

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, Heal our sick, may your will be done. Bring comfort to families who have lost loved ones. In Jesus Name, Amen

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Blessings in Bloom

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to reflect on what it means to be blessed in God's kingdom. The world often values power, wealth, and success, but Jesus teaches a different way. The Beatitudes show that God blesses those who are humble, merciful, and seek righteousness.

In the first reading, Zephaniah calls people to be humble and do what is right. He reminds them that God watches over those who trust Him. Living humbly means letting go of pride and relying on God. Many people try to prove themselves through success and recognition. But true strength comes from trusting in God, not in our own power.

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that God does not look at people the way the world does. Paul tells the Corinthians that God often chooses the weak and lowly to do His work. He does not pick people based on their status or achievements. This is a powerful message. Many people think they need to be strong, rich, or important to make a difference. But Paul shows that God works through those who seem unimportant. He lifts up the humble and makes them part of His plan.

Prayer

Lord, help us to follow the path You have set before us. Teach us to trust in You, seek justice, and live humbly. Give us the strength to show mercy and work for peace. May we always remember that true happiness comes from walking in Your ways. Amen.

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday & Thursday

11am—5 pm

Friday

10am—1pm

February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Regular 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: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday: 7:30am-3:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm

Friday: 7:30am-noon

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:50pm

Rosary

Sunday 9:00 am

(1st Sunday Live-streamed)

Monday-Friday 6:20 am

Confession

Mon-Fri: 6:00am—6:50 am

7:30am-7:55am

Saturday 4pm-4:50pm

By appointment during office hours

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Prayer for Consecrated Life

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Let us begin with having peace in our marriage. Learn to have the best marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are Feb. 6-8 and Apr. 10-12, 2026.

To apply go to www.wmme.org.

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Daily Readings for the Week

Feb. 1—Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a *National Day of Prayer for African American Family*

Feb. 2—Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 *World Day for Consecrated Life*

Feb. 3—2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Feb. 4—2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Feb. 5—1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6, 7-13

Feb. 6—Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6: 14-29

Feb. 7—1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

February Live Stream Schedule

2/1—Lisa Jones

2/8—Isabell Garza

2/15—Jennifer Rattliff

2/22—Howard Rattliff

February Lector Schedule

February Special Collection

2/1—Parish Maintenance

2/8—St. Vincent DePaul

2/15—Catholic Charities of FW

2/22—Black and Indian Missions

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Vocations

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

The Beatitudes guide us in living holy and generous lives no matter the vocation He has placed on our heart. We are all called to embody these virtues, serving God and His people with humble hearts. Pray for discernment and openness to where God might be inviting you to follow Him. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (817) 945-9321 or via email: vocations@fwdioc.org

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Feb. 1

For the Souls in Purgatory

Repose soul of Joan Cano

Monday Feb. 2

Tuesday Feb. 3

Wednesday Feb. 4

Thursday Feb. 5

Friday Feb. 6

Happy Birthday Isabel Garza

Saturday Feb. 7

8am Mass—

5pm Mass—

Reflection for
4th Sunday Ordinary Time

The beatitudes are the badges of a true disciple of Christ. They are the marks of a child of God. They make us rich in the sight of God. They open our minds and hearts to a new way of seeing and judging. They give us a whole new set of bearings. The things the beatitudes stand for are very beautiful and very precious—things such as peace, goodness, joy, love, gentleness, compassion, mercy, integrity... A person who lives according to the beatitudes is already living in the kingdom of heaven. Eternal life will merely be the full blossoming of a plant that is green with life.

Year End Giving Statements

Year end statements for parish donations will be mailed out by the end of January to last address on file. If you would like your statement emailed to you, send your email address to: ourmother@omomftworth.org.

A Special Opportunity for Those
Ages 70-1/2 and Older

You can give any amount (up to \$111,000) per year from your IRA directly to support your parish, school, an endowment fund, the Annual Diocesan Appeal or the Diocese of Fort Worth through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA.

When you turn 73, your gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD). To learn more or start the process, visit

<https://advancementfoundation.planmygift.org/ira-charitable-rollover>.

Or contact Lydia Springer,

lspringer@adv-fdn.org,

682-622-8393.



In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising. Fr. Peter will be officiating mass on **Feb. 11 at 7:00 am**.



Ash Wednesday will be on Wednesday, **February 18**. At OMM Church, distribution of ashes will be at 7:00 am mass and at 7:00 pm. This day marks the beginning of Lent, a period of fasting and reflection.



Join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on **Friday, Feb. 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm**. Leading prayers St. Anne's Society.

Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass POSTPONED

Due to the expected inclement weather, the January 24, 40th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass has been postponed. A new date and time will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

St. Andrew Breakfast

The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be on Saturday morning February 21, 2026 at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St, Fort Worth, TX 76102, at 8:00 AM. The day will begin with Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship. We encourage young men in high school and college in the Diocese of Fort Worth to attend. Please reserve your spot by February 19, 2026, through the Vocations Office Vocations@FWDIOC.org or by calling 817-945-9321.



St. Anne's will be serving its annual February Sunday Dinner on February 22, in the PLC. For a donation of \$12, the meal includes a choice of Bake or Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Collard Greens, Yams, Cornbread and cake.

2026 Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2026 is "A Century of Black History Commemorations." This theme marks a significant milestone as it celebrates 100 years since the first national observance of "Black History" initiated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926. The observance invites communities to reflect on the impact of Black history and the rituals of remembering that have shaped culture and identity.

Prayer for the African American and African family
February 1, 2026

"God of mercy and love, we place our African American and African families before you today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love are reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of your dwelling place, where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of our families, pray for us."

Roots & Wings

Nurturing Black Families & Youth

Black History Month Program

FEBRUARY 21, 2026

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