

PRAYER CORNER

Father, We humbly come before You, interceding for our sick family and friends. We implore the power of the Holy Spirit to bring forth healing and restoration in their bodies. We ask through Jesus Christ Amen

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May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace

Bishop Kenneth Spears

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Our Mother of Mercy

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Weekday Mass	\$35.75
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Total Weekend Attendance	169

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November 30, 2025



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Wednesday and Thursday:
11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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

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First Sunday of Advent

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year A is a time of waiting and hope. We look forward to Jesus coming again, and we remember His birth in Bethlehem. Advent reminds us to be ready, not just for Christmas, but for the day when Christ will return. It is a season to pray, watch, and live in the light of the Lord.

The readings for the 1st Sunday of Advent Year A speak about peace, joy, and staying awake. Isaiah gives a picture of all nations coming to God's mountain to learn His ways. The psalm is a prayer for peace in Jerusalem. Paul tells us to wake up and live as people of the light. Jesus warns us to be ready because His coming will be sudden.

Prayer

Loving God, help us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Lead us to live in peace, kindness, and hope. Let your light guide our path through this Advent season. May we be ready to welcome Jesus into our lives with open and willing hearts. Amen.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Nov. 30
Repose souls of Natividad, Maurico, & Lucia Esquirel

Monday Dec. 1
David Flores for Physical and Spiritual healing

Tuesday Dec. 2
Repose soul of Agnes Mao Cao

Wednesday Dec. 3
Happy Birthday
Sagrario Velazquez

Thursday Dec. 4
Repose soul of Joseph Nguyen


Friday Dec. 5
Reposed soul of John the Baptist La

Saturday Dec. 6
8am Mass—Repose soul of Fr. Ignatius Nguyen
5pm Mass— Repose soul of Josette Avina

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From the Desk of Fr. Peter
Prepare the way of the Lord! (Mark 1:3)

Dear Beloved Parish Family,

Grace and peace to you as we enter the holy and joyful season of **Advent**—a time of hope, waiting, and renewal. December invites us once again to lift our hearts toward the coming of Jesus Christ, the Light who shines in the darkness and the Prince of Peace who enters our world with tenderness and strength.

1. **Advent: A Season of Watchful Joy**

The four weeks of Advent call us to spiritual readiness. This season is not simply a countdown to Christmas, but a sacred time to: **Watch** for the signs of God’s presence in our daily lives; **Wait** with hope for the fulfillment of God’s promises; **Prepare** our hearts for Christ’s coming in history, mystery, and glory; **Rejoice** that God is near to us, even in challenging times. Let us renew our commitment to prayer, charity, forgiveness, and reconciliation. May every home in our parish glow with Advent hope.

2. **Advent Confessions & Spiritual Preparation**

All parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of our **Advent Reconciliation Services**. Confession offers us the grace to begin anew with clean hearts. Reconciliation service (see schedule) combined with adoration. Let us prepare for Christmas not only with decorations, gifts, and gatherings, but also with renewed faith and a reconciled spirit.

3. **Christ Celebrations**

Our parish will celebrate the **Nativity of the Lord** with reverence and joy. You are invited to bring family and friends as we gather at the manger to adore the newborn King. May the beauty of the Christ liturgy fill our hearts with awe and gratitude.

4. **Parish Activities This Month**

December is filled with opportunities to grow in faith and community (youth and children’s Advent programs) Let us join hands in service, compassion, and unity.

5. **A Thank-You to All Parishioners**

As we approach the end of 2025, I offer my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. To our dedicated volunteers, our catechists and parish leaders, our choir, altar servers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers and to all who support the parish through prayer, presence, and generosity. Your commitment brings life to our parish family, May God richly bless you.

6. **Looking Ahead to 2026**

The new year invites us to deepen our discipleship. With the grace of God, we look forward to strengthening our parish ministries, expanding formation opportunities and building an even more vibrant community of prayer, service, and faith. Let us enter the new year with courage, trust, and hope.

A Christmas Blessing

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may Christ fill your hearts and homes with joy. May His peace dwell with you, His light guide you, and His love strengthen you.
Wishing you a **Merry Christmas** and a **Blessed New Year!**

With prayerful love,
Fr. Peter

1st Sunday of Advent Reflection

In today’s second reading, we heard St. Paul say: “Let your armor be the Lord.” Hence, we might pray as follows:
Circle me, Lord.
Keep protection near; keep danger afar.
Circle me, Lord.
Keep hope within; keep doubt without.
Circle me, Lord
Keep light near; keep darkness afar.
Circle me Lord.
Keep peace within; keep strife without.
Circle me Lord.
Keep love within; keep hate without. Amen

Daily Readings for the Week

Nov 30—Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Dec. 1—Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Dec. 2—Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Dec. 3—Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Dec. 4—Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21-27
Dec. 5—Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:24-27
Dec. 6—Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



First Friday Bingo is December 5 at the PLC. Join for fun and fellowship. Please RSVP by noon December 3. Just text 817-689-4344.

**Missionary Childhood Association
National Christmas Artwork
Contest 2025-2026**

Announcing the 2025-2026 Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) National Christmas Artwork Contest! Entries are received until January 31, 2026. For Contest guidelines and the entry form, please visit:

EN: <https://fwdioc.org/mca-national-christmas-artwork-contest>
ES: <https://fwdioc.org/concurso-nacional-de-arte-navideno-de-mca>

Catholic Christian Education

There will not be CCE classes on Nov. 30, 2025. Classes will resume on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 8:30am -9:45am.

We wish all our students, families, and catechists a blessed and restful break!



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Texas Education Freedom Act

Oscar Ortiz, Executive Director of Strategic Outreach & Educational Access of the FW Diocese will be at OMM on December 14. to give a presentation on the Texas Education Freedom Act.

Young Adult Advent Reflection

Young Adults, ages 18-35 of the Diocese of Fort Worth, are invited to join the second annual Advent Reflection at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 800 High Crest Drive, Azle, TX 76020, **Saturday, December 6, 2025, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**. This year the speaker is Paul J. Kim, who will relate the Advent season of joyful anticipation to being a Catholic young adult. In this presentation, Paul offers insight from Scripture, world-class authors & influencers, and personal experience; on how to not only avoid making a mess of one’s young adulthood (and beyond) but to also thrive and succeed while living life to the full. If you have any questions please contact Victoria Ramon.



An All Ministry Leaders Meeting is set for **Saturday, Dec. 13**, from 11am-2pm at the Fortress building. Please plan to attend.



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary—**Dec. 8**
7:00 am
Regular Morning Mass—**Dec. 24**
7:00 am
Christmas Eve Mass—**Dec. 24**
5:00 pm
No Adoration
Christmas Day Mass—**Dec. 25**
10:00 am
No 7:00 am mass
No Adoration
New Year’s Eve Mass—**Jan. 1**
10:00 am
No Adoration
No 7:00 am mass
Regular Morning Mass—**Jan. 2**
7:00 am
Adoration resumes



Please plan on helping decorate the church for Christmas on December 23 at 10:00. Thank you.



Please consider donating to OMM wish list. The items are:

- Case of 8 1/2 x 11 copy paper
 - Case of 11 x 17 copy paper
 - 3 sets of child sized Altar Server robes.
 - Rolls of US Postal Stamps
- Your donations really helps support OMM parish. Thank you.



**St. Vincent de Paul
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Please select a gift tag with the name of a child in need of Christmas Blessing. Write the gift tag number in the book and sign your name. Gifts will need to be returned to the

church by Dec. 7th.

**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.



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