

PRAYER CORNER			Our Mother of Mercy																																																	
<p>Dear Lord, we come before you with open hearts, seeking your tender touch for our dear family members and friends who are sick or home-bound. May your healing light wash over them, mending what is broken and renewing what is worn. We ask in Jesus name. Amen.</p> <table><tr><td>Terry McCravey</td><td>Betty Lewis</td><td>Wesley Matthews</td></tr><tr><td>Veronica Garsia</td><td>Fr. Manuel Holguin</td><td>Malinda Walker</td></tr><tr><td>Fr. Richard Flores</td><td>Darlene Parker</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Marilyn McClellan</td><td>Umuhoza Family</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Anthony Mitchell</td><td>Amiel Shelton</td><td><i><u>May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace</u></i></td></tr><tr><td>Juanita &amp; Kevin Thornton</td><td>Catherine McDonald</td><td>Carla Van (Baxter) Stephens</td></tr><tr><td>Fr. John Shanahan</td><td>Fr. Tom Wigginton</td><td>Lupe Ayala Martinez</td></tr><tr><td>Herman Peters</td><td>Jaylan Escobedo</td><td>Steven Wilson</td></tr><tr><td>April Vallejo</td><td>Mary Bearden</td><td>Clairessa Craig</td></tr><tr><td>Albert Johnson Jr.</td><td>Kurt Williams</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Ysleta Franklin</td><td>Lisa Jones</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Betty Harris</td><td>Alberee Haynes</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Floyd &amp; Evadell Ware</td><td>Mauricio Pulido</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Iris Reedom</td><td>George Waddell</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>McKinley Menefee</td><td>Chris &amp; Arriel Marshall</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Andrew Charles</td><td>Adrian Salas</td><td></td></tr></table>			Terry McCravey	Betty Lewis	Wesley Matthews	Veronica Garsia	Fr. Manuel Holguin	Malinda Walker	Fr. Richard Flores	Darlene Parker		Marilyn McClellan	Umuhoza Family		Anthony Mitchell	Amiel Shelton	<i><u>May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace</u></i>	Juanita & Kevin Thornton	Catherine McDonald	Carla Van (Baxter) Stephens	Fr. John Shanahan	Fr. Tom Wigginton	Lupe Ayala Martinez	Herman Peters	Jaylan Escobedo	Steven Wilson	April Vallejo	Mary Bearden	Clairessa Craig	Albert Johnson Jr.	Kurt Williams		Ysleta Franklin	Lisa Jones		Betty Harris	Alberee Haynes		Floyd & Evadell Ware	Mauricio Pulido		Iris Reedom	George Waddell		McKinley Menefee	Chris & Arriel Marshall		Andrew Charles	Adrian Salas		Stewardship Weekly Offering: 6/29/25	
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Weekday Mass		\$205.00																																																		
Mass Intentions		\$200.00																																																		
Parish Maintenance		\$																																																		
St. Anne’s Candles		\$31.10																																																		
St. Anne’s Religious Articles		\$																																																		
Spanish Mass Sacred Heart		\$246.00																																																		
Summer Utilities		\$200.00																																																		
KPC Utility Reimbursement		\$190.24																																																		
Peter’s Pence		\$387.00																																																		
Bulletin Ads		\$45.00																																																		
Total Collection		\$4,806.34																																																		
Total Weekend Attendance		156																																																		

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**  
CATHOLIC *stewardship* IN ACTION

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**Safe Environment Certification**  
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.

**Go Adventuring by Train FTW to OKC Oct.19-22, 2025**  
Visit OKC Nat'l Attractions/Memorial/Cruise Bricktown Canal/Opt. trip to Tulsa /\$499 pp/ Hotel included  
**Contact:** Bon Voyage Travels 985-774-3141

# OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

Historically African-American Catholic Church—all are welcome!

