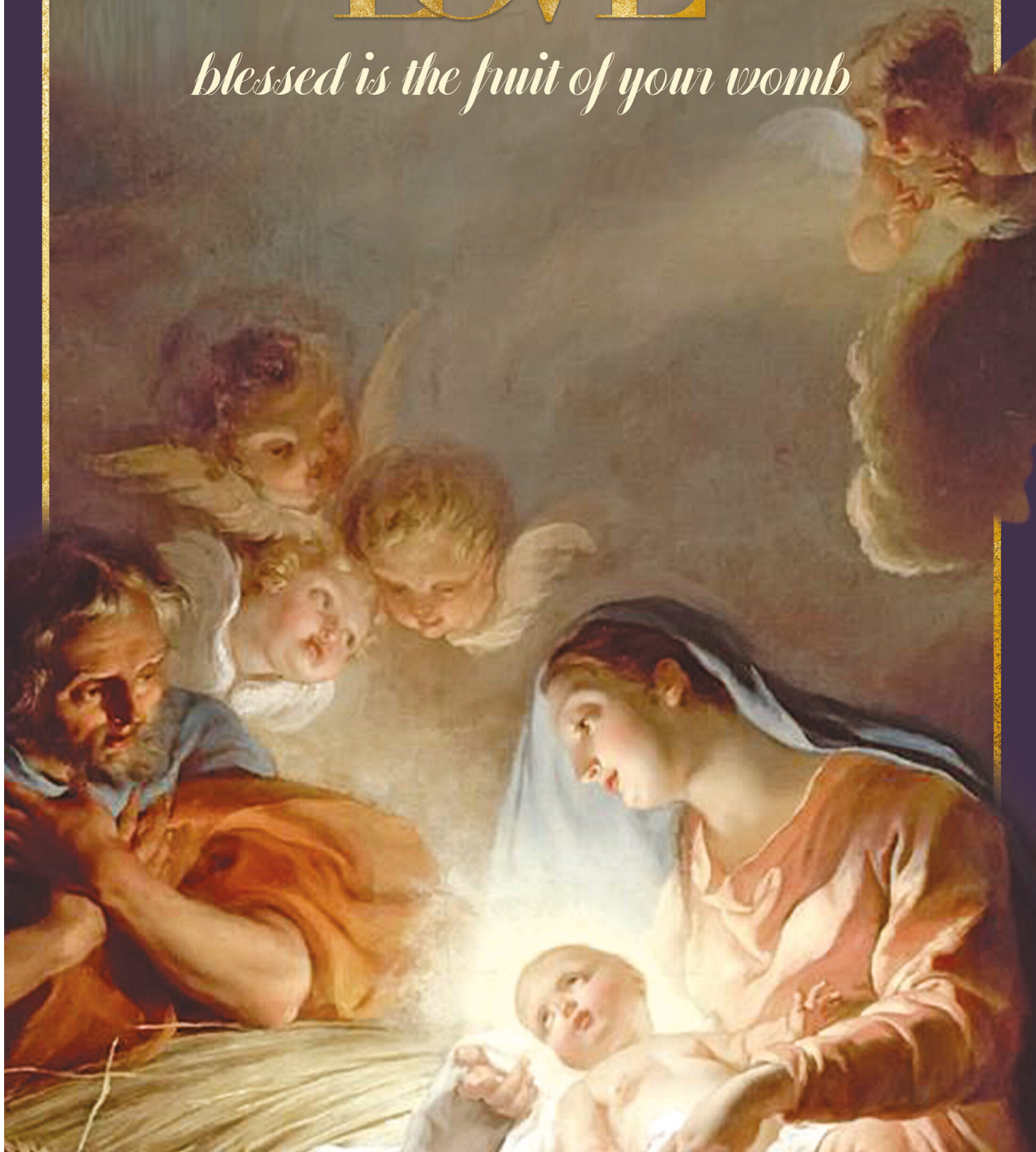


LOVE

blessed is the fruit of your womb





HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Family Parish is a joyful Catholic community
that encourages growth in prayer,
faith in God, and lives of service.

