

Please keep in your prayers our sick and deceased family

Tonya Ayala	Cynthia Mavrinac	Fr. Tom Wiggington
Michael Barks	James McClellan	Kurt Williams
Mary Bearden	Christian Montalvo	Antonio Zamarripa
Nico Bell	Tommie Moore	
Fred Bob	John Steven O'Brien	
Sidney Boswell	Fernando Ochoa	
Craig Franklin	Mary O'Rourke	
Ysleta Franklin	Demetria Pack	
Karen Darden Carter	Darlene Parker	
Brenda & Oliver Degraffenreid	Dexter Patterson	
Dana Donelson	Bert Rios	
Jaylan Escobedo	Noah Rodriguez	
Adam Gasca	Lydia Salas	
Erin R Garza-Gambino	Adrian Salas	
Christian Gordon	George & Elizabeth	
Johnny Govea	Scretchings	
Filemon Gutierrez	Amiel Shelton	
Maggie Jane Harris	Lindell Singleton	
Alberee Haynes	Mazzi Stevenson	
Albert Johnson Jr.	Sylvia Sykes	
Maria Juarez	Juanita & Kevin Thornton	
Monica Martinez	Denise Turner	
Mary Maldonado	Juani Velasquez	
Chris & Arriel Marshall	Malinda Walker	
	Floyd & Evadell Ware	

Eternal rest grant unto them
 Solomon McCarter
 Mary Alice Chretien
 Elliot Guidry



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Risen Lord and Ruling King

The Ascension of the Lord Year A celebrates the moment when Jesus returned to the Father. It is a joyful reminder that his mission on earth was complete, but his care for us continues. The disciples saw him lifted up into heaven, yet his promise to be with them always gave them courage.

This feast reminds us that Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God. He reigns as King over all the earth. His authority is above every power and ruler. Even though we cannot see him, he is still

guiding his Church and giving us strength through the Holy Spirit. The Ascension of the Lord Year A also calls us to action. Jesus gave his followers a mission to go into the whole world. We are sent to share his message, to baptize, and to teach others to follow him. His words are for us today just as they were for the first disciples.

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
 3rd Sunday of month 5:00pm
 Vigil Mass Sat: 5:00 pm
 Mon thru Fri—7:00 am
 Saturday: 8:00 am

Adoration Times

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

Rosary

Sunday 9:15 am
 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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May 17
 Happy Birthday Candace Rattliff
 Happy Heavenly Birthday Melba Jackson

May 18
 For Guillermo Rodriguez memory

May 19
 For Guillermo Vedia, physical, spiritual and mental healing

May 20
 For OMM parish family

May 21
 For Guillermo Vedia, physical, spiritual & mental healing

May 22
 For Guillermo Vedia, physical, spiritual & mental healing

May 23
8am Mass
 For Guillermo Vedia physical, spiritual & mental healing

5pm Mass
 Happy Heavenly Birthday
 Claudia Alexander Neal



Daily Readings for the Week
The Ascension of the Lord
 May 17—Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 World Day of Social Communications
 May 18—Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
 May 19—Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
 May 20—Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
 May 21—Acts 22:30,23:6-11; Jn17:20-26
 May 22—Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
 May 23—Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Jn 21:20-25
 May 24—Pentecost Sunday

Ascension of the Lord
 We are born in exile and die there too. As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return. We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen. Like homing birds that are released in a strange country, and know no rest until they return home, so it is with us. When we die, we do not so much go to God as return to him. You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.

PASTOR
60TH Anniversary
 We celebrate and honor Father Bob for 60 years of faithful leadership, heartfelt service, and unwavering dedication.
MAY 31 AT 3:00 PM
 All Saints Catholic Church
 214 NW 20th St, Fort Worth, TX
 For those who would like to attend the reception after the Mass, please RSVP to 817-970-0114.

