PRAYER CORNER

Father, we humbly come before You, interceding for our sick family & friends. May Your power flow through them restoring health & vitality to their physical, emotional & spiritual well being. In Jesus Name. Amen

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Our Mother of Mercy

Stewardship Weekly Offering: 3/30/25					
Regular Collection	\$3,854.00				
Weekday Mass	\$100.00				
Mass Intentions	\$5.00				
Good Friday	\$50.00				
Easter Sunday	\$50.00				
St. Anne's Candles	\$48.50				
St. Vincent de Paul	\$60.00				
Parish Maintenance	\$205.00				
Choir– Soup & Cinema	\$40.00				
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The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C calls us to change our hearts. Sometimes, we think our righteousness and the law of in the gospel, Jesus shows us another way.

Jesus teaches that the life of a sinner is more important than the law. The woman caught in adultery broke the rules, and there's no denial of that. But Jesus believes in giving second chances, even when the law does not.

The woman in the story remains silent. She does not admit her mistake or apologize. Her silence can be seen in many ways, but it shows she does not make excuses either.

Both the crowd and the woman have strayed from God's heart and law. We do the same. Like the woman, we might ignore God's commands and do as we please. Or like the crowd, we might use the law to separate "us" from "them,"

wanting punishment for those who fail. Jesus also shows trust in the crowd. He seems to know that no one will throw a God give us the right to judge others. But stone. He believes that their goodness will shine through when challenged. We can learn from this in our society.

A good mantra for this gospel is "Forgive her. Change me." It reminds us to show mercy and seek personal change. The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C encourages us to embrace this lesson.

As we reflect on this gospel, let's ask God to help us forgive others. Let us also seek change in our own hearts. This way, we follow Jesus' example on the 5th Sunday of Lent Year C.

Reflections for 5th Sunday of Lent https://young-catholics.com



Reconciliation: Wednesday: 5:00pm-7:00pm Mass of Holy Thursday--7:00pm Good Friday Stations of The Cross--3:00 pm--C.C.E. Class Good Friday Liturgy of the Word--7:00pm Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass--8:00 pm Easter Sunday--10:00am Everyone is welcomed at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church

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Weekly Schedule								
Sun—4/06	Mon—4/07	Tues—4/08	Wed-4/09	Thurs—4/10	Fri—4/11	Sat-4/12		
Rosary 8:30 am	Rosary 6:20 am	Rosary 6:20 am	Rosary 6:20am	Rosary 6:20 am	Rosary 6:20 am	Adoration 4:00-4:50 p.m.		
CCE /RCIA Classes 8:30am	Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Flores	Confession 6:15-6:55 a.m.	Mass 7:00 am Fr. Flores	Confession 6:15-6:55a.m.	Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Flores	Confession 4:00-4:50 p.m.		
Praise & Workshop 9:45 a.m.	Confession 7:35-8:00 am	Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Strittmatter	Confession 7:35-8:00 am	Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Strittmatter	Confession 7:35-8:00 am	Mass 5:00 p.m. Fr. Flores/Fr. Strittmatter		
Mass 10 :00 a.m. Fr. Francis Poku			Adoration 5 pm-7pm		Adoration 8 am-noon Stations of the Cross 7pm	Soup & Cinema After Mass donation \$10		
DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK								
Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11	Dn 13:1-2, 15- 17, 19-3033- 62 or 13:41c- 62 Jn 8:12-20	Nm 21:4-2 Jn 8:21-30	Dn 3: 14-20, 91 -92, 95 Jn 8: 31-42	Gn 17: 3-9 Jn 8: 51-59	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-49	Ez 37: 21-28 Jn 11:45-54		
MASS INTENTIONS								
We pray for Healthy baby for Diana and Scott Hackler	Repose soul of Loritha JeanBaptise	Open	Open	Open	Open	Repose soul of Terrance Anthony Gordon		

Bulletin Reflections

Today we hear one of the most beloved stories in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Reconciliation is a prominent theme. Seeing the younger son returning to him, the son who left the family and squandered his inheritance, the compassionate father runs to embrace him. Jesus offers us a vision of a loving God who is merciful and forgiving when we, through our own sinfulness, leave his presence, and then through repentance, return to him. The remainder of the Lenten season offers us an opportunity to reflect on God's compassion and our need for reconciliation. Consider celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation and experience God's loving embrace and forgiveness.

With Prayers & Love



Lent 2025

Join us for Stations of the Cross Friday 7:00pm.