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Events

PASTORAL CENTER HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Friday 8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
After Hours Emergency (answered 24 hours) 817-571-7325

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Hoa Nguyen	Pastor	817-737-6768
Rev. Isaac McCracken	Assoc. Pastor	817-737-6768
Dcn. Michael Mocek	Deacon	817-502-7886
Dcn. Mark Gannaway	Deacon	817-832-8339
Dcn. David Kinch	Deacon	
Monica Molina	Pastoral Assistant	817-502-7882
Kelli Tull	Bus. Mgr. HFCC/HFCS	817-502-7888
Marissa Sims	Pastoral Secretary	817-737-6768

FORMATION

Genni Sayers	Director of Religious Education	817-502-7887
Meg Ruhter	Coordinator of Children's Formation	817-502-7889
Michelle Romero	Coordinator of Youth Ministry	817-502-7883

LITURGY

Keisha Matthews	Director of Music & Liturgy	817-502-7884
Star Fedor	Adm. Assistant Liturgy	817-502-7885

HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Brenda Conway, Principal 817-737-4201
Lisa Griffith, Development Director
Mauri Howell, Receptionist

December 24 **WEDNESDAY**
Vigil of the Nativity
4:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M., and 11:00 P.M.

December 25 **THURSDAY**
Nativity of the Lord
10:00 A.M.

Merry Christmas!!!

Pastoral Office will be closed Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, and Friday December 26, Wednesday, December 31, and Thursday January 1

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Friday	5:30 P.M.
Thursday	8:15 A.M.
Tuesday (Morning Prayer)	8:15 A.M.
Saturday	8:15 A.M.
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00 P.M.
Sunday	7:45 A.M., 9:15 A.M., and 12:00 P.M.
Special Needs Mass (Second Saturday of every month)	6:30 P.M.
Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Saturday	3:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday No Adoration



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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Save the Date for Holy Family Catholic School's Open House on **Sunday, January 25, 2026** from **10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.** Come visit classrooms, tour the campus and learn all things Holy Family. For additional information, please contact Lisa Griffith at 817.737.4201 x 109 or lgriffith@hfcsw.org. Holy Family Catholic School is accepting admission applications for the 2026 – 2027 school year. To apply, visit with school website at www.hfcsw.org and click on the admissions tab. Your parish school goes from PreK-3 through 8th Grade. Applications are due by **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**. Schedule a tour by calling or emailing Lisa Griffith at 817.737.4201 or lgriffith@hfcsw.org. Holy Family Catholic School is in need of school nurse substitutes. The school currently has zero nursing subs. If you have a current nursing license in good standing, you are eligible to sub. Generally, the shift is part-time – 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. – Monday through Friday on days you are available. If interested, please contact Brenda Conway, Lisa Griffith, or Christen Pratt at 817.737.4201. Holy Family Catholic School will be closed in observance of Christmas from **Friday, December 19** through **Sunday, January 4**.



MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF December 21

Monday, Dec. 22	5:30 P.M.	+Mike O' Donnell
Wed., Dec. 24	4:00 P.M.	+Petronila & Abelardo Sibel
	7:00 P.M.	Luciga Quinn Frkobic
	11:00 P.M.	Holy Family Community
Thursday, Dec. 25	10:00	+Dr. Angelo Otero
Friday, Dec. 26	5:30 P.M.	+George Aaron Washabaugh, III
Saturday, Dec. 27	8:15 A.M.	+Joseph Mesker
	5:00 P.M.	+Jack Bibbs
Sunday, Dec. 28	7:45 A.M.	Eric Ewing
	9:15 A.M.	Holy Family Community
	12:00 P.M.	Mary Anges Mesker Family

DAILY READINGS

WEEK OF December 21

Monday	I Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday	Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday	Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Thursday	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
St. Stephen, the First Martyr	
Friday	Acts 6:8-10, 8: 54-59; Mt 10:17-22
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	
Saturday	I Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a,2-8
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

STEWARDSHIP

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

The Year End Statements will be emailed to the email address in our office directory, end of **January 2026**. If you need to verify your email address is correct or want to request a hard copy be mailed, please contact Kelli at (817) 502-7888 or email her at KTullwaldrop@HolyFamilyFW.org.

