



Heavenly Father,
As we step into this new year, we thank You for the gift of life, the blessings of the past, and the lessons learned through trials.
Fill our hearts with faith, hope, and love, that we may walk in Your light each day.
Bless our families, friends, and all those in need.
Grant us the grace to forgive, the courage to serve, and the wisdom to follow Your will.
May our words bring peace, our actions reflect Your mercy, and our lives bear witness to Your truth.
Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
guide us safely through the days ahead,
until we rejoice with You in eternal life.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Daily Readings for the Week

Dec. 28—Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Dec. 29—1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Dec. 30—1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Dec. 31—1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn1:1-18

Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Jan. 1—Nm 6: 22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Jan. 2—1 Jn 2: 22-28; Jn 1: 19-28

Jan. 3—1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1: 29-34

December Live Stream Schedule

12/28—Howard Rattliff

December Lector Schedule


12/27—Lanette Martinez –Vidaauri

12/28—Lydia Salas

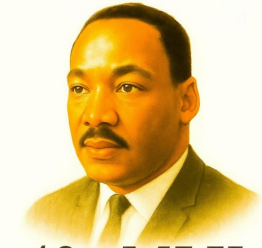
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December Special Collections


12/25—Christmas




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**40TH MLK
MASS CELEBRATION**



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 76104

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“The best thing you can do for your family is to have a holy and happy marriage. Bless your family by applying to attend 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.

Retirement fund for Religious Special Collection

Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity! “Thank you very much for your donations, always,” says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give – visit bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections (case sensitive).

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 2-11, 2026 Men’s Recovered Alcoholics Retreat.
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.



The University of Dallas is offering **Arete: An Introduction to the Classics program**. Students of all colors, races and creeds who have finished their sophomore year in high school are encouraged to join us here at UDallas. Arete engages students in understanding what excellence and the noble life require of them. We focus on the ancient Greek philosophical and literary traditions. Earn college credit. Classes offered this summer June 7-20, 2026. A generous donation has allowed us to cut the cost of the program in half to \$956. Our program’s application deadline is **March 1, 2026**. Students may apply online. Applications can be found at udallas.edu/arete. Please feel free

to contact the Rome & Summer Programs Office with any questions you or your students may have about Arete.

**Reflection for
Feast of Holy Family**

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If they live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If they live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.
If they live with shame, they learn to feel guilty
If they live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.
If they live with encouragement, they learn to have confidence.
If they live with praise, they learn to appreciate.
If they live with fairness, they learn what justice is.
If they live with security, they learn to trust.
If they live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If they live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love and God in the world.

