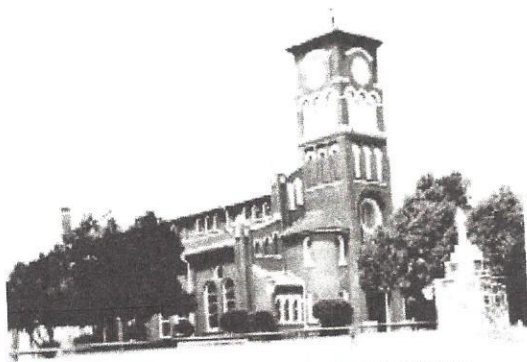


7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 24, 2020



St. Mary Catholic Church
Windthorst, TX

St. Mary / St. Boniface Vision Statement

To serve Christ and
promote
His teachings
through Worship,
Education,
Training, Service,
and
COURAGEOUSNESS



St. Boniface Catholic Church
Scotland, TX

Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., PASTOR

"There's no such thing as a bad priest, just priests whose people don't pray enough for them." St. John Vianney

Mailing Address for Both Churches

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www.stmarysstboniface.org
Email: windscot@comcell.net

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at 9:15 A.M.
contact the office for dates and to register for classes

Marriage Preparation

contact the office at least **nine to 12 months prior**
to wedding date

RCIA

contact Fr. Michael at 423-6687

Funerals

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the office as
soon as possible.

Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

Confession

St. Mary's every Saturday 4:00 – 4:40 pm and
every Wednesday after evening Mass.
(or by appointment at the office.)
St. Boniface – Last Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Hispanic Ministry

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent
Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

Protecting Our Children Sessions

Call Sharon Humpert @ 423-6283

Mass Schedule for the Week

Please wear a mask & practice social
distancing at all Masses.
Sunday services will be live- streamed.

Monday
8:00 am

May 25 - St. Mary's
Living & Deceased Members of K of C's by
Knights of Columbus

Tuesday

May 26 – St. Mary's

12:00 Noon

† Troy Pennartz by Stella & Ron

Wednesday

May 27 – St. Mary's

6:00 pm

† Lois Luig by Richard Schreibers

Friday

May 29 – St. Mary's

12:00 noon

Welfare of Rick Fleitman by
Rosalee Schroeder

Saturday

May 30 – St. Mary's

12:00 noon

† Richard Schroeder by Bob Schreibers

5:00 pm

Wedding Mass of Blair Berend & Trace Adams

Sunday

May 31 – St. Boniface

8:00 am

Living & Deceased Members of
Ernest & Apoline Schreiber
by Colleen Schreiber

Sunday

May 31– St. Mary's

10:30 am

† Al Veitenheimer by Ann & Family

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS
Monday May 26th – Sunday May 31st, 2020

SATURDAY MAY 30th

Lector – Wedding

Ushers – Wedding

Eucharistic Ministers – Wedding

SUNDAY MAY 31st

Lector – Mark Veitenheimer

Ushers – David McCann, Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder

Eucharistic Ministers – Chuck & Mitzie Veitenheimer

SUPPORT – Envelopes \$2640.00 Children \$1.00 Loose \$7.00 Building Fund \$50.00

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS
Monday May 26th – Sunday May 31st, 2020

SUNDAY MAY 31st

Lector – Pat Hemmi

Ushers – Dan Smith, Brad Wolf

Eucharistic Minister – Terry Berend

SUPPORT – Envelopes \$1225.00 Loose \$31.00

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK for the intentions of the 2020 graduates.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC scheduled for the first weekend of June has been postponed until the **Fall**. We appreciate your thoughts concerning the best way to proceed. Your feedback is important to us. Stay well and God Bless everyone.

CDA Note: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas #296 will hold their regular meeting (**new date**) **May 27th** after the Wed. evening Mass and Novena around 7:15pm in the parish hall/meeting room. The court will be holding the election of new officers for 2020-22, discussing the Annual Awards night and updates on National convention. We remind you to bring a mask for pandemic safety and social distancing. In charity for fellow members, if you are sick or not feeling well, we kindly ask you to remain home. Food will not be served this evening.

The financial review committee will meet the following night May 28th at 7:15pm. If you have not yet paid your membership dues please do so promptly to keep membership active and books current.