ADMINISTRATION

PASTORAL CENTER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Pastoral Center will be closed **Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26, Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1**. If you have an emergency, please call 817.571.7325

LOST AND FOUND

Come by the lost and found to see if you left anything at the church. The lost and found can be found in the sacristy. For bigger items come by the Pastoral Office. We plan on cleaning the lost and found come **Friday, January 2, 2026**.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Have you moved? New phone number? New e-mail address? Just recently gotten married? Had a baby? Please help us keep our database current. Contact Marissa Sims, Pastoral Secretary at MSims@HolyFamilyFW.org or 817.737.6768 to update your records.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE COMPLIANT IN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING TO CONTINUE IN MINISTRY.

Proceed to the diocesan website: www.fwdioc.org

click on SAFE ENVIRONMENT

click on AWARENESS SESSIONS

click I NEED A VIRTUS PROFILE

All volunteers must:

- Attend the current safe environment program entitled *Protecting God's Children for Adults*. All sessions are in person and to be renewed every two years.
- Authorize a background check (credit check and/or motor vehicle check is required depending on ministry requirements).
- Complete the Volunteer Ministry Application. (Download and return to the Parish Office)
- Read and sign the Code of Conduct.

Contact Star Fedor at safeenvironment@holymfamilyfw.org for questions.

SERVICE**BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

The bereavement ministry monthly support group will meet **Monday, January 26 at 6:00 P.M.** in the Pastoral Center Dining Room. For more information and to RSVP contact Monica Molina at MMolina@HolyFamilyFW.org or (817) 502-7882

HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITAL MINISTRY

If you cannot come to church, the church comes to you. Are you or someone you know about to have surgery and will be on bed rest? Are you or someone you know homebound? Please reach out so that a homebound/hospital minister can give you the Eucharist. Please contact Mary Pacheco at (817) 360-0672 or call the office at (817) 737-6768.

The Homebound and Hospital Ministry visits and brings Eucharist to parishioner who are confined to their home, hospital, or other facility. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry or volunteering, please contact Deacon Mike Mocek at 817.502.7886 or MMocek@HolyFamilyFW.org.

If someone is in immediate danger call 911**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

CPS (Texas Dept. of Family & Protective Services) ..800.252.5400

CPS On-line Reporting Website..... www.TxAbuseHotline.org

Diocesan Director of Safe Environment817.945.9334

Chancellor/Moderator of the Curia817.945.9315

Victim Assistance Hotline.....817.945.9345

HOW TO MAKE A REPORT:

If you suspect abuse or neglect of a child, elder or vulnerable adult*, or if abuse has been disclosed to you:

1. Call CPS (800-252-5400); get a case number or copy of report.

AND /OR

Call the Police or 911; get a case number or copy of report.

AND

2. Immediately report the alleged abuse to your supervisor, Priest or Principal and submit the Confidential Notice of Concern with CPS report information.

<https://fwdioc.org/report-abuse-concern>

In the case of alleged abuse by clergy or Church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Hotline, Director of Safe Environment, or Chancellor of the Diocese directly.

*A vulnerable adult can include someone who habitually lacks the use of reason.

PRAYER WARRIORS

Do you know Holy Family has a team ready to pray for you and your intentions? Prayer requests may be sent to Sharon Tate, Prayer Warrior Lead at st6387329@gmail.com. Please include "Prayer request" on the subject line. Include in your request only the information you are comfortable sharing. Prayer is the most powerful weapon against trials, the most effective medicine against sickness, and the most valuable gift to someone you love. If you would like to join our Prayer Warrior team, email Sharon as listed above. Please continue to pray for our parish.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is a mystery of love. May this Christmas find us more like Him: more humble, more holy, more happy, and more filled with God's love. Thank you to our fellow parishioners at Holy Family, who came together this weekend to provide food and Angel gifts for those in need – to let them know that God is with them! Members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul are praying for all of you -- God bless! (Helpline: 817-727-0121).

