#### PRAYER CORNER

Dear Lord, we come before you with open hearts, seeking your tender touch for our dear family and friends who are sick or shut ins. May your healing light wash over them, mending what is broken and renewing what is worn. In Jesus name. Amen.

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May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace Sharon Collins Vivian Cromwell

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

# Father Peter's Office Hours

11:00 am-3:00pm Tuesday through-Friday Call or text him at 469-971-9854

#### **Mass Times**

Sunday: 10:00 am Vigil Mass Sat: 5:00 pm Mon thru Fri-7:00 am

Sat. 8:00 am

Wednesday: 5pm-7pm Thursday: 7:30am=3:00pm Friday: 7:30am-noon

**Adoration Times** 

Saturday: 4pm-4:50pm **Divine Mercy Chaplet** 

Thursday 3:00pm

#### Rosary

Sunday 9:00 am (1st Sunday Lives-streamed) Monday-Friday 6:20 am

#### Confession

Mon-Fri: 6am—6:50 am 7:30am-7:55am Saturday 4pm-4:50pm By appointment during office hours



#### Sunday Sept. 14

Repose soul of Avelina Castillo

Monday Sept. 15

Happy Birthday

Thomas Salas

**Tuesday Sept. 16** Open

Wednesday Sept. 17

Repose soul of

Avelina Castillo

Thursday Sept. 18

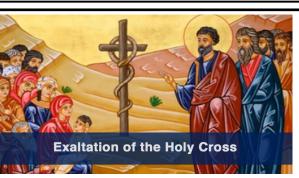
Repose souls of Christopher Briseno Avelina Castillo

Friday Sept. 19

Repose souls who died due to COVID

Saturday Sept. 13

Repose soul of Avelina Castillo



In Christ, the cross now tells not a human story of oppressive power and dehumanizing punishment, but the divine story of redemption. In the cross, Jesus reveals the very heart of God. He shows us how precious each of us is to the Father, and how far God is willing to go for our salvation: "For God so loved that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." On the cross, Christ proves God's love for us and answers the deepest questions of human life. God alone is the ultimate purpose of our existence.

The cross doesn't just urge us to be good as individuals; it inspires us to work together with other good people for the common good. After all, one of the reasons Jesus climbed the cross was to draw all humanity in unity unto himself.

Above all, the cross challenges us to take God and our faith more seriously. For every Christian, the cross remains the most powerful reminder of the religion of love, justice, and peace that Christ inaugurated.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, my heart goes out to the victims of the recent shooting at the Annunciation Church and School in Minnesota. As Pope Francis reminds us: "The Way of the Cross alone defeats sin, evil, and death, for it leads to the radiant light of Christ's resurrection and opens the horizons of a new and fuller life. It is the way of hope, the way of the future. Those who take up this way with generosity and faith give hope and a future to humanity."

The cross is our message and our hope. May we, on this feast day, embrace it anew.

Excerpt of "The cross compels us toward justice" and compassion" by William Orbih, Www.uscatholic.org

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#### Reflection for the 24th Sunday

Lord Jesus, we pray for all the sheep that are lost, but our hearts go out especially to the lost lambs. Have mercy on the human wolves who steal, exploit, and sometimes kill the lambs of the Father's flock; help them to see the horror of what they are doing. Comfort the grieving parents who in many cases don't even have the consolation of a burial service. In your merciful love grant that those lambs, though lost here, may be found hereafter. Watch over those who are still straying here below. Guide them along paths that are safe. Send shepherds to look for them. And open the eyes of society so that we may cease to regard property as more important than people. Amen

Prayers & Love

#### **Daily Readings for the Week**

Sept 14—Nn 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 Sept 15—1 Tim 2:1-8; Jn 19L25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 Sept 16—1 Tim 3: 1-13; Lk 7: 11

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Sept 17—1 Tim 3: 14-16 Lk 7:31-35

Sept 18—1 Tim 4: 12-16 Lk 7: 36-50

Sept 19—1 Tim 6:2c-12

Lk 8: 1-3

Sept 20—1 Tim 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15

# September Live Stream Schedule

9-14/Howard Rattliff 9-21/ Isabel Garza 9-28/ Jennifer Rattliff

September Lector Schedule

Sept. 13—Charlotte Mitchell Sept. 14—LaWonda Peoples Stephanie Rodriguez

Sept. 20—Desire Garcia Sept. 21—Amanda Flood, Mary Battle

Sept. 27—Natasha Cha

America

Sept. 28—Anaiah Barrera Daniel Gonzalez

# September Special Collections

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Sept. 14—St. Vincent De Paul Sept. 28—Catholic University of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Our Mother of Mercy **ANNOUNCEMENTS** 



Get Lit!!!



