

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.

Isabel Mesker

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May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace

Carmelina Roman Trevino

Miriam Jones

Betty Harris

Joseph Cotton

Mauricio Pulido

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11:00 am-3:00pm
Tuesday through-Friday
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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


Monday thru-Friday:
6:00am-6:50 am

7:30am-7:55am

Saturday —4:00-4:50 pm

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sunday Aug 24
In thanksgiving for health of Deborah and Guillermo Barrera

Monday Aug 25
Repose soul of Avelina Castillo

Tuesday Aug 26
In thanksgiving for a health baby

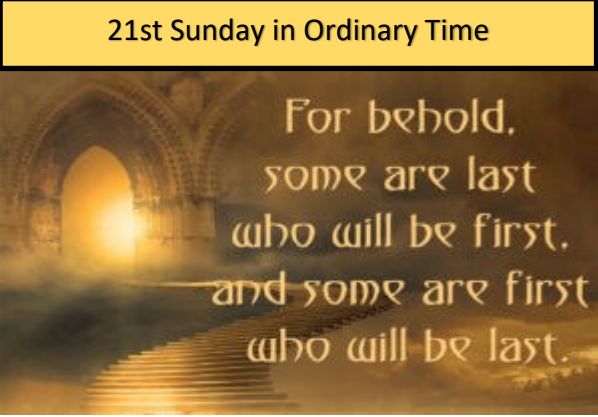
Wednesday Aug 27
Repose souls of those who died from COVID

Thursday Aug 28
Repose soul of Avelina Castillo

Friday Aug 29
Repose soul of Agnes Nguyen

Saturday Aug 30
Happy Birthday Areli Velazquez

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.

On the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we hear how God gathers people from all corners of the earth. The message is clear. God's love is not limited to one group. He wants all people to come to Him.

This Sunday reminds us that following God is not always easy. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the narrow gate. He says that many will try to enter, but not all will succeed. It takes effort, trust, and a steady heart.

Jesus attracted many people with His message of love and healing. People wanted to hear His words and see His miracles. However, when He spoke about taking up a cross and the difficulties of being a disciple, some people turned away. They were not ready for the hard parts of following Him. We might face rejection, misunderstandings, or even persecution. But if we truly love Jesus, we will stay committed to Him. Being a disciple means making sacrifices. Jesus asks us to follow Him, even when it leads to a cross. This requires effort and sometimes pain, but it also brings true joy and peace.

Hebrews tells us that discipline is part of love. Just like a parent teaches a child, God teaches us. This is not to punish us but to help us grow stronger.

Prayer
Lord, help us to follow You with open hearts and minds. Guide us to be welcoming to all and teach us through Your loving discipline. Give us the strength to embrace our cross and stay faithful on our journey with You. Amen.

The Passion of John the Baptist: A Glorious Witness to Truth and Faith

On August 29, the Church commemorates the Feast of the Passion of John the Baptist, a powerful reminder of the cost of speaking the truth and staying faithful to God’s mission. John the Baptist, known as the precursor to Christ, played a pivotal role in preparing the way for the Messiah, and his martyrdom stands as a testament to his unwavering commitment to righteousness.

Now Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, for John had said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” Although he wanted to kill him, he feared the people, for they regarded him as a prophet. But at a birthday celebration for Herod, the daughter of Herodias performed a dance before the guests and delighted Herod so much that he swore to give her whatever she might ask for. Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.” The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests who were present, he ordered that it be given, and he had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who took it to her mother. His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus. ~Matthew 14:3-12

His martyrdom not only fulfilled his role as the forerunner to Christ but also exemplified the ultimate sacrifice for truth. The Passion of John the Baptist reminds us of the courage needed to stand for righteousness, even in the face of persecution.

