

PRAYER CORNER

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness. We 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

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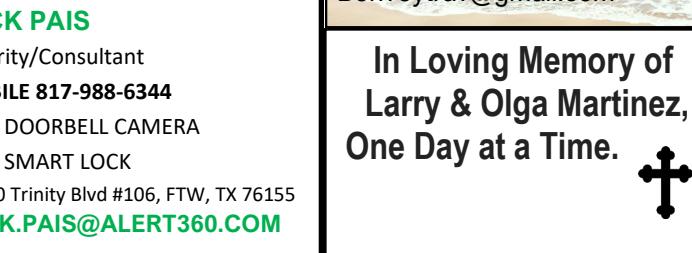
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Father Peter's Office Hours

11:00 am-3:00pm

Tuesday through-Friday

Call or text him at 469-971-9854

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 An-
niversary 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*

Fourth Sunday OF ADVENT



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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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

November Lector Schedule

- 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

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

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- Porto
- Fatima
- Torrelavega
- Oviedo
- Santarem
- Lisbon

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-na-videno-de-mca>



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.

HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

Regular Morning Mass—Dec. 24

7:00 am

Christmas Eve Mass—Dec. 24

10:00 pm

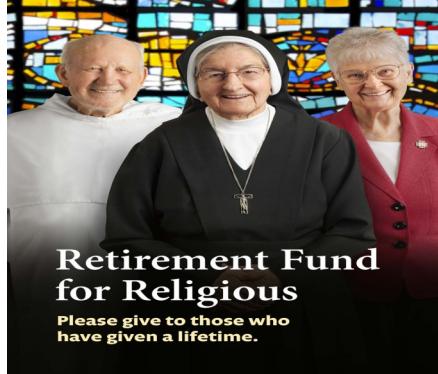
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Christmas Day Mass—Dec. 25

10:00 am

No 7:00 am mass

No Adoration



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Bishop Michael F. Olson, STD, MA
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Bishop Joseph N. Perry, JCL, DD
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Chicago

40TH MLK MASS CELEBRATION

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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