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SEASON OF LENT

**First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024**

The Mother Parish of Arlington, Texas

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Parish office hours:

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 AM - 12 noon, 1:00 - 4:30 PM;

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR

FEBRUARY 18 - 25

DAILY MORNING MASS

Monday, Wednesday - Friday, 8 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM

11:00 AM and 1:00 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday,
Friday and Saturday 8 AM - 4 PM.

Tuesday and Thursday,
8 AM - 4 PM and 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:30 - 5:00 PM
in the Church.

BAPTISM

Preparation classes are
required by the Diocese.

For more information, go to

www.smgparish.org/baptism

or call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

The Diocese requires 6 - 9 months
in preparing for your marriage.

Please do not set a wedding
date until meeting with Fr. Maul.

HOLY ORDERS AND CONSECRATED LIFE

Please call the Diocesan Vocation
Office at 817-945-9321 or contact
Fr. Maul at the Parish Office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of February 19 - 25, 2024

MONDAY

Mass, 8AM (CH)

Adoration, 8AM - 4PM (SHO)

Brown Bag Bunch, 10AM (SMC)

Rosary for Life Fellowship, 5:30PM (SD)

Rosary for Life, 7PM (CH)

TUESDAY

Adoration, 8AM - 4PM (SHO)

American Heritage Girls, 6:15PM (SMC)

Rosary Makers, 6:30PM (SD)

Adoration, 6:30PM - 9:30PM (SHO)

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Rosary Group, 7:30AM (SMC)

Mass, 8AM

Adoration, 8AM - 4PM (SHO)

Garden Club, 9:30AM (SMC)

Angelus Rehearsal, 5:30PM (CH)

Knights of Columbus, 6PM (SMC)

Youth Group, 7PM (YC)

St. Cecilia Rehearsal, 7PM (CH)

Scripture Study, 7:30PM (HFLC-H/SC/SF)

THURSDAY

Mass, 8AM (CH)

Adoration, 8AM - 4PM (SHO)

Crochet/Knitting Group, 9AM (SD)

Morning Joys, 10AM (SMC)

Adoration, 6:30PM - 9:30PM (SHO)

Choro di pace Rehearsal, 7:30PM (CH)

FRIDAY

Mass, 8AM (CH)

Adoration, 8AM - 4PM (SHO)

Fish Fry, 5 PM (C)

Stations of the Cross, 7PM (CH)

SATURDAY

Adoration, 8AM - 4PM (SHO)

Confession, 3:30 - 5:00PM (CH)

Vigil Mass, 5:30PM (CH)

SUNDAY

Mass, 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM and 1PM (CH)

Sunday Fellowship, 8:30AM - 12:30PM (C)

Adoration, 8AM - 4PM (SHO)

Confirmation Class, 2:30PM (SMC)

Men's 35+ Basketball, 6PM (G)

CONTACT US (817-274-0643)

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LEGEND: AF=Athletic Field, C=Cafetorium, CH=Church, FF=Faith Formation, G=HFLC Gym, H=HFLC Hope Room, HFLC=Holy Family Life Center-All 3 Meeting Rooms & Gym, HFLC-MR=HFLC Music Room, L=School Library, PC=Parish Campus-All, PP=Padre Pio House, S=School Classrooms, AF=SMG Athletic Fields, S-MR=School Music Room, SC=HFLC St. Clare Room, SD=St. David Cottage-All, SF=HFLC St. Francis Room, SHO=Sacred Heart Oratory, SMC=St. Maria Center, YC=Youth Center.

THE DIOCESAN DAY OF STEWARDSHIP

The Diocese of Fort Worth is hosting a special Lenten event on Saturday, March 2, at Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Arlington from 8:30 AM - Noon. Come to hear vibrant and dynamic speakers who will set the groundwork for you to deepen your relationship with Christ throughout your Lenten journey. All are invited to attend. Mass begins with Bishop Olson at 8:30 AM. Following Mass, you will enjoy breakfast and hear from Bishop Olson and Leisa Anslinger, author and founder of Catholic Life and Faith, a center for stewardship and servant leadership development.

Cost is \$10 per person, which includes breakfast and materials. Register by Wednesday, February 28 by scanning the QR Code, or by going to our website www.smgparish.org.



PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in a part-time position (20 hours a week), SMG is in need of a Safe Environment Coordinator. Please contact Kathy McCoy, Parish Manager, at kmccoy@smgparish.org or call her at 817-274-0643, ext. 1223.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



What does poverty mean to you? Join us for a KNOW Poverty Hour and find out what it means to us, those we

serve, and how we plan to end it. You'll gain a behind-the-scenes look at our poverty-ending solutions and learn how you can join our mission to end poverty, one family at a time. Please meet us on Thursday, February 29 at our Arlington Campus, (1010 N. Collins Street, Arlington, Texas, 76011) from Noon - 1:00 PM. RSVP to knowpoverty@ccdofw.org.

CAR RAFFLE FOR GUADALUPE RADIO

Win a 2024 Mercedes-Benz GLB 250 in Night Black

A representative from Guadalupe Radio Station KATH 910 AM will be here this weekend, February 17 and 18 selling raffle tickets after all the Masses. If you didn't get a chance to buy a ticket, you may also purchase one on their website: www.grnonline.com/raffle.

One Providential winning ticket will be drawn on Friday, February 23, 2024 at the KLPF 1180 AM Studio in Midland, Texas, so get your raffle ticket today!

YOUNG ADULT MASS

All young adults, ages 18-35, of the Diocese of Fort Worth are invited to a special bilingual (Spanish and English) Mass celebrated by Very Rev. Johnathan C. Wallis on Saturday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM. This Mass will take place at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth. Dinner will be offered in the Saint Patrick Center, but an RSVP is required before Wednesday, February 28th.



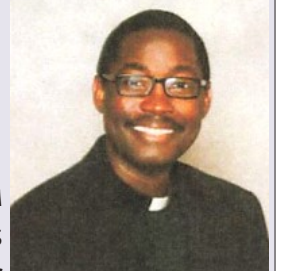
YOUNG ADULT LENTEN RETREAT (AGES 18-35)

Young Adult Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth are invited to attend a one-day Lenten Retreat led by the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The retreat will feature reflection on the Lenten homilies of St. Francis de Sales. The event will be held on Saturday, February 24, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2255 North Bonnie Brae Street in Denton. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by February 21st.



DEAF MINISTRY LENTEN WORKSHOP

Join us for a transformative workshop during Lent on navigating the temptations in our world today and finding the guidance to overcome them. Led by Fr. Paul Zirimenya, this workshop will take place on Saturday, February 24, at 9:30 AM in the St. Maria Center. Lunch is included, so please reserve your place by contacting Connie Martin at 817-591-0186 or cmartin@fwdioc.org.



ESL TEACHERS NEEDED

Would you like to make a difference in the life of someone who needs you? You can! Volunteer teachers and aides are needed to teach English to adults. Classes are being offered at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church just next door to Catholic Charities at 201 Thornhill Drive in Fort Worth on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15 AM to 12:15 PM. Volunteers do not need to be bilingual, but that is a plus. High School education is required. For more information, contact Sister Rita Claire at 940-782-9018.

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MUSIC AND LITURGY



Enjoy singing the Chant Mass during this Lenten Season.

What a pleasure to hear your voices in the oldest musical setting of our prayers at Mass! Isn't it amazing that these chant settings still have a

mystical and austere appeal after all these years?

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday, February 23 at 7:00 PM in the Church. Join us for this Lenten devotion.



Don't forget your Rice Bowls today. It is another way to demonstrate our care for those less fortunate and the small sacrifices we make to assist our brothers and sisters

in Christ who are in need. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances/exits of the Church.

Would you like to donate a **Paschal Candle or Easter Altar Candles** this year in memory or in honor of a loved one? The Paschal Candle is used during the Easter Season and all year for Baptisms and Funerals. For more information or to arrange for a donation, call the Parish Office.



The Law of Fasting and Abstaining

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has determined that the following practices shall prevail in the United States:

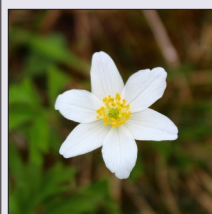
Fasting means a person is permitted to eat one full meatless meal on that day, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Fast and abstinence are to be observed by all those who have celebrated their 18th birthday and have not yet celebrated their 60th birthday on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.

