

PRAYER CORNER

God, my healer and great physician, I come to you with a heart full of gratitude and praise. I know that you are my healer. You are a merciful God who knows my suffering. Thank you for bringing healing in your perfect way and time In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

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May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace

Lena Sonnier

Our Mother of Mercy	
Stewardship Weekly Offering: 7/20/2025	
Regular Collection	\$2,239.83
Weekday Mass	\$
Mass Intentions	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$20.00
St. Anne’s Candles	\$21.00
St. Anne’s Religious Articles	\$
Texas Hill Co. Flood Victims	\$630.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$20.00
Phil The Box– Fundraiser	\$91.80
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total Collection	\$3,022.63
Total Weekend Attendance	126

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

Go Adventuring by
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OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

Historically African-American Catholic Church—all are welcome!

July 27, 2025

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Pastor’s
OFFICE
HOURS

11:00 am-4:00pm
Tuesday through-Friday
Call or text him at 469-971-9854

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

Mon-Fri—After 7am
Mass
Saturday —4:00-4:50 pm

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

For the reposed souls of
Natividad Pulido and
Lucia Esquirel

Monday

Reposed soul of Joseph
Nguyen

Tuesday

Happy Birthday
Perla Cecilia Estrada

Wednesday

For the Physical and
Spiritual health of Naomi
Smith

Thursday

For the Reposed Soul of
Daniel Diaz

Friday

For the Reposed Soul of
Avelina Castillo

Saturday

For the Reposed Souls of
Mary F. JeanBaptiste and
Avelina Castillo

Ask and it will be given to you,
seek and you will find;
knock and the door
will be opened to you.
Matthew 7:7

17th Sunday
In Ordinary Time

The readings for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C highlight God’s mercy and care for His people. In the first reading, Abraham intercedes for the people of Sodom, trusting in God’s justice and compassion. In the Gospel, Jesus shows that we can ask God for what we need, confident in His love for us. Abraham’s boldness in speaking to God shows that we, too, can approach Him with our worries and hopes. God listens when we pray for others and seeks to help us in ways we may not always see. This reminds us to care deeply for others and to trust in God’s kindness. Jesus teaches that God provides good things to His children. Just as a parent meets the needs of their family, God hears our prayers and responds. This does not mean we always get what we ask for, but we can trust that God knows what is best for us. Both readings remind us to trust in God’s love and mercy, even in difficult times. They encourage us to pray with faith, knowing that God listens and cares deeply for us and for those we bring to Him in prayer.

As we reflect on these themes, we are reminded of the importance of prayer in every part of our lives. We are encouraged to trust God more fully, pray more sincerely, and rely on His love for guidance and strength.

Prayer

Loving Father, we come to You in faith, knowing that You hear us. Teach us to pray with trust and to seek Your will in all things. Help us to bring our needs and the needs of others to You with open hearts. Guide us and fill us with Your love. Amen.

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Reflection 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I asked for health that I might do great things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.

Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed.



This Respect Life Day of Reflection will help remind you why these ministries are important and still necessary, even in a pro-life state like Texas where abortion is illegal.

The presentations by Rev. Msgr. E. James Hart and Jason Whitehead will serve to revive and uplift us. The Mass, celebrated by Msgr. Hart, will feed us spiritually as we receive Christ in the Eucharist. Our time together will provide fellowship as we pray and share a meal. Held at The Catholic Center, 800 West Loop 820 South, Fort Worth, TX 76108 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. There is no charge, but please register to choose your meal and so we can plan accordingly! Use QR code to register

RESPECT LIFE DAY OF Reflection

16 August 2025

The Catholic Center

9:30 AM TO 1:30 PM | INCLUDING MASS AND LUNCH
800 W LOOP 820 S, FORT WORTH, TX 76108

This is a free event. Please use the QR code to choose your meal and so we can plan accordingly.

Prayer/Reflections

Family,

Jesus urges us to ask, seek, and knock. This means our faith has to be an active one. However, sometimes we are too proud to ask, so we don't receive; we are too lazy to seek, so we don't find; and we are too timid to knock, so the door doesn't open to us. We mustn't wait for things to happen, or to fall into our hands. We must be humble and trustful, yet bold and energetic, if we are to receive good things from our Father in heaven.

Prayers & Love

Daily Readings for the Week

Jul. 27—Gn 18:20-32
Col 2:12-14
Lk 11:1-13

Jul 28—Ex 32:15-24, 30-34
Mt 13:31-35

Jul 29—Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Jul 30—Ex 34:29-35
Mt 13:44-46

Jul 31—Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
Mt 13:47-53

Aug 1—Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Mt 13:54-58

Aug 2—Lv 25:1, 8-17
Mt 14:1-12

July Live Stream Schedule

July 27—Jennifer Ratliff

July Lector Schedule

July 26-Natasha Cha; Stephanie Rodriguez

July 27 -Amanda Flood; Daniel Gonzalez

WHEN YOU HEAR GOD'S VOICE TODAY, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART!

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Back to School Help/Volunteer

We're having a back to school fair on **Aug. 3rd** after mass for our students and teachers. We're asking for your help, please with any donations of school supplies. Please bring (school supplies, Kleenex, paper towels, sanitizers, etc.) to the parish life center by Thursday, **July 31, 4:30 p.m.** We're giving out free haircuts, so if you or someone you know can provide this service, please call the church office to volunteer. Thank you so much.

Texas Hill Country Flood Emergency Special Collection

You can text TEXASFLOOD to 817-402-3525 or give online at <https://www.givecentral.org/Texas-Hill-Country-Special-Collection>

Warriors of the Yarn!!

Our yarn ministry is starting back on August 13th at 1:00pm-3:00pm. All are invited, including beginners to join this ministry. We crochet scarves, shawls, etc. Come, join our group, bring your talents and have fun.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

The Office of Young Adult Ministry, along with the Office of Hispanic Ministry, welcomes all young adults to a special Holy Hour of Eucharistic Exposition, Saturday, August 30, 2025 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. This event will feature guided reflection and praise & worship led by Nico Cabrera. Afterwards, we encourage you to stay for fellowship and enjoy light refreshments provided by Countryside Bakery & Kitchen. The event will be held at Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 509 W. Magnolia Ave., in Fort Worth from 6:30 PM. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other young adult Catholics. If you have questions contact Melly Andrade at GAndrade@fwdioc.org. Register to attend at [fwdioc.org/young-adult-ministry-events](https://www.fwdioc.org/young-adult-ministry-events).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Knock and the door will be opened to you." Discover the amazing plan God has for you and your marriage on 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 214-497-0188.

Permanent Diaconate Ordination

This year the ordination of new Deacons will be Friday, Aug 8, at 5pm, St. Mark Catholic Church, 6500 Crawford Rd., Argyle, TX 76226.

The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth starts a new formation cohort for the Permanent Diaconate every 2 years. If you feel called by God to this vocation it is important that you talk to your family and your pastor and discern in prayer before you start the process. For more information: www.Jotform.com/deaconformation

2025 Frank B Staton Golf Classics

Registration is now open for the 2025 "Frank B. Staton Golf Classics" hosted by the Knights of Peter Claver CN 89. This will be our 19th annual event and we are proud to have benefited students and community throughout Tarrant County. Your support is paramount and we could not have been successful without you! Come out **Saturday Sept. 13, 2025** at Hidden Creek Golf Course and join us in fun, golf and fellowship! "Don't miss this one"

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