

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

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"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 serve 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. Ann's 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/Burundi
 Catholic Community Choir

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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 Esquivel

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, because with the coming of Christ a light has come into the world, a light that shines in the dark, a light that no darkness can overpower.

"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.wwme.org. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.

PASTORS' RETREAT

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.

Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House

"Behold, I make all things new." (Rev. 21:5). Come on retreat to grow in relationship with God, the source of the renewed peace and joy we all desire. Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House, on the shores of Lewisville Lake, in Lake Dallas, Texas wants to help you find the peace that surpasses understanding. 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.

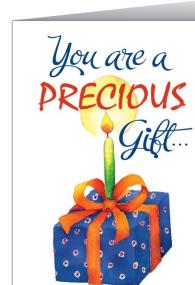
CAMINO: Fort Worth's Catholic Response to School Choice

Through CAMINO, a diocesan initiative 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.

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



January 22nd brings a joyful occasion as we celebrate **Fr Peter's 70th Birthday**. We give thanks to God for the gift of his life, priesthood, and faithful service to the Church. Seventy years of life is a beautiful milestone, marked by wisdom, grace, and countless blessings shared with God's people. We thank Fr. Peter for his dedication, pastoral care, and loving presence 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 favorite dish and contact parish office if you can help with preparations.

Year End Giving Statements

Year end statements for parish donations 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.