4th Degree Note: Due to the current COVID-19 environment, the 4th Degree Annual Banquet in appreciation of the religious education teachers/helpers is going to be postponed until later in the summer or early fall. Once a date is determined, we will publish another notice and get the word out. Also, we will not be having a meeting for the month of May, but look forward to meeting again in June.

THE ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS SOCIETY will have a monthly meeting on Wednesday, **June 3rd**. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU NOTE: Thanks to Gary & Mary Wolf for their generous donation to St. Mary's Building Fund in memory of Mary's Mom- Therese Morath! Thanks, Your generosity is appreciated so much.

THANK YOU NOTE: Thanks to Mildred Lindemann for her generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of Pearl Pennartz Middleton.

ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK for the health & welfare of Altar Society members & their families by Altar Society.

7 - DAY LIGHTS: Roxanne Schreiber by her mom & dad

SCOTLAND SR. CITIZENS: Next lunch for Scotland Sr. Citizens is scheduled for Sunday June 14th at noon. If necessary a take-out lunch will be served.

COLLECTION TO FUND ST. BONIFACE SCHOLARSHIP-- in spite of the Covid-19, our parishioner students will be enrolling in college in the fall. St. Boniface is offering scholarships toward their tuition assistance. Since there currently are no Masses (with full congregation) yet and we cannot take up a collection, we would really appreciate donations towards these scholarships. Please drop off donations at the office or mail them to the church.

THANK YOU NOTE: Thanks to Tony & Doris Sterling for their generous donation to St. Boniface Cemetery fund.

THANK YOU NOTE: Thanks to St. Boniface Knights of Columbus for the Council's donation to help defray the expenses of St. Boniface Church/Parish during this corona virus COVID-19. The expenses of the parish still continue throughout this crisis. The donation will help very much with paying of the bills. May God bless each of you and keep you and your families healthy and safe.

THANK YOU NOTE: A special thanks to James & Gwen Teichman for their generous donation of defraying the cost of having the entrance to St. Boniface Church re-carpeted. Thanks for the donation. The re-carpeting looks very nice. May God bless you and your family with good health.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

Confessions: There will be no Confessions on May 30th due to the wedding. Father Michael will be hearing confessions on Saturday June 6th at St. Boniface from 3:00pm to 4:00 pm and June 13th under the Pavilion at St. Mary's from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

ACTS OF CHARITY: Please wear a mask at all Masses and practice social distancing (6 ft. apart). This is an act of charity to our neighbors when we practice social distancing & wear a mask.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR THOSE AGE 60 & OLDER: At this time this is no obligation to attend Mass. You are encouraged to stay at home & not attend Mass. If you decide to attend Mass, you are asked to attend the 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's or the 8:00am Sunday Mass at St. Boniface. It is also requested that all others attend the 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's & allow the 5:00 & 8:00 Masses just for those 60 & older. A mask is required.

CARE GIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: For family & friends involved in the care of people with dementia. The Support Group is free & open to the public. We are now meeting in a virtual setting. Since the Covid-19 virus, you can join us from the comfort of your home. Contact Sue Gross at (940) 767-8800 or (800) 272-3900 to be added to our group. If you do not have internet, you can use your smart phone to connect. We meet the **last Monday of every month!** Our next meeting will be **May 24th** due to Memorial Day Holiday.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN MAY 23-24:

The Catholic Communication Campaign makes a local impact! Half of all funds raised stay in the Diocese of Fort Worth to support our local communication projects such as North Texas Catholic, Diocesan website, live streaming of Mass, public relations & social media efforts. It is through the generosity of contributors to the Catholic Communication Campaign that the Diocese can, in part, be where the faithful are, in the digital communication world. Your generosity helps to connect people around the world with Christ.

The remaining portion of funds collected during the Catholic Communication Campaign are used for various national communication projects such as, email delivery of the daily scripture readings, creation of public television documentaries and live streaming of events like V Encuentro. The Catholic Communication Campaign also funds projects in developing countries that spread the Gospel via modern communication methods.

