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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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



Sunday Dec. 14

Monday Dec. 15

Tuesday Dec. 16

Wednesday Dec. 17

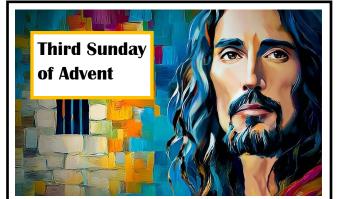
Thursday Dec. 18

Friday Dec. 19

Saturday Dec. 20

8am Mass—

5pm Mass— Willars & Stepp families



The 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice." This Sunday reminds us that even while we wait, we can be joyful. Advent is a time of hope and preparation. But this week, we pause to smile, sing, and take heart.

On this 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A – Gaudete Sunday, we are reminded that patience is part of our journey of faith. Like John and the farmers in James' letter, we are called to trust in God's timing. This patience does not mean we sit idle; instead, we remain hopeful and active in our faith, knowing that God is at work even when we cannot see it. As we wait for the coming of Christ, we do so with joyful anticipation, trusting that the Lord will fulfill His promises.

Prayer

Lord, help us to see the signs of Your presence in our lives. Give us patience as we wait for You and fill our hearts with joy as we trust in Your promises. May we find hope in Your works and remain faithful in our journey toward Christmas. Amen.

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December Live Stream Schedule

12/14—Isabel Garza

12/21—Jennifer Rattliff

12/28—Howard Rattliff

November Lector Schedule

12/13—Natasha Cha

12/14—Amanda Flood Carolyn Yusuf

12/20—Lanette Martinez-Vidaurri

12/21—LaWonda Peoples Stephanie Rodriguez

12/27—Lanette Martinez – Vidaurri

12/28—Lydia Salas Zayn Willars

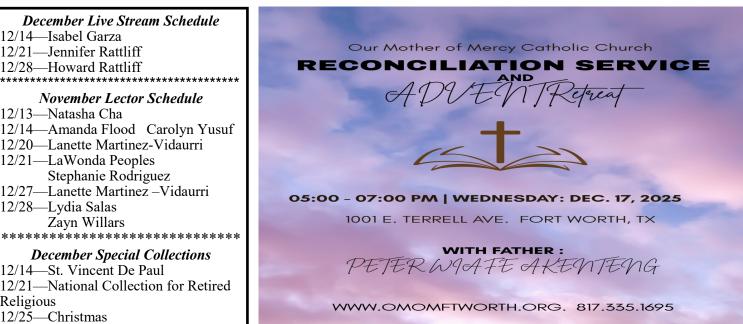
December Special Collections

12/14—St. Vincent De Paul

12/21—National Collection for Retired

Religious

12/25—Christmas





Daily Readings for the Week

Dec. 14—Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Dec. 15—Nm 24:2-7. 15-17a: Mt 21: 23-27

Dec. 16—Zep 3:1-2. 9-13: Mt 21: 28-32

Dec. 17—Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Dec. 18—Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1: 18-25

Dec. 19—Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Dec. 20—Is 7: 10-14; Lk 1:26-38

3rd Sunday of Advent Reflection

John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind. A reed swaying in the wind is a symbol of those who are easily influenced, who go along with whatever is popular, and who have no convictions of their own. Bur the humble reed can teach us something. The fact that it is light mean that it is at the mercy of every wind that blows. But it has great strength too. The greatest storm cannot uproot it Even when giant oaks come crashing down, the slender reed still stands secure. Lord, teach us that there is strength in weakness and suppleness, and give us the wisdom to know when to bend and when to stand firm.

Vocation Seeds

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for an*other?" (Matthew 11:2-3)*

John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (817) 945-9321 or via email: vocations@fwdioc.org

Below is an excerpt from the Diocese of Fort Worth from Bishop Michael F. Olson, regarding the Founding of the New Carmelite Monastery in the **Diocese of Fort Worth**

" With profound joy and gratitude to God. I am pleased to announce that the Holy See—through the **Dicastery** for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life—has granted permission for the establishment of a Discalced Carmelite Monastery in Northern Cooke County, Texas, in the Diocese of Fort Worth. This decision, confirmed by the favorable vote of the Dicastery and the permission of the President of the "Christ the King" Association of Discalced Carmelite Monasteries in the U.S.A., marks a moment of extraordinary grace for our local Church. In their cloistered life, the nuns gather continually before the Lord to offer reparation for sins, to pray for the sanctification of the People of God, and for the salvation of souls. As St. Paul assures us, "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). With faith, we confidently entrust this new Carmel to the loving providence he of God and the maternal protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

To read this statement in it's entirety, go to the Catholic Diocese of Ft. Worth website at fwdioc.org/ebulletin-12-4-2025

Our Mother of Mercy **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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/concursonacional-de-arte-navideno-de-mca

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. **********



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Regular Morning Mass—Dec. 24 7:00 am

Christmas Eve Mass—Dec. 24 10:00 pm

No Adoration

Christmas Day Mass—Dec. 25

10:00 am

No 7:00 am mass No Adoration



Please plan on helping decorate the church for Christmas on December 23 after 7:00 am mass. 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.



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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. ***********

Safe Environment Certification

To volunteer in any capacity for the Parish you will need to complete a Safe Environment class. The initial class is **Protecting** God's Children and is good for 2 vears. The renewal class is A Plan to Protect. Renewals must be completed every 2 years. To renew/or start log in to www.virtus.org: For assistance, call Lydia Salas/church office.



"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." This Advent, make the decision to grow in your marriage by attending the next 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.



Parents, we are starting a Teen Youth Group here at OMM for teens ages 13-18. Zayn Willars will be available after mass, Sunday, Youth Group December 14 to answer questions.

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This youth group will focus on growing together in faith, community, service and there are great activities planned. All youth and parents are invited to attend.