July 6, 2025

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**Office Hours**  
**Wednesday and Thursday:**  
**11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

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

**Mass Times**  
Sunday: 10am  
Mon-Fri—7:00am  
Saturday: 5:00 pm

**Adoration Times:**  
Wednesday: 5pm-7pm  
Friday 8am-noon  
Saturday 4pm-4:50pm

**Rosary**  
Sunday 9:00am  
(Livestreamed)  
Mon-Fri 6:20 am

**Confession**  
Mon-Fri—6:00-6:55am  
Saturday —4:00-4:50 pm

**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday**  
*Patrick Zamarripa*  
**Monday**  
*Lisa Jones & Family*  
**Tuesday**  
*Happy Birthday Alicia Servin*  
**Wednesday**  
*For those facing jail time, that if innocent will be set free*  
**Thursday**  
*Open*  
**Friday**  
*Happy Heavenly Birthday, James E. Martinez*  
*Happy Birthday Jade and Jr. Castillo*  
**Saturday**  
*For the repose souls of those who died due to COVID*

**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
RESOURCES FOR YEAR C

The Gospel for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C gives us a glimpse of life with Jesus and His disciples. The disciples are sent on a mission, preaching and healing in Jesus' name. Their work brings joy, even though it involves hardship. They are learning and growing, becoming more like Jesus through their actions. Discipleship brings both challenges and hope. The work of sharing God's love is not always easy, but it is rewarding. We can find joy in following Jesus when we remember that He is with us and gives us the strength we need. Jesus also gives clear guidance to His disciples. He tells them to travel in pairs, rely on God, and accept the hospitality of others. He reminds them to stay humble and to move on when rejected. These instructions show us how to live as disciples today, trusting in God and focusing on the mission of love and peace.

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us of God's love and the joy of following Him. As we reflect on these messages, let us seek to grow as disciples, trusting in Him and sharing His peace and hope with others.

**Prayer**  
Lord, help us to trust in your care and follow your path with joy. Teach us to rely on the Cross and share your love with others. Fill us with peace as we face challenges, and guide us to grow as your disciples. May we always walk with you. Amen.





Welcome Father Peter

After 3 years without an assigned priest, Bishop Michael Olson, Bishop of Fort Worth has appointed Father Peter Wiafe-Akenteng as the pastor of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church effective July 1, 2025.

According to an article in the North Texas Catholic dated 9/27/2023, currently three priests from the Archdiocese of Kumasi serve as missionaries in North Texas: Monsignor Francis Boakye Tawiah, parochial vicar at St. Philip the Apostle in Flower Mound; Father Philip Boateng Brembah, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Arlington; and Father Peter Wiafe Akenteng, parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in Arlington.

In 2020, Bishop Olson, accompanied by Father Maurice Moon, visited Archbishop Anokye in Kumasi, and this August, Father Wallis, diocesan vicar general, and Fr. Metzler traveled to Ghana and spent three weeks with the archbishop.

After Bishop Olson met with Archbishop Anokye, he posted on social media a note of thanks to “Archbishop Justice Gabriel Anokye of Kumasi, Ghana, for the gift of his priests and for the fraternal and apostolic collegiality that we share.” A quote from the North Texas Catholic noted: The distance is long, but the bond is strong between the Archdiocese of Kumasi , Ghana and the Diocese of Fort Worth.

On behalf of the entire congregation, we extend our warmest welcome to Father Peter. Our Mother of Mercy, with its 96 years of faith, fellowship, and service, is both deeply rooted in tradition and joyfully open to new beginnings. We look forward to walking this journey of faith together—celebrating God’s grace, growing in service, and building on the legacy of nearly a century of worship.

Bulletin Reflections

“He said to them, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...’” LUKE 10:2

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given “charisms” otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God’s Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say “yes” to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

Prayers & Love

Daily Readings for the Week

Jul. 6—Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Jul 7—Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

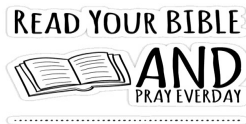
Jul 8—Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Jul 9—Gn 41:55-57, , 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

Jul 10—Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

Jul 11—Gn:46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

Jul 12—Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33



July Special Collection

July 6—Parish Maintenance  
July 13—St. Vincent De Paul  
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July Live Stream Schedule

July 6 Lisa Jones  
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June Lector Schedule

July 5-6 Charlotte Mitchell  
Mary Battle, Lanette M. Vidaurri  
July 12-13 Charlotte Mitchell  
Lydia Salas ; Carolyn Yusuf  
July 19-20 Laura Moreno  
LaWonda Peoples; Zayn Willars  
July 26-27 Natasha Cha; Stephanie Rodriguez  
Amanda Flood; Daniel Gonzalez

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus sent the 72 out in pairs. Married couples are intended to proclaim the love of Jesus to all. Learn more about this on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are Jul. 11-13 & Oct. 17-19, 2025. To apply go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [mdgallegos06@gmail.com](mailto:mdgallegos06@gmail.com) 214-497-0188.