SCOTLAND-WINDTHORST VFW POST 2676: Due to the current virus situation and with everyone's health being our foremost consideration, the Scotland-Windthorst VFW Post 2676 and its local Auxiliary have canceled the annual Memorial Day ceremonies scheduled for Scotland & Windthorst. On this year's Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th, in your own private way, please remember and honor all those who have given their lives in defense of our great nation and our way of life.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Find ways to let the Lord deeper into your marriage by going on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is June 12-14, 2020. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>. For more information e-mail apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904. "Miren, Yo estare con ustedes hasta el fin del mundo." Encuentra maneras en que el Señor este mas profundamente en tu matrimonio, asistiendo a un Fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a emmdfw@gmail.com o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org>

ST. MARY'S WISHES TO WELCOME CREW WOLF INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

Crew is the son of Matthew Robert Wolf and Kaley Paige Heflin Wolf. Crew was baptized May 10th, 2020.

ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS: For Our Country and an end to the pandemic, Fr. Michael, Trissa and all our local 2020 graduates, In Loving Memory of Al Veitenheimer, Our Family by Scott & Jean; Ralph & Clara, John & Lillie Rife, My sister Betty, Ann Veitenheimer & Annette Fleitman, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, All the sick & hurting, Margaret Beaman by Cordella; Roxanne Schreiber, Mildred Pennartz Family, In thanksgiving for the rain, Linette & Rick Fleitman, Duane Zotz, Mike Aulds Family, James Vieth, Andy & Ann, Ethan Johnston & All 2020 graduates, Cordella & sister Betty Jo by Ralph & Clara; Rick Fleitman by Grandma; Linette Fleitman by Mom; Our Sick Members, For an Increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations, Students of WISD/CDA #296 Members by Catholic Daughters Court #296.

YEARLY LIGHTS: Good Health for all the sick, + Steve Munchrath, All the Deceased of the Himmels family, Cordella, Clara, & Ralph, Thanks to Jean, Joyce, Elaine, June & Families, Frances Hoffman, Ida Hoff, Better Health for Annette & Myself, Rosalie Schenk, Fr. Michael by Ann Veitenheimer; For my family & in memory of +Henry & +Troy Pennartz by Hillary; For my Family & in memory of Henry & Troy Pennartz by Hillary; For all battling cancer by Charles & Joyce Vieth; In Memory of Janice, Ed & Catherine, Lois Luig, Nanci Luig Carr & Geraldine Lindemann by Eddie Luig Family; For World Peace and safety of our Military, especially for Damian Hoffman (Army), David Ogura (Army), & Zachary Zotz (Army) by Grandmommy; For Jeanne & Family, Ray & Myra & Family, Chuck & Diane & Family, Terry & Kathy & Family, Dolores Sumner & Family by Frances Hoffman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30; Our Family & For The Safety of Our Military by Ralph & Clara; For Joe Schreiber & Joseph Schreiber by Agnes Schreiber; For Mom by Johnnie & Alice; For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C.D.A. #296; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For Lawrence & Helen Berend Family by Terry & Carol Sales; For Our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; Arnold & Lillian Lindeman by the Family; Thomas & Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; Ben's safety by Mom & Dad; For our Family by Frank & Joyce Wolf; For all our Family by Don & Benita Essler; For Our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Sick & Hurting of St. Mary's Christian Mother's Society by the Christian Mothers; For my Family & for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; Safety of Volunteer Firemen, Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran, Brett Hoff, Kevin Schroeder, Corey George, & Greg Schlumpf, Living and Deceased Members of Charles & Mary Lindemann family by Benny Lindeman; Thank you for all the graces & blessings received for our Country, Community & Family by Bert & Elizabeth Hoff; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse & Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our Family by George & Juanita Martin; My Family by Margaret Beaman; My Family; Living & Deceased members of Himmels Family, For my family & For ceased Al Veitenheimer by Ann Veitenheimer; Dad & Mom by Nubbin & Angela; Floyd & Betty Humpert by the Family; For Our Family & In Memory of Alfred Berend by Cordella; Guidance & Protection for our Military Service Men & Women by V.F.W.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

