

PRAYER CORNER

Holy Spirit, Fill the sick with Your light and love. If it is Your will, grant them healing; if not, grant them the grace to accept Your plan with trust. Surround them with care of family, friends, and angels, and let Your peace reign in their hearts. Amen

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May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace

Lou Retha Lawrence

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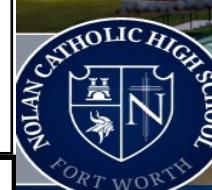
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**In Loving Memory of
Larry & Olga Martinez,
One Day at a Time.**

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11:00 am-3:00pm
Tuesday through-Friday
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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

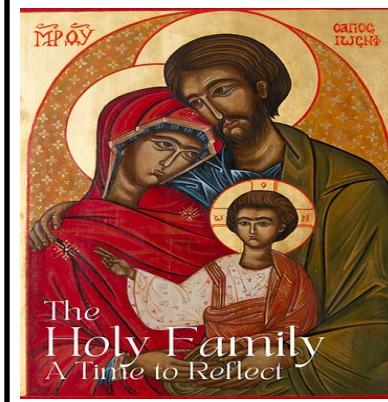
Rosary

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



The Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Year A helps us think about our own families. Every home has struggles. But like the Holy Family, we are called to listen to God and care for each other with patience. Love grows in quiet moments, hard choices, and daily kindness.

The first reading emphasizes honoring parents. To honor someone means to desire their good, even when relationships are difficult. Family life is often complicated. It is possible to honor a parent or sibling without ignoring past hurts. Honoring does not mean accepting harmful behavior. It means seeking what is best for them while maintaining healthy boundaries.

The second reading calls for compassion, kindness, and patience. These virtues are essential for building harmony within families. Compassion means being sensitive to each other's struggles. It means listening and offering support without judgment. Kindness is about choosing to be gentle in words and actions, even when conflicts arise.

In the Gospel, Joseph demonstrates deep trust in God. When warned in a dream, he immediately takes action to protect Mary and Jesus. He does not hesitate or question God's plan. He trusts that God's guidance will lead his family to safety. This faith is the foundation of his role as a husband and father.

Prayer
Lord, help us to follow the example of the Holy Family. Teach us to honor each other with love and respect. Grant us compassion and patience in our daily lives. Guide our families with your wisdom and peace. May we always trust in your plan. Amen.



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; Jn 1:1-18
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

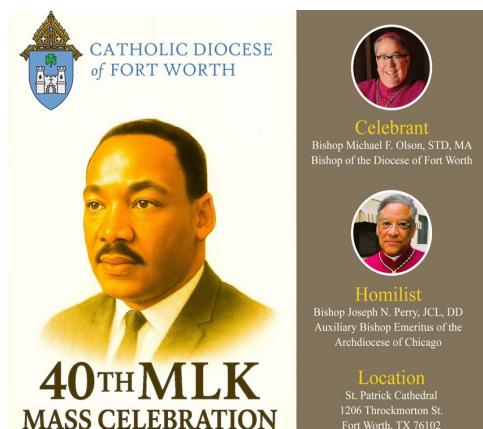
December Live Stream Schedule

12/28—Howard Rattliff

December Lector Schedule
12/27—Lanette Martinez—Vidaurri
12/28—Lydia Salas
Zayn Willars

December Special Collections

12/25—Christmas



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.



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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.