On April 4 Stations will be lead by Parish/Finance/Council

April 11-KPC Juniors. & Seniors Good Friday 4/18 at 3:00 pm-CCE & RCIA



April Special Collections

April 6—Parish Maintenance April 13—St. Vincent DePaul

April 18—Pontifical Good Friday Collection Holy Land

April 27—Catholic Home Missions Appeal

April 6—Lisa Jones

April 13—Howard Rattliff

April 20—Isabel Garza

April 27—Jennifer Rattliff

March Lector Schedule

 Our Mother of Mercy ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now This week at OMM.

Christina Ablorh, Claims Risk Manager, with the Catholic Mutual Company will per-

form the annual insurance and risk inspection. Ms. Ablorh will view the church and the parish life center and point out things that are in need of repair and offer suggestions on how to limit the parish from any liability incidents. Her report will be publish once it is received.

The sidewalks along Terrell Ave and New York have been completed. However, The sidewalk in front of the church continues to be a nuisance. In the past, several priest have attempted to address the issue but were told that the sidewalk is the property of the City. We have reached out to our City Councilman for assistance. If anyone has any expertise in this area and can assist please contact the church office.

We are actively seeking a contractor to repair and refurbish the front door of the church and to install a new door to the sacristy. Hopefully before Easter. If you know of anyone who can help, please have them submit their bid to the church office.

Western Exterminating was on campus last week performing their quarterly maintenance. All is good.



Please help provide supplies for the Annual OMM Easter Egg Hunt which will be held after mass on Easter Sunday. Individually wrapped candy and plastic Easter eggs are needed. Also we need adult volunteers to help hide the eggs Easter morning. Please bring your donations to the office before April 11 and sign up to volunteer. Thank you.

Come & See Discernment Retreat

Join us for a Vocations Weekend Retreat for men in high school and college, ages 16 and older, from **April 11-13, 2024**, at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, LA. Experience Mass, discernment stories, communal prayer, and a seminary tour—all at no cost. Transportation is provided to and from the seminary. For those who are or will be 18 years of age at the time of the event, you will be required to register and complete the Safe Environment training. For more in-

formation, contact Vocations at vocations@fwdioc.org or 817-945-9321.

Homegoing Celebrations for Leonard Edward Briscoe Jr.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Leonard's life and legacy. Alpha Phi Alpha Omega Service will be held on April 11, from 6 pm-7pm at Golden Gate Funeral Home, 5701 East Loop 820 South FW, followed by Rosary Service from 7:15 pm-8.:15pm. The final Mass honoring his memory will be April 12, 2025 at OMM 11 am. Burial will be at Skyvue Cemetery 7220 Rendon Bloodworth Rd, Mansfield TX. A repass will be at Fortress YDC, 1007 Terrell, FW.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful." Call on our merciful God to make your marriage holy and joyful. Join us on one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Jul. 11-13, 2025. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.

Embrace the Positive—Meaningful Lent Ideas

Lent is a time of introspection, reflection, and preparation leading up to Easter. While many people associate Lent with giving something up, it can also be a time to engage in activities that bring meaning and purpose to this holy season.

1. Start a Daily Devotional Practice.

- Dedicate a few minutes each day to reading scripture, meditating & praying.
- Choose a devotional book or use online resources to guide your daily practices

2. Write Letters to Encourage Others

- In this age of technology writing handwritten letters has become a lost art. Take this Lent as an opportunity to reconnect with loved ones by crafting heartfelt letters. The warmth and personal touch of handwritten letter can have a profound impact.
- Send these letters of encouragement and appreciation to friends, family, or church members who may need uplifting words.
- Spread kindness an joy through power of written encouragement.

FISH FRY FRIDAY

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Join us for a Fish Fry Dinner Fundraiser to help raise funds for OMM and the charitable giving of the Knights of Pete Claver Council 89. Friday April 18 from 11am-4:30 pm. Dinner includes fried catfish, French fries, fresh coleslaw and French bread. Donation is \$14. For Dressed Catfish Po'boy the cost is \$10. Walk-ups and pre-orders call to order 817-296-3921.

40th Annual Bishop's Good Friday Rosary Vigil for Life.

Join us in prayer at the Killing Place. We may not save their lives and should they die, we can lift up our hearts to God on their behalf. Planned Parenthood, 6464 John Ryan, (park on street, NOT in Harris Lot For more information email mubcare@gmail.com

Safe Environment Certification

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity for the Parish you will need to complete a Safe Environment class. The initial class is Protecting God's Children and is good for 2 years. The renewal class is A Plan to Protect. Renewals must be completed every 2 years.

To renew/or start log in to www.virtus.org . For assistance, call Lydia Salas/church office.