John Anderle Jr., Lester Anderle, Bob Baumer, Conner Berardi, Andy Berend, Gus Berend, Daphne Borgman, Patience Blake, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, DaMabel Bowlden, Gary Brewer, Mark Brockriede, Dan & Stephanie Burke, Al Cabrera, David Carcaño, Jesús Colchado, John Deason, Brandy Evans, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Linette Fleitman, Rick Fleitman, Cindy Frerich, Kimberly Fulford, Tootsie Gardner, Beth Geis, Jerry Green, Louise Green, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Artie Hallenbeck, Gary Humpert, Pat Humpert, Billie Hoff, Debbie Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Frosty Hoff, JoAnn Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Myra Hoffman, Libby Ingram, Karen Lowe, C.D. Knoblach, Elsie Koetter, Nick Koetter, Evelyn Krah, Dee Litteken, Agnes Loran, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Hans Meyer, Madi Scogin, Skylar Mueller, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Jerry Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Nancy Pennartz, Colby Peterson, Gina Phillips, Phillip Rafferty, Dawson Reynolds, John Rife, Bradley Rodgers, Cassey Schenk, Frank Schenk, Leonard Schenk Sr., Paul Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Vera Ann Schenk, Agnes Schreiber, Fern Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, **Roxanne Schreiber**, Alex Schroeder, Ashley Schroeder, Bruce Schroeder, Carolyn Schroeder, Hans Schroeder, Lauren Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Mary Lou Schroeder, Rosalee Schroeder, Ryan Schroeder, Helen Seigler, Henri Seto, Debbie Shifflett, Jim Simpson, Lisa Smith, Weldon Snyder, Kate Talley, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Randy Townsend, Ann Veitenheimer, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, John Veitenheimer, Ralph Veitenheimer, Gayle Vieth, James Vieth, Tim Vieth, Betty Jo Waters, David Williams, Debbie Williams, Charles Winkles, Sarah Witten, Jim Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Larry Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Bruce Zotz, Chuck Zotz, **Duane Zotz**, Harola Zotz.

If you wish your name removed or there are any changes, please call the office. Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL PRAYER

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, and for those who do not have recourse to thee, especially of the Church and those recommended to thee.

Amen.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST —Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Cpl. Kellen Green (Marine), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Captain Brian Hoff (Marine), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Damian Hoffman (Army), Master Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Stephen Koetter (Army), Adam Lambert (Army), James Devon Lindeman (Army), PVT Miguel Luna Jr., Jess Martinez (Army), Joshua Millican (Navy), Blake Newby (Army), Sgt. Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Private Trey Schenk (Marine), Tracy Hoff Schmitt (Army), 1st Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Cpl. Logan Veitenheimer (Marine) Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army), Zachary Zotz (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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May 23, 2020 – June 19, 2020

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SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SATURDAY MAY 23 Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 Under the Pavilion St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM (Mass for those over 60) Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask & practice social distancing Catholic Communication Campaign	SUNDAY MAY 24 7THSUNDAY OF EASTER St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM (Mass for those over 60) St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM GRADUATION MASS Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed. Catholic Communication Campaign&Care Givers Support Group meeting	MONDAY MAY 25 Memorial Day Mass St. Mary's 8:00am Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	TUESDAY MAY 26 Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Church Office closed	WEDNESDAY MAY 27 Mass St. Marys 6:00 pm Silent Adoration 6:30 pm Novena 7:00 pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed CDA meeting 7:15pm	THURSDAY MAY 28 CHRISM MASS AT DIOCESE CDA Financial Review 7:15pm	FRIDAY MAY 29 Mass St. Marys 12:00 noon Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.		
SATURDAY MAY 30 Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM (Mass for those over 60) Wedding Mass Please wear a mask & practice social distancing	SUNDAY MAY 31 PENTECOST SUNDAY St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM (Mass for those over 60) St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM CONFIRMATION Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed.	MONDAY JUNE 1 Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	TUESDAY JUNE 2 Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Church Office closed	WEDNESDAY JUNE 3 Mass St. Marys 6:00 pm Silent Adoration 6:30 Novena 7:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed St. Mary's Christian Mothers Society meeting after Mass	THURSDAY JUNE 4 Mass St. Boniface 6 pm Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.	FRIDAY JUNE 5 1st FRIDAY Mass St. Marys 12:00 noon Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.		
SATURDAY JUNE 6 1st SATURDAY Mass St. Mary's 8:00am St. Boniface Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM (Mass for those over 60) Live-streamed at 5 St. Mary's Mass 7:00 PM (Spanish) Solidarity Fund for Churches in Africa Please wear a mask & practice social distancing	SUNDAY JUNE 7 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM (Mass for those over 60) St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Solidarity Fund for the Churches in Africa 2 nd collection Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed.	MONDAY JUNE 8 Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	TUESDAY JUNE 9 Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Church Office closed	WEDNESDAY JUNE 10 Mass St. Marys 6:00 pm Silent Adoration 6:30 Novena 7:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed	THURSDAY JUNE 11 Mass St. Boniface 6 pm Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.	FRIDAY JUNE 12 Mass St. Marys 12:00 noon Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. World Wide Marriage Encounter		
SATURDAY JUNE 13 Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 Under the Pavilion St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM (Mass for those over 60) Live-streamed at 5 St. Mary's Mass 7:00PM (Spanish) Please wear a mask & practice social distancing	SUNDAY JUNE 14 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM (Mass for those over 60) St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM . 1 st Holy Communion Sunday Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed	MONDAY JUNE 15 Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	TUESDAY JUNE 16 Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Church Office closed	WEDNESDAY JUNE 17 Mass St. Marys 6:00 pm Silent Adoration 6:30 Novena 7:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed	THURSDAY JUNE 18 Mass St. Boniface 6 pm Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.	FRIDAY JUNE 19 Mass St. Marys 12:00 noon Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.		