FORMATION**CATHOLICISM 101**

Do you want to know more about your Catholic Faith? Our OCIA classes cover a variety of topics and ALL parishioners are welcome to attend. We meet on **Thursdays** from **6:30 P.M.- 8:00 P.M.** Please contact Genni Sayers, Director of Religious Education at GSayers@HolyFamilyFW.org for more information. Classes will resume **Thursday, January 8, 2026.**

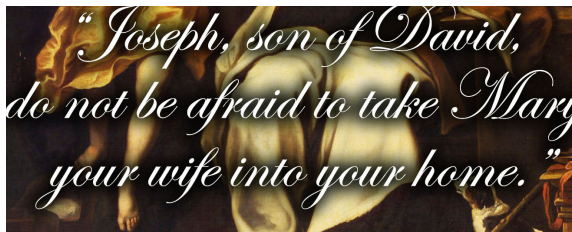
ST. MONICA MINISTRY

The St. Monica Ministry invites all parishioners to join in praying for the conversion of our loved ones and friends who no longer practice the Catholic faith. We gather on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month to pray following the 5:30 pm Mass. The next meeting of the St. Monica Ministry with discussion is **Monday, December 22**, after the **5:30 P.M.** Mass. Interested in joining us or having us pray for someone by name? Submit the info here: <https://bit.ly/stmonicaprayers>.

BIRTHDATE OF JESUS

The opening of the third millennium harmonized with the traditional date for the first Christmas. Without a doubt, the birth of Jesus is the most important event to celebrate in a new millennium. But there is plenty of doubt about when that birth took place. There is no clear historical record of the date and year of Jesus' birth. Although two of the Gospels record incidents pertaining to the event, neither assigns a date. Two main theories surround the choice of December 25 to commemorate the Nativity. The first theory looks to a third-century Roman pagan celebration coinciding with the winter solstice. As the days began to lengthen each year, December 25 became a festival for the rebirth of the unconquered sun. Christians, who believed Christ was the real unconquered source of light, put his birth date on the same day. The second theory looks to the passion of Jesus. According to early conjectures, the actual day of Christ's passion fell on March 25 in the year Jesus died. Some Christians believed that Jesus died on the anniversary of his conception. For this reason, March 25 became also the celebration of The Annunciation. Looking forward nine months, the birth of Jesus was placed on December 25. The traditional year of Jesus' birth was fixed in the mid-sixth century by Dionysius Exiguus, a monk and scholar who set the calendar according to the system we now know as ad. (anno domini, "in the year of the Lord"). However, Matthew and Luke both say Jesus was born during the reign of Herod the Great, which scholars now calculate from 37 to 4 B.C. Oddly then, Jesus was probably born "before Christ." Although the actual birth date of Jesus cannot be known, he was born, and we continue to commemorate his birth by recognizing that all of time hinges on his life.

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LITURGY

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory or in honor of someone, envelopes may be picked up in information racks in the Narthex or at the Pastoral Office.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord-Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

11:00 P.M. (Midnight Mass)

Nativity of the Lord-Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

10:00 A.M.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God-Vigil

Wednesday, December 31

6:30 P.M.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, January 1

11:00 A.M.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Basic Sign Language Course - Session 1

The 7-week course 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.

Classes will meet on **Tuesday** nights.

Classes are open to all adults and youth fifteen and older.

Location: **St. Peter Catholic School**

1201 S. Cherry Lane

Fort Worth, TX 76108

Time: **7:00 - 9:00 pm**



January 6, 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17



The cost is \$80.00 and includes the book and all course materials.

There will be an opportunity to continue study for a second 7-week session at the end of these classes.

