

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, Heal our sick, may your will be done. Bring comfort to families who have lost loved ones. In Jesus Name, Amen

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May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

2:00-4:00 PM

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

Welcome to our church
Ft Worth's Historically African American
Catholic Church

The Baptism of the Lord Year A reminds us who Jesus is and what He came to do. He walks into the Jordan River, not because He needs to, but to show us the way. This moment tells us that Jesus is ready to serve. He stands with us, not above us.

As He comes out of the water, something amazing happens. The Holy Spirit comes down like a dove. God speaks from heaven and calls Jesus His beloved Son. This is the first clear sign that Jesus is sent by God to bring peace and healing.

At our own baptisms, we were given the light of Christ, symbolized by the baptismal candle. This light is not just a symbol but a mission. We are called to bring hope and goodness to those around us. We do this by showing kindness, standing up for what is right, and sharing our faith.

Baptism is not just a one-time event but a way of life. It reminds us to follow Jesus and shine His light in our homes, communities, and workplaces. When we live this way, we fulfill our baptismal call and become lights for the world.

Lord, thank You for the gift of Jesus and His example of humility and service. Help us to live out our baptismal call by sharing Your light with others. Guide us through the Holy Spirit to follow You each day. May we always trust in Your plan and grow in faith. Amen.

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

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: 5pm-7pm

Thursday: 7:30am-3:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm

Friday: 7:30am-noon

Saturday: 4pm-4:50pm

Rosary

Sunday 9:00 am

(1st Sunday Live-streamed)

Monday-Friday 6:20 am

Confession

Mon-Fri: 6am—6:50 am

7:30am-7:55am

Saturday 4pm-4:50pm

By appointment during office hours

Pastoral Staff
Fr. Peter Wiafe Akenteng, Pastor
Tom Giovannitti, Deacon
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Jennifer Rattliff, Bookkeeper
Michael Ussin, Maintenance/Custodial
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Pastoral Council:

LaWonda Peoples, Chairperson

Financial Council:

Fred Bob, Chairperson

Parish Support for week of: 1/4/2026

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| Regular Collection | \$4,012.83 |
| Reimbursement | \$65.00 |
| Mass Intentions | \$5.00 |
| Parish Maintenance | \$392.00 |
| St. Anne's Candles | \$51.50 |
| St. Anne's Religious Articles | \$ |
| Bible | \$20.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ |
| New Year Day Donations | \$853.00 |
| | \$ |
| Total Collection | \$5,399.33 |
| Total New Year Attendance | 100 |
| Total Weekend Attendance | 152 |

Daily Readings for the Week
The Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 11—Is 42: 1-4. 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matt 3:13-17

Jan. 12—1 Sam 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20

Jan. 13—1 Sam 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Jan. 14—1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Jan. 15—1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Jan. 16—1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Jan. 17—1 Sam 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10-1; Mk 2:13-17

January Live Stream Schedule

1/11—Isabell Garza

1/18—Jennifer Rattliff

1/25—Howard Rattliff

January Lector Schedule

1/10—Natasha Cha

1/11—LaWonda Peoples, Amanda Flood

1/17— Lanette Martinez Vidaurri

1/18—Amanda Flood; Lydia Salas

1/24—Natasha Cha

1/25—LaWonda Peoples; Brenda Weiss

January Special Collections

1/11—St. Vincent de Paul

1/18—Priest Care Fund

Stewardship

“John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?”” MATTHEW 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



Sunday Jan. 11

Happy Birthday

Carmen Lugo

Monday Jan. 12

Repose soul Herman Gallegos

Tuesday Jan. 13

Repose soul Juanita Forbes

Wednesday Jan. 14

Repose soul Enrique Diaz

Thursday Jan. 15

Repose soul Veronica Garcia

Friday Jan. 16

Thanksgiving

Maria Burke

Saturday Jan . 17

8am Mass—

5pm Mass—

Reflection for

The Baptism of the Lord

Baptism was not over and done with the day we were taken to the font. We are baptized by all that happens to us in life. We are baptized by hardship; in its turbulent waters we are purified of all that is false and useless. We are baptized by suffering; in its murky waters, we grow in humility and compassion. We are baptized by joy; in its gurgling waters we experience the goodness of life. We are baptized by love; in its singing waters we blossom like flowers in the sun. Baptism is like the planting of a seed. It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.



Please note that our Pastor will be away on retreat from January 11—January 15. This is a time of prayer and spiritual renewal is essential for priests as they seek to listen more deeply to God’s voice and renew their pastoral ministry. During this period:

- Regular parish activities will continue as scheduled
- Emergency pastoral needs will be attended to by assisting clergy
- Parish office hours remain unchanged

We kindly ask the parish community to keep our Pastor in prayer during his retreat that he may return spiritually refreshed and strengthened for his ministry among us.

Fort Worth MLK Holiday Parade

The Greater Fort Worth Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Committee invites you to be part of the 41st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Parade and Rally on Monday, January 19, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration information can be found on our homepage: <https://fortworthmlk.org>.

OMM will be participating in this parade .

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17)
God’s delight in His Son mirrors the joy He takes in those who follow His call. As a child of God, He desires what is best for you. Take time this week to pray and listen for His guidance in how He wants you to serve Him. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (817) 945-9321 or via email: vocations@fwdioc.org

St. Andrew Breakfast

The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be on Saturday morning January 17, 2026 at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St, Fort Worth, TX 76102, at 8:00 AM. The day will begin with Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship. We encourage young men in high school and college in the Diocese of Fort Worth to attend.

Please reserve your spot by **January 15, 2026**, through the Vocations Office: Vocations@FWdioc.org or by calling 817-945-9321.

Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass

The 40th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass will be held on **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth at 5:30 p.m. The main celebrant will be Most Rev. Michael F. Olson, STD, MA, Bishop of Fort Worth, and the homilist will be Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry, JCL, DD, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Chicago. All are encouraged to attend

Year End Giving Statements

Year end statements for parish donations will mailed out by the end of January to last address on file. If you would like your statement emailed to you, send your email address to: ourmother@omomftworth.org.



Please stay after mass on Jan. 11 to help the Ladies of St. Anne's Society remove the Christmas Decorations.

Are you prepared to vote in 2026? Last day to register to vote is Feb. 2, 2026. Voting locations have changed. Go to www.tarrantcountytx.gov to find your new location.

Did you know that the first mass celebrated at OMM was on January 13, 1929?

We will be celebrating OMM's 97th birthday with a reception at the PLC on Jan. 18 after mass. Please join us. Also, consider joining the newly formed 100th Anniversary Planning Committee. More info at party.

Invite the Holy Spirit to come down and strengthen the bond of your sacrament of Matrimony by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is Feb. 6-8, 2026.
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FATHER PETER AND FATHER RICHARD

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6:00PM-7:30PM

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