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MAY 30TH—ST. MARY'S —5:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY MASS—

BLAIR BEREND & TRACE ADAMS

MAY 31ST—ST. MARY'S—10:30 AM

CONFIRMATIONS

JUNE 14TH—ST. MARY'S—10:30 AM

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

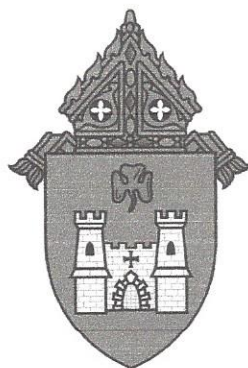
DAILY PRAYER LIST

FORT WORTH DIACONATE FORMATION

Prayer for Permanent Diaconate Candidates

May St. Stephen, first martyr, intercede for [Name]. May he always be an inspiration in his words, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And may we be pillars of encouragement as they answer the call of Christ to serve. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, humbly hear our prayer, which we make through Jesus Christ. Amen.

DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH



Day of the Month Thank you for your support and generosity.
Please pray for the following men in formation:

1	Rodney Asebedo
2	David Bindel
3	Dennis Catlin
4	Marc Dabal
5	Ricardo DeLeon
6	Steve Dixon, OP
7	Thomas Doran
8	Scott Elder
9	Gary Endres
10	Mark Gannaway
11	Gustavo Garcia
12	Charles Gura
13	Michael Handler
14	Steve Holton
15	Eric Hunsberger
16	David Kinch
17	Francisco Leal
18	Ralph Lira
19	Paul Mahoney
20	Juan Molina; Alfred Mosco
21	Guillermo Muñoz; Patrick Norton, OP
22	Mark Pierson; David Poole
23	Patrick Quinn; David Robinett
24	Francisco Joel Rodriguez; Rene Saldivar
25	Bradley Samuelson; Jesus Humberto Serrano
26	Michael Sutton; Thien Ta
27	Terry Timmons; Davy Tolentino
28	Jesus Valadez; Manuel Vasquez
29	Sergio Vera; Alan Vu
30	Richard Wright; Daniel Zavala
31	For an increase in vocations to the diaconate

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DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH
THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



Pastoral Letter

To All Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Religious Men and Women, and Faithful Laity
of the Diocese of Fort Worth

May 21, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to thank you for the efforts that all of you have made in patience and generosity during these past several weeks of the first phase of our return to the public celebration of Mass and sacraments with the adaptation of several restrictions and protocols for the sake of the safety of all. The Eucharist makes us the Church through communion with Christ and with each other as one body, brothers and sisters, and saves us from being an aggregate of individuals with selfish interests. In our vocation as the Church, we are to care for each other, especially the vulnerable, in the integrity of soul and body as created by God.