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Peter’s Pence Special Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week’s Peter’s Pence Collection!. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive).

Peter’s Pence is an offering that may be small, but has a profound symbolic value: it expresses love and trust for the Holy Father, Peter’s successor. It is a tangible gesture of closeness to the Pope’s mission of bringing the Gospel and spreading charity and love all over the world.

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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](mailto:vocations@Fwdioc.org)

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Lights, Catholic, Action!

As a teen new to North Texas and far from home, Karla Silva walked 20 minutes to Mass each week—drawn by a deep desire for community and faith, even before she fully understood the language. Now a vibrant leader in Hispanic young adult ministry, Karla shares how small acts of “yes” led to big transformations, lasting friendships, and a passion for helping others grow in their Catholic faith. **Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform!** Each episode, released every Tuesday, explores the identity and mission of the Catholic Church in North Texas with a new guest each week



Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets at OMM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month after 7am weekday mass. Please join us.

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St. Monica Prayer Group

Unfortunately, St. Monica’s prayer group has decided to meet at St. Andrew Catholic Parish, 3312 Dryden Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76109. Please contact them for dates and times, the prayer group will meet.

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Light of Christ Awards

The Light of Christ award is presented annually to lay individuals throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth who exemplify the light of Christ through lives of Christian Stewardship. Each parish recognizes one lay person or couple who live out their baptismal call in an extraordinary way through stewardship and leadership. It is with great honor, OMM nominated Mr. Art and Mrs. Cynthia Sanford for the Light of Christ Award.



Join us as we honor The Light of Christ Honorees in the diocese of Fort Worth, Tuesday, July 29, 2025. The welcome reception starts at 6pm., with the ceremony starting at 6:30 pm. This will be at Nolan Catholic High School IDEA building, 4501 Bridge Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76103. Please RSVP or contact Rachel Martinez at [rmartinez@adv-fdn.org](mailto:rmartinez@adv-fdn.org) or 817-382-4939.

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Quo Vadis 2025  
Friday, July 25, 2025

Quo Vadis is a FREE one-day vocation discernment retreat for young men in High School who are living in the Diocese of Fort Worth. The camp is a rare chance for High School young men to begin considering their vocation from God by speaking with priests and seminarians. Held at Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House, 600 N Shady Shores Dr., Lake Dallas, TX 75065 on Friday, **July 25, 2025**. Boys who graduate 8th grade in May/ June 2025 and will be freshmen in school year 2025-2026 are eligible to register. Young men who graduate high school in

May/June 2025 are eligible to register. If a young man is 18 years old he will be required to complete the Safe Environment Program of the Diocese of Fort Worth, prior to attending. Call or go to website to register: **817-945-9321 vocations@fwdioc.org Vocations Office, Diocese of Fort Worth**

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Things That Should Not Be Worn to Church (If You Want to Be Respectful)

Church is more than just a building; it's a place where people come together to worship, reflect & find peace. It's a space that deserves a certain level of respect, not just through your actions but also in how you present yourself. It's hard to know what to wear these days in our increasingly casual society & dress rules aren't always written out. Perhaps you think something is too formal or too casual & we get it. But dressing with some thought is a good way to convey that you're respectful of church space & others. If ever you are in doubt – avoiding these things will make you feel safe, confident & respectful when you visit your church.

1. Revealing Clothing: Short, tight or low-cut outfits are distracting in a contemplative space. It's good to be modest.
2. Graphic Tees with offensive or irreverent messages: Slogans or logos on shirts—especially ones with political messages, jokes or offensive language can be rude.
3. Athletic Wear: It is comfy, but gym wear—leggings, tank tops and running shorts might be too sporty for church. Save for gym.
4. Flip-Flops or Beachwear: Sandals (flip-flops, in particular) are loud and too casual for a sacred environment. Also, beach dresses or swimwear lack the dignity of church attire.
5. Hats (for Men): In most societies and cultures, wearing a hat in church, especially by a man, is disrespectful. However, taking off your hat is very simple and shows reverence and humility.

Please know we welcome everyone to our church, be respectful.

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Journey in Faith