

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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Eternal Rest Grant unto them"

- Rwabukami Celestin**
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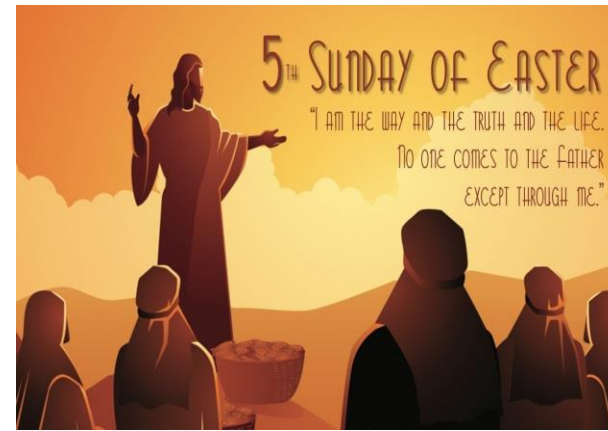
OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

Historically African-American Catholic Church -all are welcome!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

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Trusting the Way of Jesus

The 5th Sunday of Easter Year A brings words of comfort and hope from Jesus. He tells His friends not to be afraid. He reminds them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. These words point us to the promise of being with Him forever.

This Sunday trust in Jesus, serve others, and live as part of God's people. The early Christians faced challenges but worked together in faith. We are called to do the same in our lives. When we follow Jesus, we find strength, purpose, and the way to God.

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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- May 3**
For OMM Parish Family
- May 4**
Happy Birthday Olivia McAlexander
- May 5**
Happy Birthday Izzaac Lugo
- May 5**
Happy Birthday Lydia Salas
- May 7**
Repose soul Ignacia Rodriguez†
- May 8**
Happy Birthday Lydia Salas
- May 9**
8am Mass
Happy Heavenly Birthday Jose & Addie Uranga†
- 5pm Mass**
For OMM Parish Family

From the Pastor's Desk—May

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Grace and peace to you in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

The month of May holds a special place in the heart of the Church. It is traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Virgin Mary, who is for us a model of faith, humility, and total surrender to the will of God. As we journey through the joyful season of Easter, May invites us to deepen our devotion to Mary, who always lead us closer to her Son.

One of the most cherished practices of this month is the praying of the Holy Rosary. Through the Rosary, we meditate on the mysteries of the life of Christ—His Incarnation, Passion, Death, and Resurrection—seen through the loving eyes of Mary. I strongly encourage every family and individual to make the Rosary a daily spiritual habit this month. In a world filled with noise and distractions, the Rosary becomes a quiet refuge where we encounter God's peace.

May is also a time when we reflect on motherhood and the gift of life. As we celebrate mothers, both living and deceased, we thank them for their sacrifices, love, and unwavering commitment to nurturing faith in the family. Let us continue to support and pray for all mothers, asking God to strengthen them in their vocation.

Furthermore, this month often includes the celebration of Mother's Day, reminding us of the sacred role of motherhood in both the family and the Church. It is also a time to pray for vocations, that more young men and women may respond generously to God's call to serve in the priesthood, religious life, and to committed Christian family life.

May we accompany our brothers and sisters who will be confirmed during this month and pray with them and for them and share their joy.

As your pastor, I urge you all to remain steadfast in your faith. Let us be people of prayer, charity, and unity. Reach out to those in need, comfort the sorrowful, and be instruments of Christ's love in your homes and communities.

May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary guide and protect us throughout this month. May she teach us to say "yes" to God in all circumstances, just as she did.

Wishing you a grace-filled and Marian month of May.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Peter, Pastor

"Do whatever He tells you". (John 2:5)

Daily Readings for the Week
May 3—Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
May 4—Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
May 5—Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
May 6—Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
May 7—Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
National Day of Prayer
May 8—Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
May 9—Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Stewardship for week of 4/26/2026
Total Collection: \$2706.55
Total Attendance: 137

Livestream Schedule
May 3—Lisa Jones



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

Party Planning Volunteers

We're needing **volunteers to plan a going away party. Thank you for your service as an Alcolyte, altar server, lector, both Zayn Willars and Daniel Gonzalez**, who are going into the Military Service. Their celebration will be on **Sunday, May 17th after mass.**

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 them a wonderful memorable event!

Important Sacrament Dates!

May 3— 1st Holy Communion at 10 am at OMM Catholic Church

May 9—Confirmation Retreat and Confession. 9:00 a.m. until after 5:00 p.m. mass

May 10—Mandatory practice at St. Mary the Assumption at 2:00pm

May 11—Confirmation at 6 pm St. Mary the Assumption Catholic Church, 509 W. Magnolia Ave. 76104

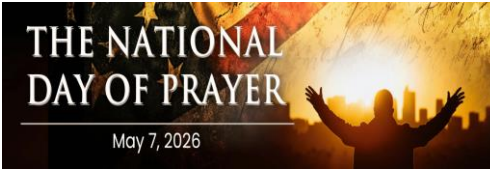
Confirmands and sponsors are asked to arrive by 5:30pm.

St. Andrew Breakfast

The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be on Saturday May 16, 2026 at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St, Fort Worth, TX 76102, at 8:00 AM. Reserve your spot by May 14, 2026, at: vocations@fwdioc.org or call 817-945-9321.



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:



Theme for 2026:
Glorify God Among the Nations,
Seeking Him in All Generations

"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples." 1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB

The National Day of Prayer exists to mobilize unified public prayer for America. In this historic year, we're honoring both the 75th observance of the National Day of Prayer and the 250th year since the founding of the United States. Join believers all across America on Thursday, May 7, in making this declaration of personal rededication on the National Day of Prayer

The 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter A Vocation View:

Repent and be baptized!
Our life as Christian disciples is a constant conversion to the Lord, we must constantly live out the commitments made at our own Baptism.



It is with sincere condolences we announce the passing of Elliot Guidry, a longtime member of OMM.

Funeral arrangements for Elliot Guidry's Life Celebration
Fort Worth Service

Tuesday, May 5
Location of Viewing and Rosary Gregory W. Spencer, Funeral Directors; 4000 Miller Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76119 —1:00pm-6:pm; Rosary at 6:00pm

Wednesday: May 6—11:00am
Funeral at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church 1001 E. Terrell Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76104

Repast following service at Fortress Building

Houston Service

Friday May 8: 10:00 am Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1401 Fidelity St., Houston, TX 77029
Place of Rest: Houston National Cemetery; 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77038

Repast following the burial at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Magnificat Prayer Meal

On behalf of the Service Team of the "Our Lady of The Most Blessed Sacrament" Chapter of Magnificat, an Apostolate of the Fort Worth Diocese, we warmly invite the women of OMM parish to join us for the **Magnificat Prayer Meal on Saturday, May 16, 2026.**

Hilton Garden Inn
785 State Hwy 121,
Lewisville, TX 75067
Cost \$35 per person if postmarked by 5/13/2026.

Questions or Information Call: 214-868-5559

Cost of Reservation goes up on WED March 25, to \$40.00

Or Use Link: <https://bit.ly/4dhNbNW>