Abstinence requires abstaining from meat for the entire day. Meat is defined as the "flesh meat of warm-blooded animals." Abstinence from meat is to be observed on the **Fridays of Lent** by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday. The Church recognizes that there are chronically or seriously ill individuals who cannot fast or abstain. The Church still calls for these individuals to participate in acts of penance and works of charity. These can be performed throughout the week; however, it is especially appropriate that these acts be performed on Fridays in place of the Friday fast. No one can be dispensed from the necessity of doing penance.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The SMG Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking individuals fluent in Spanish to assist us. We are in need of Spanish speakers who can assist with intake calls from their own homes or assist with translating during home visits. Your contribution of time, no matter how much, will be greatly appreciated even if it is just temporarily. Please reach out to our helpline at 817-260-0376 or email us at svdpsmg1200@gmail.com. We will be hosting Coffee and Donuts on February 25th and will be happy to answer any questions!

GARDEN CLUB



Come experience the Garden Club as we learn about Sustainable Living and share a light snack. The Garden Club is open to people of all faiths and dues are a mere \$10 per year. We will meet in the St. Maria Center at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, February 21st and for this month we will be collecting non-perishable food donations for St. Maria's food pantry. Any questions? Text or call Carolyn Price at 817-274-5300.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, February 23, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Cafetorium. \$10 for adults (13 years and up), \$7 for kids (6-12 years) and free for kids under 5 years old.

Your meal will include fish, hush puppies, coleslaw, fries, macaroni and cheese and a dessert. Please pre-order your meal by emailing the Knights at smgkoc14549fishfry@gmail.com with your name, phone number, the number of fish fry meals you want and method of payment (cash, check, or credit card). You can also purchase your tickets at the door, but it will be helpful if you preorder so we know how much fish to make. Thank you!

FINANCIALS

Sunday, February 11, 2024:

Registered Families	1,879
Mass attendance	1,745
You Gave:	\$ 11,760.00
We needed:	\$ 12,800.00
We are under by:	\$ 1,040.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend - February 17 - February 18, 2024

Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	Swiatkowski Family
Sunday	7:30 am Mass	SMG Parishioners
	9:00 am Mass *	Bill Moran
	11:00 am Mass	† Kay Keglovits
	1:00 pm Mass	† Nancy Gaona

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Monday	8:00 am Mass *	† Kiko Lebas Mapa
Wednesday	8:00 am Mass *	† Yvonne Pikulinski
Thursday	8:00 am Mass *	Br. Anthony Zemenick, O.S.B
Friday	8:00 am Mass *	† Peggy Puryear
Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	SMG Parishioners
Sunday	7:30 am Mass	Holt Family
	9:00 am Mass *	† Kiko Lebas Mapa
	11:00 am Mass	† Jim Weaver
	1:00 pm Mass	† Inoke Mapa

*These Masses are livestreamed.



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our Baptismal Prep Session discusses the Sacrament of Baptism and helps prepare Parents and Godparents for participation in the rite of Baptism. Baptism sessions are offered once a month to parents and Godparents. Classes are held in the St. Maria Center from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, and registration is required before attending the session.

Please call Brenda Hawley, Faith Formation Secretary, at 817-274-0643, ext. 1227 to register for a class.

EVENING ADORTION HOURS IN THE ORATORY

Starting Tuesday, February 20th, the Oratory will have special evening hours for the Lenten Season on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM.**

Regular hours are from 8 AM until 4 PM, but a gracious couple has volunteered their time to maintain the Oratory during the evenings, so please come and enjoy this opportunity to spend time with the Lord.

SACRAMENTALS:

Saturday, February 17-
Friday, February 23, 2024

VOTIVE LIGHTS

Mother Mary

* Intentions of Lanre and Busola Lawson and Family
† In Loving Memory of Donna Hogan by Anita Ferman

Saint Joseph

* Intentions of Lanre and Busola Lawson and Family
* Intentions of Sean Keating by Anita Ferman
† In Loving Memory of Lorenzo Cochi by His Daughter
† In Loving Memory of Victor Hartman by Edna Tompkins

** A Votive Candle represents our prayers burning before God. If you would like to honor someone with this prayer, please contact Sherry Lewis in the office.*

The Sanctuary Light burns in the month of February In Loving Memory of Demonica Daniel by Her Parents.

**The Sanctuary Light burns near the Tabernacle in the Church. The light indicates that Christ is present.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lord Jesus, you came as healer of body and of spirit, in order to cure all our ills. We pray, Lord, for our brothers and sisters, who are struggling in some way, especially **Blake Brandenburgh, Jose Chavez, and Anna Huynh Thi Luc.** Sustain all the sick with your power and fill their hearts with your love. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES

We Pray for the Repose of the Souls of our loved ones, especially **Zoe Ramirez and Maria Rodriguez.** May she rest in the company of the Saints. Amen.