It is with being mindful of these and other truths of the Gospel that I am very happy to announce to you that this weekend, **May 23-24, 2020**, we will begin the second phase of public celebration of masses in the Diocese of Fort Worth. I list the following protocols for the sake of fundamental guidance and good order for this second phase of the return to public Mass in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

- 1. The faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend and to participate in Sunday Mass.**

There are still legitimate threats to our health from the highly contagious COVID-19 virus; these threats are especially critical for the elderly and for people with a compromised immune system because of other pre-existing conditions. If you are sick or exhibiting symptoms of any illness stay home. If you are over the age of 60, I am strongly encouraging you not to attend Mass. If your parish provides a Mass exclusively for people over the age of 60, I recommend that you attend that Mass. I am asking that people over 60 years of age not distribute Holy Communion.

- 2. People in attendance at Mass wear masks or scarfs over their mouths and nose inside the church to help prevent the spread of the virus.**

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The wearing of masks and face-coverings has helped greatly in preventing the spread of the coronavirus among the members of our community. The COVID-19 virus is passed along by tiny droplets of moisture that are released through our respiration. A mask covering our mouth and nose greatly inhibits and minimizes the passing of these droplets. We must think first of the good of our neighbor. People will not be seated without wearing a mask. We must err on the side of caution and of protecting those who are most vulnerable to the dangerous effects of COVID-19 out of an authentic love for our neighbor—a love that befits the selfless love of Christ extended to us in the gift of the Eucharist. If you do not desire to wear a mask for any reason, please stay home. The current state of the pandemic dispenses you from the obligation to attend Mass.

3. **The number of people who are to be in attendance at Mass will be limited to a number that can be safely present mindful of the recommendation by the Governor of moving in Phase II from 25% to 50% capacity and CDC recommendations of social distancing with the required protocols of masks and sanitizing of hands.**
The intention of social distancing when initiated in the height of the flu season and at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic was to prevent the spread so as to flatten the curve and to prevent our hospitals from being overwhelmed by patients along with a shortage of P.P.E. The situation has changed sufficiently for us to maintain social distancing while wearing masks and with people now being seated with a distance of **THREE FEET** between persons, which generally equates to the increase from 25% to 50% capacity as recommended by the Governor for Phase II of re-opening Texas. Couples and families may be seated together as they normally would, with **three feet** distance separating them from others seated in church. Upon entering church at the designated entrance, people, wearing masks or scarf coverings over their mouth and nose, will have their hands sanitized and be escorted by an usher to a seat in the church. Once the church building has reached capacity, people arriving cannot be admitted and will be invited to attend another Mass, or directed to a parish hall, if available, arranged for social distancing with live-streaming, or will be able to follow along in their cars by live-streaming. At the end of Mass, people will be dismissed from their pews in an orderly fashion mindful of social distancing. Please do not linger and gather in groups. The procedure for distributing Holy Communion at an outside designated area is to be discontinued.
4. **I am asking that the venerable custom of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue not be done during this phase and period of pandemic.** My reasoning again for this is that the current expert opinion regarding the transmission of COVID-19 is that the virus is passed through small droplets in a person's breath received in close contact between people such as that of the hand of a minister of the Eucharist and a communicant's mouth. I realize that this is very difficult for many of us to consider because of our authentic piety in maintaining this venerable custom. It is very difficult for me to ask this of you as your bishop. Yet, I believe that it is necessary. I am asking you to be considerate in charity of your neighbor and receive Holy Communion in the hand for the time being.

The church building will be wiped down with disinfectant in between all masses. Hymnals and other worship aids are not to be present or used during Phase II. All other parish gatherings are still prohibited or limited to online communications for this phase of re-opening

Texas. Collection plates will not be passed or handled among people. Holy Communion will not be shared under both species (no reception of the chalice). There is to be no exchange of a handshake for the sign of peace. If possible, please do not forget to maintain your stewardship and to support your parish financially.

These same protocols and occupancy limitations apply in the Diocese of Fort Worth to the celebration of weddings, funerals, and baptisms for the sake of the safety and good health of all involved.

These protocols will be reassessed in two weeks as we continue to progress through each phase of re-opening Texas.

