

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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The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A brings a message of hope, calling, and unity. The readings show how God's light shines in the darkness, how Jesus calls ordinary people to follow Him, and how the Church should stay united in faith. These themes remind people to trust in God's plan and to live as followers of Jesus. No matter the struggles or differences, God continues to guide His people.

The first reading speaks of Zebulun and Naphtali, lands that suffered under foreign rule. The people there lived in fear and uncertainty, but God promised to bring them light.

Paul's letter in the second reading to the Corinthians warns about divisions in the Christian community. Some people were following different leaders instead of staying focused on Jesus. Paul reminds them that faith should unite people, not divide them. The message of unity is still important. People can have different opinions, but they should not let disagreements weaken their faith or relationships.

In the Gospel, Jesus calls fishermen to follow Him. This is surprising because most rabbis would prefer students who were already well-educated in the law. But Jesus does not look for the best or the most important people. He calls ordinary workers who are willing to follow Him. God does not ask people to be perfect before they follow Him. He calls people just as they are; no matter their background or abilities. All that is needed is a willing heart.

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday & Thursday

11am—5 pm

Friday

10am—1pm

January 25, 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 am

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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Daily Readings for the Week

Jan. 25—Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Jan. 26—2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:22-30

Jan. 27—2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Jan. 28—2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Jan. 29—2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4: 21-25

Jan. 30—2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

Jan. 31—2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

January Live Stream Schedule

1/25—Howard Rattliff

January Lector Schedule

1/24—Natasha Cha

1/25—LaWonda Peoples; Brenda Weiss

Lord, You are the light that leads us out of darkness. Help us to trust You when life is difficult. Give us the courage to follow You, even when we feel unworthy. Teach us to work together and build unity in our communities. Guide us each day as we walk in faith. Amen.

Stewardship

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.



Sunday Jan. 25

For the Souls in Purgatory

Monday Jan. 26

Repose soul of Susie Herrera

Tuesday Jan. 27

Wednesday Jan. 28

Thursday Jan. 29

Friday Jan. 30

Happy Birthday Andy Garza

Saturday Jan. 31

8am Mass—

5pm Mass—

Reflection for

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Lord, make me an instrument of your love.

Where the darkness of loneliness reigns let me bring the light of friendship.

Where the darkness of bitterness reigns let me bring the light of forgiveness.

Where the darkness of hurt reigns let me bring the light of healing.

Where the darkness of discord reigns let me bring the light of harmony.

Where the darkness of sadness reigns let me bring the light of joy.

Where the darkness of doubt reigns let me bring the light of faith.

Where the darkness of despair reigns let me bring the light of hope.

And where the darkness of hatred reigns let me bring the light of love. Amen

Parish Support for week of: 1/18/2026	
Regular Collection	\$2,008.83
Weekday Mass	\$65.00
Mass Intentions	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$55.00
St. Anne's Candles	\$193.05
St. Anne's Religious Articles	\$
CCE	\$80.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$
Priest Care Fund	\$375.00
	\$
Total Collection	\$2,801.88
Total Weekend Attendance	152

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**.

CIA Formation Day

Join the annual diocesan OCIA Formation Day on Saturday, **January 31, 2026 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**, at Most Blessed Sacrament in Arlington. All parish OCIA leaders and volunteers are welcome to attend this day of formation to grow knowledge and skills for their ministry.

Register at: **https://fwdioc.orgocia-formation-day**

A Special Opportunity for Those Ages 70-1/2 and Older

You can give any amount (up to \$111,000) per year from your IRA directly to support your parish, school, an endowment fund, the Annual Diocesan Appeal or the Diocese of Fort Worth through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. When you turn 73, your gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD). To learn more or start the process, visit **https://**

advancementfoundation.planmygift.org/ira-charitable-rollover.

Or contact Lydia Springer, **lspringer@adv-fdn.org**, 682-622-8393.



As part of an ongoing Campaign Planning Study, the diocese will be facilitating an electronic survey (e-survey), set to go out from Bishop Olson on Monday, January 12 to faithful from across our diocese. This e-survey is a critical step in collecting the most broad, comprehensive feedback on the path forward for a potential campaign here in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

The survey will be open to responses from January 12 to January 23, with a reminder on January 20 for those who

have not yet participated; individuals will receive a custom link to track participation, and survey feedback will be anonymous.



In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising. Fr. Peter will be officiating mass on **Feb. 11 at 7:00 am**.



Ash Wednesday will be on Wednesday, **February 18**. At OMM Church, distribution of ashes will be at 7:00 am mass and at 7:00 pm. This day marks the beginning of Lent, a period of fasting and reflection.



At OMM we will starting praying the Stations of the Cross on Friday, Feb. 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Fr. Peter asked that we keep to the same practice as last year will OMM ministries leading the prayers. St. Anne's Society will be the first ministry leading. Everyone is invited to attend.

First Friday Senior Bingo

Join the Silvertop bingo Club, Friday, February 7 for First Friday Bingo in the Parish Life Center at 11:00 a.m. RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 4 to LaWonda Peoples at 817-689-4344.



The Importance of voting in primaries

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026.

This year will be an important year for voters in the State of Texas with three Uniform Election Dates scheduled March 3, 2026, (Primary) May 2, 2026, (Local), and November 3, 2026, (Mid-term).

Participating in primary elections is crucial for our democracy. Primary elections are not just a preliminary step—they determine which candidates will represent each party in the general election. By voting in the primaries, people of faith have a direct say in shaping the choices that will be available in the final election, ensuring that your voice is heard from the very beginning of the process.

Additionally, primary elections often have lower voter turnout, which means that every vote carries even more weight. Voter participation can make a significant difference in deciding which leaders and policies move forward. Engaging in this part of the electoral process helps promote a more representative and responsive government.

As this nation struggles in a spiritual battle for the soul of America, it is essential that people of faith Stand Up... Speak Up... and Refuse to Give Up. One of the most important things we can do is to lead our people to the polls and elect people of faith to these key offices

See Carolyn Yusuf after mass to change your mailing address or check your voting status.

He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.” Let us answer God’s call to make our marriages the best they can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are Feb. 6-8 and Apr. 10-12, 2026.

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