

PRAYER CORNER

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless N____, so that he/she may bear this illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore him/her to health, and lead him/her to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Stewardship Weekly Offering: 6/22/25	
Regular Collection	\$2,145.08
Weekday Mass	\$150.00
Mass Intentions	\$20.00
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St. Anne's Religious Articles	\$
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Peter's Pence	\$
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Total Collection	\$2,353.08
Total Weekend Attendance	153

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OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

Historically African-American Catholic Church—all are welcome!

June 29, 2025

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Feast of St. Peter and Paul

June 29

The lives of Saints Peter and Paul show that faith can grow even in people who make mistakes or face great challenges. Peter was impulsive and sometimes afraid, but he became a strong leader in the Church. Paul started as an enemy of Christians, yet he became a great missionary. Their stories remind us that no matter where we begin, we can grow in faith and serve God in amazing ways.

Peter teaches us about trusting God even when it is hard. He walked on water when Jesus called him, but he began to sink when he doubted. He denied Jesus out of fear, but later had the courage to preach about Him in front of powerful leaders. His life shows that faith is a journey. It reminds us that it's okay to stumble as long as we keep trusting God and trying to follow Him. Paul's life shows how God can change hearts and give us a new purpose. Paul thought he was doing the right thing by persecuting Christians, but he was willing to listen when Jesus called him. After his conversion, he used all his energy to spread the Gospel. His story challenges us to reflect on our own lives. Are we open to change? Are we listening for God's call, even if it leads us somewhere unexpected?

Both Peter and Paul show us how to be courageous in sharing our faith. They faced prison, hardship, and death because they loved Jesus and wanted others to know Him. Their courage encourages us to think about how we live our faith. Do we share it with others? Do we trust God when things get hard?

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Prayer: O holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, intercede for us. Protect, O Lord, your people who trust in the patronage of your Apostles, Peter and Paul, and by their constant protection protect your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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ONLINE DONATION CARD

Thank you for your contributions of financial support to the parish.

Let us welcome our new priest—Rev. Peter Wiafe Akenteng. His first mass at OMM will be on July 6.

Weekly Schedule						
Sun—6/29	Mon—6/30	Tues—7/01	Wed—7/02	Thurs—7/03	Fri—7/04	Sat—7/05
Rosary 9:00 am	Rosary 6:20 am	Rosary 6:20 am	Rosary 6:20am	Rosary 6:20am	Rosary 6:20 am	Adoration 4:00-4:50 pm
Praise & Workshop 9:45 a.m.	Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Flores	Confession 6:15-6:55 a.m.	Mass 7:00 am Fr. Flores	Confession 6:00 am	Mass 7:00 am Fr. Flores	Confession 4:00-4:50 pm
Mass 10 :00 a.m. Fr.	Confession 7:35-8:00 am	Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Strittmatter	Confession 7:35 -8:00 am Adoration 5-7 pm	Mass 7:00 a.m. Fr. Strittmatter	Adoration 8:00 am-noon	Mass 5:00 pm Fr. Strittmatter
DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK						
Vigil Acts 3:1-10 Gal 1:11-20 Jn 21:15-19 Day Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19	Gn 18:16-33 Mt 8:18-22	Gn 19:15-99 Mt 8:23-27	Gn 21:5,8-20a Mt 8:28-34	Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Mt 9:9-13	Gn 27:1-5,15-29 Mt 9:14-17
MASS INTENTIONS						
<i>Happy Birthday Juan Estrada</i>	<i>Sean Reyes that he continues faith walk</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Jesus Sandoval that he continues faith walk</i>	<i>For the health of Naomi Smith</i>	<i>Dustin Rodriguez that he continues faith walk</i>	<i>Steven & Elizabeth Kopor</i>

Bulletin Reflections

“Who do you say that I am?” (Matt 16:15). The question Jesus poses to his disciples in today’s Gospel comes at a critical turning point in his ministry. Jesus truly wants his disciples to know how they understand him. He, in turn, wants to know if they have the courage and commitment to follow in his footsteps on the remainder of his journey to the cross. He also wants to know how they identify themselves as disciples. Good stewards know they are invited to let Jesus and their faith community call forth their deepest identity as followers of Christ Jesus. What is Jesus saying to you about your identity as his follower? Who do you say you are?

Prayers & Love



June Special Collection

June 29 –Peter’s Pence

June Live Stream Schedule

June 29—Lisa Jones

June Lector Schedule

June 28/29—Desire Garcia Youth Group

June 29th, join the Ladies of Peter Claver after the 10:00am mass to pray the Rosary, for the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Now the 411 at OMM,

WHAT'S THE 4-1-1?