Ascension of the Lord
 A Vocation View: "Go and make disciples of all nations!" Our lives must proclaim the Truth that comes to us from Christ, embrace the call to be a witness of Christ to the ends of the world!
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All are invited to join the Rwanda/Burndi Community for mass this Sunday, May 17 at 5pm

Stewardship for week of: 5/10/2026	
Regular Collection	\$2,895.00
Weekday Mass	\$215.00
Parish Maintenance	\$10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$462.00
Mass Intentions	\$25.00
St. Anne's Altar Candles	\$150.26
St. Anne's Donation	\$7.00
Office Supplies	\$10.00
Catholic Commun Campaign	\$10.00
Total Collection	\$3,784.26
Total Mass Attendance	178

May Lector Schedule
May 17—Charlotte Mitchell
 Amanda Flood Lydia Salas
May 24—Natasha Cha
 Lanette Martinez-Vidaurre Anaiah Barrera
May 31—Isabell Garza
 Brenda Weiss Carolyn Yusuf

May Special Collections
May 17—Catholic Communications Campaign

Livestream Schedule
May 17—Jennifer Rattliff
May 24—Howard Rattliff
May 31—Jennifer Rattliff

60th Ordination Anniversary
 Fr. Robert (Bobby) Strittmatter will be celebrating his 60th Anniversary since his ordination to the Priesthood. For this Diamond Jubilee Celebration, a special mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday, May 31st at 3pm, at All Saints Catholic Church in Ft. Worth. For those who would like to attend the reception after the Mass, please RSVP to 817-970-0114.

Florida Johnson Scholarship Fund
 The Knights & Ladies of St. Peter Claver Court 89 is accepting applications for the Florida Johnson Scholarship Fund. Applications are available at the rear of the church or from the organization by writing to Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Committee, St. Veronica's Court #89 c/o floridajohnsonscholarship18@gmail.com.

Ramp Expansion

 The construction on the ramp upgrade is almost completed. We are deeply grateful to our benefactor for their support.

Eucharistic Adoration
 Please note that beginning **June 1, 2026, Thursday Adoration** will be postponed during the summer months.
 Thursday Adoration will resume at a later date, which will be announced in the bulletin. We will continue to have Wednesday Adoration from 5:00pm-7:00pm, Friday Adoration from 7:30 pm-Noon and Saturday adoration from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Thank you for your understanding and continued devotion. We encourage all parishioners to continue spending time in personal prayer and reflection.

Help us to Acknowledge Your Hard Work!

 OMM would like to honor all High School and College graduates of the parish at the 10:00am mass on June 7th. Please let us hear from you by signing the Graduate log located on the table at the rear of the church.

Many Hands Make Light Work
 A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Ochoa for generously giving his time to cut the church lawn. Father Peter would like everyone to know that everyone has an open invitation to help care for and maintain our church grounds and the parish rectory whenever you are able. Many hands make light work, and your support is greatly appreciated as we continue to care for our shared parish home.

Candle Purchases for Home Use

 If you are interested in purchasing candles for home use, please contact the church office. **Effective immediately, candles will only be sold through the church office.** We ask that all candle purchases be made during regular office hours. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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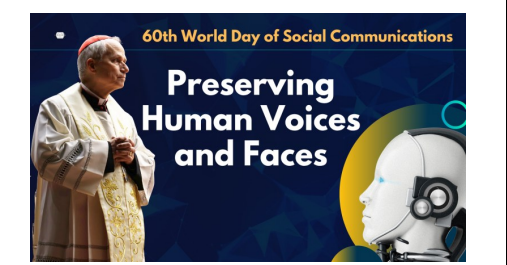
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Worldwide Marriage Encounter
 "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.; Trust in the Lord that He is in your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the tools to have the best marriage you can. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is July 17-19, 2026. 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



This mass will be Saturday, May 30 at 8 am. Celebrant is Fr. Peter Wiafe Akenteng.



World Day of Social Communications is an annual observance established by the Catholic church to reflect on the role of media and communication in society. In 2026, it will be celebrated on Sunday, May 17, the Sunday before Pentecost. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme "Preserving human voices and faces" emphasizing the sacredness of human identity and the importance of authentic human interaction in an age dominated by digital technology and artificial intelligence.
 Lord Jesus, you ascended not to leave us, but to go before us—to prepare a place for us. Teach us not to remain looking at the sky, but to live the mission you entrusted to us. Send us your Holy Spirit, and strengthen our hearts with hope, until the day we are united with you in glory. Amen.