Reflection for the 21st Sunday

Jesus said that there are two roads we can follow. The first is wide and easy to travel. It is downhill most of the way. It is the way of comfort and ease, pleasure and self-seeking. Many are fooled and travel down this road. But in the long run it leads them nowhere. They die in the desert. The second road is narrow and difficult. It is uphill a lot of the way. It is the way of struggle and sacrifice. Few take this road. But they are the lucky ones. This road leads to the Promised Land.

Prayers & Love

Daily Readings for the Week

- Aug 24—Is 66:18-21; Heb12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
- Aug 25—1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
- Aug 26—1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
- Aug 27—1 Thes 2:9-13
Mt 23:27-32
- Aug 28—1 Thes 3:7-13
Mt 24:42-51
- Aug 29—1 Thes 4:1-8
Mk 6:17-29
- Aug 30—1 Thes 4:9-11
Mt 25:14-30



August Live Stream Schedule

- Aug 24—Jennifer Rattliff
- Aug 31—Howard Rattliff

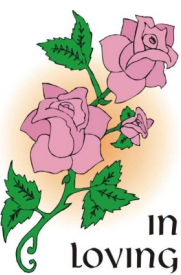
August Lector Schedule

- Aug 23—Desire Garcia
- Aug 24—Amanda Flood; Lydia Salas
- Aug 30—Natasha Cha; Stephanie Rodriguez
- Aug. 31—LaWonda Peoples; Daniel Gonzalez

Join Gulf South Communities to remember the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina’s impact of the Louisiana coastlines. Reclaim our right to resist and exist in the aftermath of disaster, and renew the vision and commitment to live and thrive in the places we love. Look for places in the metroplex and New Orleans to give your support this next week.



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



With deep sorrow and profound gratitude of a life well-lived, we announce the passing of our beloved **Betty Ricketts Harris**, who went home to be with the Lord on August 5, 2025. Mrs. Harris was a faithful member of OMM for over six decades. She served with unwavering dedication, compassion, and grace. She touched countless lives and helped build a legacy of faith that will endure for generations. Well done good and faithful servant. Well done.



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.

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.**



The ladies of OMM are cordially invited to Magnificat Prayer Meal Hosted by “Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament” Grapevine TX Chapter Sept 6, 2025 9:00 am – 12:30 pm Location: Hilton Garden Inn Lewisville 785 State Highway 121, Lewisville Texas 75067 The guest speaker is Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, ORC. He will share his personal testimony and lead us through the consecration to our Guardian Angels, a unique spiritual gift for all attendees. For Questions Call: 214-868-5559 Go to <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/tx-grapevine> to reserve your place and see payment options.



The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be on Saturday morning September 13, 2025 at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St, Fort Worth, TX 76102, at 8:00 AM. The day will begin with Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship. We encourage young men in high school and college in the Diocese of Fort Worth to attend. Please reserve your spot through the Vocations Office or by calling 817-945-9321.

We are up and running!!

We are thankful to Bishop Olsen for assigning Father Peter Wiafi Akenteng to Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Parish. The last time OMM had a parish priest was June of 2022. Ever wondered how many priests have said

mass at OMM since 2022? A total of twenty-two!! We thank all of them and welcome them to return to OMM anytime to fellowship with Father Peter and OMM parishioners! (Note: Father Richard and Father Bob are the mass celebrants for the 7:00am masses)

- Father Richard Flores
- Father John Shanahan T.O.R.
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- Father Brijil Lawrence
- Msgr. Publius Xuereb
- Father Frances Kwasi Poku

WISH LIST

The parish rectory is purchased and Fr. Peter is thankful to us. Below is a wish list of items needed to help furnish the rectory. We ask for your help in making this a comfortable rectory for Fr. Peter, future priests and visiting priests.

- Vacuum cleaner
- Table lamps for bedroom and living room
- Washing Machine and Dryer
- One shower curtain
- Garden hose
- Wall hangers to hang pictures
- Indoor plug-ins (scented)
- Night lights
- Surge protectors

To avoid duplications, please coordinate with the parish office. Thank your for support.

