

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, please look upon [say name] with mercy. Rest your healing hand upon their ailing body. Let new life flow through every cell of their being and the depths of their soul, cleansing and restoring them. Reform them back to wholeness and strength for Your glory. Amen.

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May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace

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August 17, 2025

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Mass Times

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

Adoration Times:

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

Rosary

Sunday 9:00am
(1st Sun. Livestreamed)
Mon-Fri 6:20 am

Confession

MWF: 7:35am-8:00am
Tues-Thurs: 6:15 am-6:55 am
Saturday —4:00-4:50 pm

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Aug 17
Repose soul of Avelina Castillo
Monday Aug 18
Repose souls of those who died due to COVID
Tuesday Aug 19
Repose soul of Chuck Ward
Wednesday Aug 20
Repose souls of Robert Martinez and Avelina Castillo
Thursday Aug 21
Repose soul of Avelina Castillo
Friday Aug 22
The physical and spiritual health of Naomi Smith
Saturday Aug 23
Repose souls of Mary Ruth Richard and Avelina Castillo

The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C are not easy to hear. Jesus speaks clearly. He says He did not come to bring peace, but fire. He warns that even families will be divided because of Him. His words are bold and direct. This may be hard to accept, but it is true.

Jeremiah lived this out. In the first reading, he is thrown into a cistern for speaking the truth. People wanted him gone. But God sends someone to help him. Jeremiah did not stop trusting God, even in the mud.

The second reading from Hebrews reminds us to keep going. We must stay strong. We should look to Jesus, who faced the cross. He did not give up. Neither should we.

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C asks us to be honest. Are we ready to follow Jesus, even when it brings trouble? Are we willing to stand with Him, even when others turn away? This Sunday helps us look at our own faith with clear eyes.

Prayer
Lord, help us to stay faithful to You, even when it is hard. Give us the courage to face challenges with trust in Your guidance. May Your love burn within us, changing us into the people You call us to be. Amen.

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Come & See Discernment Retreat

Friday, October 3, 2025 - Sunday, October 5, 2025
Join us for a Vocations Weekend Retreat for men in high school and college, ages 16 and older, from October 3-5, 2025, 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 information, contact Vocations at vocations@fwdioc.org or 817-945-9321.



Reflection for the 20th Sunday

A swamp may look nice on the surface, but its depths are full of rotten things. Peace that is based on injustice is like that. It is a false peace and Jesus came to disrupt it. But then there is true peace—a peace in which all of God’s children have their basic rights respected, and are able to live in freedom and dignity. This is the peace Jesus came to bring. But peace like this doesn’t happen; it has to be made. Sometimes the peacemakers will be branded troublemakers. But Jesus had another name for them: he called them ‘children of God’.

Prayers & Love

Daily Readings for the Week

Aug 17—Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Heb
12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53

Aug 18—Jgs 2:11-10
Mt 10:16-22

Aug 19—Jgs 6:11-24a
Mt 19:23-30

Aug 20—Jgs 9:6-15
Mt 20:1-16

Aug 21—Jgs 11:29-39a
Mt 22:1-14

Aug 22—Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Mt 22:34-40

Aug 23—Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17
Mt 23:1-12

August Special Collections

August 17—Special Collection Summers Utilities

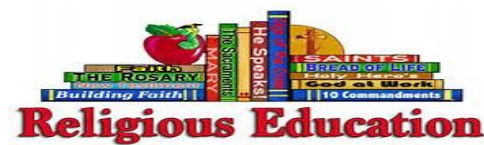
August Live Stream Schedule

Aug 17—Isabel Garza
Aug 24—Jennifer Rattliff
Aug 31—Howard Rattliff

We are looking for more volunteers to help with the livestreaming of our Sunday Mases. Training is available, and the required commitment is at least one Sunday per month. Contact the church office to join this ministry

August Lector Schedule

Aug 16—Lanette Martinez-Vidaurre
 Aug 17—Mary Battle; Carolyn Yusuf
 Aug 23—Desire Garcia
 Aug 24—Amanda Flood; Lydia Salas
 Aug 30—Natasha Cha; Stephanie Rodriguez
 Aug. 31—LaWonda Peoples; Daniel Gonzalez



OMM is excited to welcome students back for a new year of growing in faith, learning about God's love, and building a strong spiritual foundation. CCE/OCIA classes will begin September 7. Register early to reserve a space for adults or children. Use forms located at: <https://www.omomftworth.org/forms>. Call church office at 817-335-1695 or email dredu@omomftworth.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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Come join members/ friends of OMM for good fellowship, light lunch, cool prizes and fun September 12, for Senior Friday Bingo (We are back!!) in the parish life center. RSVP to attend by noon Wednesday, September 10. Text 817-689-4344. In October, we will be back on the first Friday of the month.

Basic Sign Language Course (Deaf Ministry)

This 7-week course (Tuesdays, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM) starting August 26, will give students an interactive experience in sign language including small group and hands on activities. Students will learn basic vocabulary, rules of grammar and cultural aspects of the Deaf Community and the history of American Sign Language.

Where: St. Peter the Apostle School,
White Settlement, \$80 per person,
Adults & youth 15 years and older.
**Registration Deadline: August 20,
2025 Register at: [https://
diocesfortworth.regfox.com/basic-
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Texas Catholic Voices Back to School

As our families prepare for a new school year, the TCCB (Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops) and others are busy preparing for the rollout of a new program to assist low-income families and children with special needs seeking a Catholic education. Learn about the new ESA initiative and more in this month's Texas Catholic Voice! **Go to <https://txcatholic.org/texas-catholic-voice-august-2025> to read article.**

Invitation to Jubilee Prayer and Luncheon Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that the RSVP deadline for the Prayer and Fellowship event is approaching. This gathering is for parish mission and outreach ministry personnel and parish mission council members. The pilgrimage site Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Fort Worth on Saturday, August 23rd.

Please use the attached QR code to RSVP by AUGUST 14 so we can finalize our count for lunch. Go to: **mission@fwdioc.org**.

We hope you are able to attend on Saturday, August 23rd, to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope.



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