

PRAYER CORNER

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness. W ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. Amen

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May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace

Our Mother of Mercy	
Stewardship Weekly Offering: 12/14/2025	
Regular Collection	\$1,925.00
Weekday Mass	\$85.00
Mass Intentions	\$65.00
Parish Maintenance	\$
St. Anne's Candles	\$76.93
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St. Vincent de Paul	\$528.00
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Total Collection	\$3786.83
Total Weekend Attendance	

OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

Historically African-American Catholic Church—all are welcome!

December 21, 2025



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**Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church**  
**1001 E. Terrell Avenue**  
**Fort Worth, TX 76104**  
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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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday Dec. 21**  
For the Reposed soul of William L. Stanley III and Happy Heavenly Wedding Anniversary to John and Blanche Malachi

**Monday Dec. 22**  
Physical & spiritual healing for OMM church family & friends

**Tuesday Dec. 23**  
Physical & spiritual healing for OMM church family & friends

**Wednesday Dec. 24**  
Physical & spiritual healing for OMM church family & friends

**Thursday Dec. 25**  
Happy Birthday San Juana Estrada

**Friday Dec. 26**  
Physical & spiritual healing for OMM church family & friends

**Saturday Dec. 27**  
8am Mass—  
5pm Mass— Repose soul of Russell Will

The 4th Sunday of Advent Year A remains a season of waiting and hope. The readings show that God keeps His promises, calls everyone to salvation, and invites people to trust Him. As Advent draws to a close, we can reflect on how we respond to God’s call.

In the first reading, Isaiah tells Ahaz that God will give a sign. This sign is a child called Emmanuel, which means God is with us. Even when people doubt, God remains faithful.

The Gospel shows how this promise is fulfilled in Jesus. He is the child who comes to bring hope to the world. God does not forget His people. He is with them, just as He said He would be.

This Sunday is a time to open our hearts to God’s plan. His promises are sure, His salvation is for all, and His guidance is trustworthy. As we prepare for Christmas, we can choose faith over fear and trust over doubt.

Prayer  
Lord, help us to trust You as Joseph did. Give us faith to follow Your plan, even when we do not understand. Teach us to rely on Your promises instead of our fears. Guide us as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. May we welcome Him with open hearts. Amen.

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**In Loving Memory of Larry & Olga Martinez, One Day at a Time.**



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**Register Now for our WINTER OPEN HOUSE**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026  
2:00-4:00 PM

- GUIDED CAMPUS TOURS
- MEET & CONNECT WITH FACULTY & STAFF
- LEARN HOW WE SUPPORT THE ACADEMIC AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF EVERY STUDENT
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Father Peter's Office Hours  
11:00 am-3:00pm  
Tuesday through-Friday  
Call or text him at 469-971-9854





# Merry CHRISTMAS

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

Join us on

## THE IBERIAN PENINSULA PILGRIMAGE OF A LIFETIME

Hosted by Father Dominic & Paula Spears  
April 13th - April 24th, 2026



Spain France Portugal

**Air & Land Package:**  
\$5,820 PP Sharing Double/Twin Room  
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**Highlights Include:**

- Barcelona
- Flamenco Show and Dinner
- Monserrat Monastery
- Sagrada Familia
- Lourdes
- Basilica of St Pius X.
- "Way of St. James" Santiago de Compostela
- Porto
- Fatima
- Torrelavega
- Oviedo
- Santarem
- Lisbon

4th Sunday of Advent Reflection

As Christmas approaches, people’s hopes soar. However, the substance of these hopes is often dictated by commercial interests. Little wonder, then, that when the sun goes down on Christmas Day, many feel disappointed. Those who pin their hopes on what the merchants promise will always be disappointed, not because they promise too little, but too much— of the wrong thing. What our hearts long for is a taste of what the angels announced to the shepherds: ‘Behold, I bring news of a great joy; today a savior has been born to you’. This joy is the real hope of Christmas. Let us open our hearts to receive it.

Vocation Seeds

“They shall name him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” (Matthew 1:23)

Mary’s trust in God’s plan is a model for all vocations. Could God be inviting you to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, living fully for Him to bring His presence to others? Embrace His call with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (817) 945-9321 or via email: vocations@fwdioc.org

We are pleased to announce that the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has arrived and is now available in the Parish Life Center. This important addition enhances the safety of our parish community. Funds from the Parish Maintenance Savings account was used to purchase the machine.



Daily Readings for the Week

Dec. 21—Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24  
Dec. 22—1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
Dec. 23—Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66  
Dec. 24—2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79  
Dec. 25—*The Nativity of the Lord* ---Vigil/Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25-Night/Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn/ Is 62:11-12, Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20 Day/Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Dec. 26—Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
Dec. 27—1 Jn: 1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

December Live Stream Schedule

12/21—Jennifer Rattliff  
12/28—Howard Rattliff  
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November Lector Schedule

12/20—Lanette Martinez-Vidaaurri  
12/21—LaWonda Peoples  
Stephanie Rodriguez  
12/27—Lanette Martinez -Vidaaurri  
12/28—Lydia Salas  
Zayn Willars  
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December Special Collections

12/21—National Collection for Retired Religious  
12/25—Christmas

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>  
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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  
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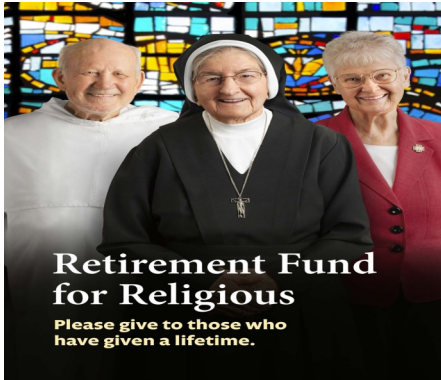
Please plan on helping decorate the church for Christmas on December 23 after 7:00 am mass. Thank you.  
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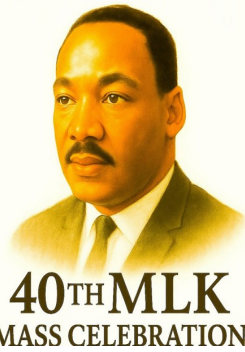
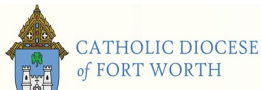
OMM Gospel Choir cordially invites everyone to come hear and sing some of your favorite Christmas Carols of the Season, 9:30 pm Christmas Eve, 12/24/2025, followed by mass at 10:00 pm.  
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They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care and dignity they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it’s a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious. You can give through our parish online giving, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive)  
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Celebrant  
Bishop Michael F. Olson, STD, MA  
Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth



Homilist  
Bishop Joseph N. Perry, JCL, DD  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Location  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
1206 Throckmorton St.  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

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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