Candles are lit in church as a visible sign of prayer, a reminder of God's presence, and an expression of faith, devotion, gratitude and/or to seek healing, strength, or remembrance of loved ones.

For the past fiscal year, (7/1/2024-6/30/2025) the amount spent on candles exceeded the amount collected in candle donations. We kindly ask that when lighting a candle, a corresponding offering be made at that time to help cover the cost. Your continued support is appreciated in maintaining this meaningful tradition. and keeping the cost of burning candles at its current price.

Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

**The Magnificent Promise** 

On the First Saturdays of the month we're praying for the devotion of the Immaculate Heart as such, the rosary will be recited after Saturday, 8:00 a.m. mass. As promised, Our Lady returned to request the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** 

In today's first reading the Israelites lost patience. Renew your patience with your spouse by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is Oct. 17-19, 2025. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **Young Adult Mass**

Bishop Michael Olson invites all Young Adults of the Diocese of Fort Worth (ages 18-35) to a special Mass on Saturday, Sept. 27th at 6:30PM -Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2255 N. Bonnie Brae Street, Denton Texas. Please RSVP for the dinner following Mass at https:// form.jotform.com/DioceseFW/ young-adult-mass-with-bishop-Sep27.

## **SEEK 2026 is coming to Grapevine!**

Join thousands of college students from across the country for the SEEK The Stayton at Museum Way, 2501 Conference, hosted by FOCUS, right here in our diocese at the Gaylord Texan Resort, January 1-5, 2026. SEEK is a life-changing event filled with inspiring talks, worship, fellowship, and encounters with Christ. Dates: January 1-5, 2026 Location: Gaylord Texan Resort, Grapevine, TX Registration: Reserve your spot with

only a \$25 deposit Early-bird pricing ends October 29,

2025. Go to www.seek.focus.org.



**Annual Red Mass** Thursday, September 25, 2025

The St. Thomas More Society Fort Worth cordially invites all attorneys, judges, law students, public officials, and their families and staff to attend the Red Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral, ESA. Fort Worth 6:00 p.m. with the Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth. All members of the legal profession are welcome at the Red Mass, regardless of religious affiliation. There is no cost for dinner, must have a ticket to attend. Register at

stmsfw.flocknote.com/ signup/212918 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**Lights Catholic Action!** S2, Ep 4—A Parish that Welcomes! This episode features our own

LaWonda Peoples. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform! . \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### **Memory Support Bridge Grant Program**

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Museum Way, Ft. Worth, announces a grant program available to those with a dementia diagnosis, but who are high-functioning and ambulatory. This new program will provide enhanced lifestyles programing and specially designed care plans to keep them active for as long as possible. Contact and apply to Scott Kimble, Sales Counselor, 817-632-3606.

#### **FW DCCW 2025 Convention** "Believe in the Eucharist Blessed Broken and Shared"

You are cordially invited to join your fellow members to recognize the women of the diocese who have been nominated by their parishes for the Benediction of Mankind Award. This will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2901 Barnett Road, Wichita Falls, TX. Registration forms are on the back of the table in the church. Deadline is Oct. 10

#### **CAMINO: Fort Worth's Catholic Response to School Choice**

Through CAMINO, a diocesan initiative to help families apply for an Education Savings Account (ESA), families now have a potential pathway to enroll in Catholic schools across the Fort Worth Diocese, regardless of income or zip code.

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Visit www.catholicschoolfwdioc.org or call 817-945-9376 to learn more. \*Children with disabilities may receive up to \$30,000 if eligible. 

#### 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.