OMM History

Holy Name Catholic Church—Terrell

We know that Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church parish was formed in 1928 and the church and parsonage were erected on Evans Ave. With a growing congregation the church moved the current building at 1001 E. Terrell in 1952. So we know the parish celebrates 96 years but how old is the building? Did you know that the church building is actually 117 years old? Here is a tidbit of information

In 1908, Bishop Dunne, Bishop of Dallas, sent Father Bernard H. Diamond to found a new parish in the southeast section of Fort Worth. The existing **Mission Revival church** was dedicated that year at 1001 East Terrell Avenue. The Church was constructed with delicate scaled stucco-clad structure, gabled and buttressed, with Mission style parapets at each end. Windows are arched. A small gabled addition projects from the east side. **The Holy Name Parish** moved to a new location in 1952, at which time Our Mother of Mercy Parish moved here from Evans Avenue (see 1104 Evans Avenue and 801 Verbena Street). With more complete documentation of the building's history and integrity, it may be eligible for the National Register on the basis of its architecture. *The church building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2002 as a contributing resource in the Near Southeast Historic District. It is also within the boundaries of the Terrell Heights Historic District (local)*



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In today’s first reading, Peter was freed from his chains to communicate the good news. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience can free you to communicate better with your spouse. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are Jul. 11-13 & Oct. 17-19, 2025. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a

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Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House

Come 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, TX want to help you find the peace that surpasses understanding. Reserve a spot for one of the upcoming retreats today at www.montserratretreat.org! Women’s Retreat July 10-13, Open Retreat July 18-20, Hispanic Open Retreat August 1-3. *****

Peter’s Pence Special Collection

June 28-29, 2025

Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. Support the collection today at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive). *****

St. Andrew Mass and Breakfast

High School and college men of the Diocese of Fort Worth interested in vocations, reserve your spot for the next St. Andrew breakfast. There will be Holy Mass, Breakfast, prayer and discussion on July 19, 2025, from 8am-10am. Meet at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton Street Ft. Worth, 76102, in the Parish Religious Formation Building. Reserve spot by July 17 through email vocations@Fwdioc.org *****

Safe Travels

To the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver and Juniors as they journey to Washington DC area for the 2025 Senior Convention/Conclave, July 18-23, 2025. *****

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength

Challenges come to us in myriads of ways and often leave us incapacitated, with little possibility of success. Instinctively, under such circumstances, we seek the help of family members, relatives, friends, the community, or anyone we believe has the capacity and means to offer the support and the presence we need. In the face of some challenges, we seek divine support through prayer, knowing God to be a sure source of strength and hope. Trusting in God comes from a deep

feeling of confidence that the challenges of life cannot defeat or brake you, but rather you will emerge from them victorious. The lives of Peter and Paul revealed that trusting in God, especially in times of adversity, brings victory and glory, even if not on the world’s terms. Peter was deeply dedicated to fishing as an occupation. After toiling all night without success, he still obeys Jesus’ command to lower his net into the deep, revealing by his humility and openness to the new possibilities. Peter’s exemplary dedication is in full display in the reading from John, when he responds to Jesus’ query “do you love me more than these things?” with fidelity. In the context of Jesus’ questions, “these things” includes Peter’s occupation as a fisherman. Peter delivered an eloquent Pentecost sermon on the fulfillment of God’s plan in the world through Jesus Christ, defending his belief in Jesus Christ’s role in God’s plan before the religious and political leaders. For this reason, he became the target of persecution and imprisonment, as we read in Acts today. After his miraculous escape from Herod’s murderous intention, St. Peter attests to the handiwork of God, saying: “now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod.” Similarly, Paul’s experience on the road to Damascus changed his life, filling him with conviction about God’s presence in the world through Jesus. Thereafter, he dedicated his life to preaching about the reconciling presence of God in the world through the death of Christ. He recounts his experiences of persecution, imprisonment, and threats from both Greeks and Jews, speaking of his life as a sacrifice, in an apparent comparison with the sacrificial life of Christ. But unlike Christ, he speaks about competing well in the race to the finished lane, which buttresses his understanding of salvation as a reward. He also identifies his reward as a crown of glory because he has been justly judged by the Lord. The lives of Peter and Paul reveal the truth that the reward of a crown is greater than the trials of the cross, because God is by our side. Hence the saying: if God is for us, nothing can be against us. These stories remind us that the children of God are victors, they are conquerors; they triumph over uncertainties because God’s grace reigns in their lives. *Excerpt by Father Ferdinand Okorie, C.M.F.* <https://uscatholic.org>