The past ten weeks have been very difficult for many people throughout the twenty-eight counties of the Diocese of Fort Worth, the State of Texas, the United States of America, and throughout the world. For us as Christians and members of Christ's Catholic Church, these have also been times for the opportunity to come to a renewal of our faith through prayer and works of mercy. Thus, we are not returning to the way things were before this pandemic, instead we are moving forward ever closer to Christ and towards establishing the Kingdom of God in our community. I thank each and all of you for the sacrifices that you have made in contributing to the fulfillment of this holy endeavor. With every good wish and my pledge of prayers for you and for your families I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ.

+ Michael F. Olson

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Sunday, May 24, 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Right where you belong

We each have a need to belong that doesn't start with the playground or end with the work shift. Psychologist Abraham Maslow categorized the need to belong as number three on a hierarchy of essentials: right behind physical needs (food, clothing, and shelter) and safety. Catalog the people who are essential to your happiness and the social groups that include you as a member. Then consider this: God has chosen you to be one of God's people. And Jesus counts you as one who belongs especially to him.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a (59). *"They belonged to you, and you gave them to me."*

Monday, May 25, 2020

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY VII, POPE

Cherish your freedoms

Pope Gregory VII fought hard for the separation of church and state because he lived in a time (11th century) when the church was subject to civil authorities, and abuses of power were rampant. In the face of enormous opposition, this great reformer extricated the church from the control of external rulers and strengthened the unity of the whole church under the centrality of the papacy. On this Memorial Day, remember that religious freedom is one of the founding principles of our country, worthy of the sacrifice of many. And one that our faith demands that we respect for all.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). *"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."*

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

God provides

It's fitting Philip Neri was canonized in 1622 with Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, and Teresa of Ávila. Ignatius was a friend, Francis was an influence, and Philip took to heart Teresa's quip: "From . . . sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" The affable Philip won over so many different kinds of people for Christ in 1500s Rome—using humor, humbleness, and holiness—that he's called, with Peter and Paul, an apostle of Rome. "Cast yourself into the arms of God," he said, "and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, he will fit you for the work and give you strength." That is comforting at a time when many of us feel stretched to the limit.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). *"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me."*

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Look for God in unexpected places

Lest Saint Augustine of Canterbury be confused with Saint Augustine of Hippo: the two are not the same. Augustine of Hippo was a fourth-century doctor of the church. Augustine of Canterbury was a sixth-century Benedictine missionary sent by Pope Gregory the Great to Christianize the British Isles. He is known as the "Apostle to the English," and his legacy includes an approach to evangelization and conversion that shows a respect for indigenous practices. Rather than condemning, he consecrated

and incorporated popular Anglo-Saxon rites into Christianity. What practices from popular culture today might we consecrate into contemporary Christian practice?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). *"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world."*

Thursday, May 28, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Celebrate our finest gifts

Shavuot, or the Feast of Weeks, which our Jewish friends observe today, has a connection to the Catholic Solemnity of Pentecost. Just as Pentecost this Sunday comes seven weeks after Easter, Shavuot is celebrated seven weeks after Passover. In the biblical era, important dates for planting and harvesting were marked by religious holidays. Shavuot celebrated the wheat harvest seven weeks after Passover. Christians thank God for the abundant gift of the Holy Spirit.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). *"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word."*

Friday, May 29, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Keeping the peace

In 1972, Pope Saint Paul VI declared, "If you want peace, work for justice." Today we observe the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. The U.N. deploys peacekeepers around the world to provide "a unique and dynamic instrument . . . to help countries torn by conflict to create the conditions for lasting peace." The work of Catholic social justice organizations like Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Worker, and Cross Catholic Outreach go a step further by "tending the sheep" of the poor, the oppressed, the refugee, the dispossessed. Do your part today to support the social outreach of your church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). *"Tend my sheep."*

Saturday, May 30, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Just do it!

Some argue that "believing the right things" is enough of a response to the call to discipleship. But Jesus emphasized *doing*. Orthopraxy (right practice) goes hand in hand with orthodoxy (right belief). In this time of global suffering, our faith response is required. It flows out of our faith *assent*, but we can't stop with professions of faith. Take your faith out to meet the great need you find around you today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21: 20-25 (302). *"There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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