For more information contact Connie Martin

Coordinator of Deaf Ministry & Special Needs Services

817-945-9381

817-591-0186 (VP)

cmartin@fwdioc.org

Please make checks payable to: **Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth**

\$80.00 registration fee. To register with a credit/debit card please use this link:

Registration: <https://diocesefortworth.regfox.com/basic-sign-language-course-1-6-2026>

Attn: Connie Martin, Deaf Ministry

800 W. Loop 820 South, Fort Worth, TX 76108

ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL MASS

The 40th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass will be held on **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth at 5:30 p.m. The main celebrant will be Most Rev. Michael F. Olson, STD, MA, Bishop of Fort Worth, and the homilist will be Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry, JCL, DD, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Chicago. All are encouraged to attend.

DIOCESAN NOTICE

"PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.06, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN) A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN."

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Holy Family Feast Day!

**Sunday, December 28,
2025**

1:00 p.m.
Scantlin Hall

Join us for the Annual Holy Family Feast Day Luncheon. The luncheon will be catered by Countryside Bakery. Guest Speaker Heidi Hilliard from the Capital Campaign Cabinet.

Please RSVP to Marissa at 817.737.6768
or MSims@HolyFamilyFW.org.

Hosted by HF Staff and the Capital Campaign Cabinet



December 23

Happy and Blessed Birthday Father Hoa!

May God grant you many happy, healthy years!

“I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,
so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my
name.”-John 15:16



Are you pregnant and need help?

Embarazada y necesita ayuda?



The Gabriel Project offers free assistance and mentorship to a pregnant mother and her family.

Mothers receive:

- Guidance and encouragement with resources to support their emotional, spiritual, and physical needs, including baby items
- Support throughout pregnancy until their child's first birthday
- An assigned Angel to walk with them during pregnancy and beyond
- Options for additional programs beyond the baby's birth to help the family reach financial, education and employment goals



If you have any questions or need help, please call **800.545.5935** or email gabrielproject@ccdofw.org.

Scan the QR code to visit our website:
catholiccharitiesfortworth.org/help.

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There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties-

- ***loss of a loved one***
- ***hospitalization***
- ***spiritual crisis***
- ***divorce***
- ***job loss***
- ***disability***
- ***loneliness***
- ***cancer***
- ***imprisonment***
- ***infertility***
- ***discouragement***
- ***many other challenges***

God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone. That's why God brought us together as a congregation- and why we have Stephen Ministry.

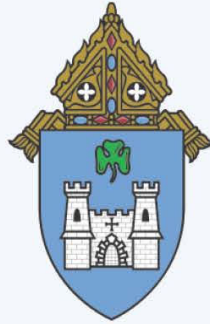
Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of training to minister to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time.

Every week, a Stephen Minister will meet with you- privately and confidentially- to listen, care, encourage, support, and reflect Christ's presence in your life.

If you'd like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone else (inside or outside our congregation), contact Father Hoa, Deacon Mike, or one of our Stephen Leaders (Nancy Smith, Betty Mocek, Steve Barter, or Steve Hannifin).



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH



Daily Prayer List Fort Worth Seminarians 2025 - 2026

A Prayer for a Seminarian

God our Father, thank you for calling [name] to prepare for the priesthood. Grant him the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help him form his personality as a credible witness to others. Bless him while he studies Your word and the teachings of the Church and give him a generous heart to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest.
Amen

Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

Day of the
Month

Please keep the following
seminarians in your prayers:

1

Rev. Mr. Blake Thompson

2

Trent Barton

3

Jeffrey Ambreit, Jr.

4

Paul Trinh

5

Robert Weisberg

6

Michael Marincel

7

Quang Nguyen

8

Javier Escutia

9

Jesus Segura

10

Nicholas Hoelscher

11

Lane Tschirhart

12

Xavier Polisetty

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Peter Nguyen

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Carson Kitaif

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Eric Hernandez

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Alexander Jansen

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Evan Lang

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Cristian Diaz

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Caleb Scott

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Jacques Muhire

21

Nicholas Goodman

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Joshua Keifer

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Aidan Clark

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Jose Segura

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Andrew Notley

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Sean Ankersen

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Jude Webb

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Luke Garland

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For an increase in vocations to the priesthood

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For seminarians to have the grace of perseverance

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For seminarians in the pastoral year to know the support and love of our community