and Sacred class held at OMM on Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 am. To volunteer in any capacity for the parish you will need to complete these classes and renew them every 2 years. To begin or renew classes log into www.virtus.org:



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 **this weekend** to announce the ultrasound screening event. **Pre-registration will be held after each mass** for the ultrasound screening event that is scheduled.

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!

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).

Livestream Schedule

April 26—Isabel Garza

May 3—Lisa Jones

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

Good Shepherd Sunday Special Collection

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are called to reflect not only on the compassionate leadership of Christ but also on our role in nurturing future shepherds who will guide and care for His flock. Through your generous support of the Good Shepherd Sunday special collection, we have the opportunity to share our blessings for the education and formation of seminarians who will serve parishes in the Diocese of Fort Worth. By providing financial assistance for their theological studies, pastoral training, and spiritual development, we help ensure that they are equipped to hear His voice and lead with love, compassion, and wisdom. Please take this opportunity to help them on their discernment journey by praying for them and by giving generously to this collection. **Make your gift today during Mass, with the QR code or online at bit.ly/FWSeminarian (case sensitive).**

Prayer for Vocations

Bountiful Father, your Son Jesus, urged us to pray for laborers for your harvest. We pray for an abundance of priests and consecrated men and women to care for the needs of your Church. Through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, pour out your Holy Spirit upon our families. May we encourage each person to discern and follow the vocation to which you have called them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

April Lector Schedule

April 25/26 Stephanie Rodriguez

Brenda Weiss Amanda Flood



The City of Fort Worth will hold bond and charter elections on **Saturday, May 2**. The ballot will include six bond propositions and nine

proposed charter amendments. Each will be voted on separately. Residents in District 10 will also vote in a special election to fill a vacancy created by Councilmember Alan Blaylock's resignation.

2026 bond program

The City's bond program is one way of funding larger capital such as roads, parks, public libraries and public facilities. Fort Worth has historically held bond elections every four years.

The six propositions on the ballot represent an \$845 million on bond package. If approved by voters, the bonds would provide funding for streets and mobility infrastructure including roadways, sidewalks, bridges and intersection improvements. They would also support expanded parks and recreational spaces, improvements to public library facilities, public safety buildings, and upgrades to animal care and shelter operations.

Propositions include:

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Proposition A: Streets & Mobility Infrastructure: \$511,480,700 (60.5%)

Proposition B: Park, Recreation and Open Space Acquisitions and Improvements: \$185,140,000 (21.9%)

Proposition C: Public Library Improvements: \$14,586,000 (1.7%)

Proposition D: Affordable Housing: \$10,000,000 (1.2%)

Proposition E: Police, Fire and Emergency Communications Facilities: \$63,919,300 (7.6%)

Proposition F: Animal Care & Shelter Improvements: \$59,874,000 (7.1%)

For more information on the bond election, visit :

fortworthtexas.gov/2026bond

The 2026 bond and charter elections take place on Saturday, May 2, with early voting available from Monday, April 20, through the following Tuesday, April 28.