

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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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

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever.” (Psalm 118:1)

From the Pastor's Desk

A New Year of Grace

As we begin the New Year 2026, we give thanks to God for the gift of life, faith, family, and community. January invites us to reflect on God’s blessings of the past year and to entrust the coming months into His loving care. May this new Year deepen our faith, strengthen our unity, and renew our commitment to sere one another in love.

This January, our parish joyfully marks the 97th Anniversary of our Parish. For nearly a century, our parish has been a spiritual home where generations have encountered Christ through the Word, the Sacraments, and the life of the community.

We give thanks for the founders, past pastors, religious, catechists, benefactors, and parishioners whose faith, sacrifice, and dedication have sustained our parish over the years. As we celebrate this milestone, we pray that God will continue to guide our parish as we journey toward our centenary with renewed hope and mission.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)

Details of anniversary celebrations will be announced in due course. As we step into 2026, let us walk together as a parish family—rooted in faith, united in love, and committed to Christ’s mission. May this New Year be filled with hope, healing, and renewed zeal for the Gospel

Happy New Year to you and your families!

Father. Peter

January 4, 2026

The Epiphany 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

St. Anns Gifts & Books

Open after Mass

Pastoral Staff
Fr. Peter Wiafe Akenteng, Pastor
Tom Giovannitti, Deacon
Lydia Salas, Sec/Safe& Sacred Coord.
Jennifer Rattliff, Bookkeeper
Michael Ussin, Maintenance/Custodial
Charlotte Mitchell, Bulletin
Donna R. Patrick, Director, Gospel Choir
Bernadine Silva, Music, Saturday Mass
Emma Uwaniyigena, Rwanda/Burudi
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817-228-3338/lanettemartinez@ymail.com

Pastoral Council:

LaWonda Peoples, Chairperson

Financial Council:

Fred Bob, Chairperson

Parish Support for week of: 12/28/2025

Regular Collection	\$2,375.23
Weekday Mass	\$20.00
Mass Intentions	\$5.00
Parish Maintenance	\$5,025.00
St. Anne's Candles	\$54.75
St. Anne's Religious Articles	\$34.00
Bulletin Ads	\$
St. Vincent de Paul	\$50.00
Christmas Donations	\$786.00
	\$
Total Collection	\$8,349.98
Christmas Attendance	132
Total Weekend Attendance	134

Daily Readings for the Week
The Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 4—Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

Jan. 5—1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17,
23-25

Jan. 6—1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Jan. 7—1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Jan. 8—1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

Jan. 9—1 Jn 5: 5-13; Lk 5: 12-16

Jan. 10—1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

January Live Stream Schedule

1/4—Lisa Jones

1/11—Isabell Garza

1/18—Jennifer Rattliff

1/25—Howard Rattliff

January Lector Schedule

1/3—Stephanie Rodriguez

1/4—Lydia Salas , Zayn Willars

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

1/4—Parish Maintenance

1/11—St. Vincent de Paul

1/18—Priest Care Fund

Vocation Seeds

*“They prostrated themselves and did him
homage.” (Matthew 2:11)*

The Magi offered their gifts to Christ,
just as we are called to offer our own.
What gifts has God given you, and how
is He calling you to use them in service
to Him? Talk to your priest or reach out
to the Vocation Office at (817) 945-9321
or via email: vocations@fwdioc.org

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Jan. 4

Repose souls of Natividad &

Maurico Pulido &

Lucia Esquirrel

Monday Jan. 5

Happy Birthday

Stephan Salas

Tuesday Jan. 6

Physical & spiritual healing for

OMM church family & friends

Wednesday Jan. 7

Repose soul of

William L. Stanley III

Thursday Jan. 8

Kim Jung Un (conversion)

Friday Jan. 9

For priestly vocations in the FW

Diocese

Saturday Jan . 10

8am Mass—

5pm Mass—Grace & Mercy on

Willar & Stepp Families

Reflection for

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Magi were led to Christ by
the light of a star. But they saw
the star only because they were
not afraid to travel in the dark.
The fact is, we cannot see the
stars in the bright light of day,
but only in the darkness of
night; and the darker the night,
the brighter they shine. In a
sense, all of us are night-time
travelers. However, we need no
longer fear the darkness, be-
cause with he coming of Christ
a light has come into the world,
a light that shines in the dark, a
light that no darkness can over-
power.

“Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh.” Husbands
and wives, offer each other the
treasures of your love by participating
in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage
Encounter Experience.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is Feb. 6-8, 2026.

To apply go to www.wme.org.

Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en

Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com

214-497-0188.

Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House

"Behold, I make all things new." (Rev.
21:5). Come on retreat to grow in re-
lationship with God, the source of the
renewed peace and joy we all de-
sire. Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House,
on the shores of Lewisville Lake, in
Lake Dallas, Texas wants to help you
find the peace that surpasses under-
standing. Reserve a spot for one of
our upcoming retreats today

at www.montserratretreat.org!

Jan 8-11, 2026 Men's Retreat

Jan 29-Feb 1, 2026 Women's Retreat.

CAMINO: Fort Worth's Catholic Re-

sponse to School Choice

Through CAMINO, a diocesan initia-
tive to help families apply for a Texas
Education Freedom Account (TEFA),
families now have a potential pathway
to enroll in Catholic schools across
the Fort Worth Diocese, regardless of
income or zip code.

Use the link below to receive our
CAMINO newsletter with information
on how to apply for TEFA. Visit
www.catholicschoolfwdioc.org or
call 817-945-9376 to learn more.

**Children with disabilities may receive
up to \$30,000 if eligible.*

Thank You!

To the parishioners of OMM. Thank
you for your huge generosity that
helped us to have a wonderful and
Blessed Christmas.
From Natasha Cha and
her grandchildren



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:

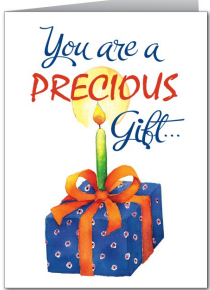
- Regular parish activities will con-
tinue as scheduled
- Emergency pastoral needs will be
attended to by assisting clergy
- Parish office hours remain un-
changed

We kindly ask the parish community
to keep our Pastor in prayer during
his retreat that he may return spiritu-
ally 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 Mar-
tin 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](https://fortworthmlk.org)**



marked by wisdom, grace, and count-
less blessings shared with God's peo-
ple. We thank Fr. Peter for his dedi-
cation, pastoral care, and loving pres-
ence in our parish community. We
pray that the Lord may continue to
bless him with good health, peace,
and joy, and grant him many more
years of fruitful service.

A potluck birthday party will be held
for both Fr. Peter and Fr. Flores in the
former Fortress School after mass on
January 17. Please bring your favor-
ite dish and contact parish office if
you can help with preparations.

Year End Giving Statements

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

Honoring
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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"WHAT IS YOUR LIFE'S
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