



Our Silent News

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Fort Worth Catholic Community for the Deaf

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR ...

Hello!

WE WANT YOU

Do you know there is an Advisory Board for our Catholic Deaf Community? We are here for all of the Deaf (and their families) in the Fort Worth and Dallas areas. The board meets once a month, to plan activities and make sure we take care of anything that comes up. Board Positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Chair, Mass Coordinator, Member-at-Large. We would love you to join us!!

Please email me at Cmartin@fwdioc.org.

We will have **TWO** Deaf Community Masses in April. One on the first Sunday, and one on the last Sunday - **April 7th** and then again on **April 28th**.

IMPORTANT: NO DEAF Mass in MAY

We wish Fr. Ken a Happy Ordination Anniversary!! May 16th will be 32 years, thank you so much for your dedication to us!

Blessings,

Connie Martin & the

Fort Worth Deaf Ministry Board

A Prayer of Blessing

Father, I ask that you bless
my coming and going.
Be before me, behind me,
beside me.
Protect me and bless my
family with peace today.

Amen.



Deaf Community Mass Change!!

2 Deaf Masses in April - April 7 & April 28

(NO Mass on May 5)

St. Rita Catholic Church
5550 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76112

2:00 PM

Confessions with Fr. Ken start at 1:15 ~ Choir practice 1:45

Socials After Mass

Bar-B-Que lunch at our April 28th Mass!!



After April 28th we will meet again on September 1st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

April

- 2 Liliana Saysanam
- 4 Kate Avalos
Eli Delgado
Fr. Ghislain Bazikila
- 7 Jade Gutierrez
- 8 Ashleigh Dostal
- 9 Kathy Murphy
- 10 Gabriel Martinez
Kelsey Reid
- 11 Linda Cassanova
- 13 Joel Martinez
- 14 Paige Gutierrez
- 17 Lisa Clark
- 18 Mike Rodenberg
- 19 Kimberly Mahoney-Clayton
- 21 Alejandra Ibanez
- 22 Ana Avalos
Chris Jakins
- 23 Amy Nguyen
- 26 Jaclyn Terrio
- 27 Owen Kalina
- 28 Evie Giles



May

- 3 Chris Moffit
- 7 Samuel Torres
- 9 Maureen Carrillo
- 13 Tiffany Gomez
- 14 Addy Martin
Quinn Patterson
- 19 Irma Perez
Blanca Ruiz
- 20 Grant Martin
- 22 Garth Clayton
Fr. Tom Coughlin
- 24 Ruben Farias
Rick Scott
- 30 Shanna Scott
- 31 John Roades

June

- 1 Gisele Ferguson
Dcn. Don Warner
- 2 Dominga Torres
- 3 Fr. Rich Luberti
- 6 Mary Ann Castillo
- 9 Blasé Kalina
Clarissa Patterson
Jenny Rodriguez
- 14 Mark Petty
- 18 Ciriaco Torres, Sr.
- 19 Pat Carillo
- 26 Yuri Castillo
- 27 Melissa Minor
Jose Torres
- 30 John Moffitt

Your birthday is a
special time to
celebrate the gift of
'YOU'
to the world!

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary please contact the Deaf Ministry Office
Email: Cmartin@fwdioc.org Video: 817/591-0186 Voice: 817/945-9381

Happy Wedding Anniversary to . . .



- April 22 Taylor & Andy Brachey
- May 3 Shanna & Richard Scott
- May 4 Blanca & Alexander Cavazos
- June 6 Mary & Jim Harmuth
- June 8 Gisele & Tracy Ferguson
- June 24 Jenny & Pedro Rodriguez

Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever. Amen.

Please pray for the needs of:

- ◆ Michele Alleman
- ◆ Alfaro Family
- ◆ Allen Family
- ◆ Elaine Beckert
- ◆ Jacki Campbell
- ◆ Armando Cavazos
- ◆ Cavazos Family
- ◆ Cherry Family
- ◆ Clayton Family
- ◆ Delgado Family
- ◆ Stephen Demkiw
- ◆ Elizabeth DiBisceglia
- ◆ Guadalupe Farias
- ◆ Ruben Farias
- ◆ Tina Gomez
- ◆ Gutierrez Family
- ◆ Isabeles Family
- ◆ Paul Jakins
- ◆ Lindsay Lehan
- ◆ Nicole Lewis
- ◆ Martin Family
- ◆ Jacqui Moses
- ◆ Nowell Family
- ◆ Nutt Family
- ◆ Ochoa Family
- ◆ Pardita Family
- ◆ Perez Families
- ◆ Mary Ramirez
- ◆ John Roades
- ◆ Yvette Rodenberg
- ◆ Chris Schoonover
- ◆ Scott Family
- ◆ Simon Family
- ◆ Karen Stevenson
- ◆ Phylis Stockton
- ◆ Lori Strachn
- ◆ Barbara Stinson
- ◆ Alex Sullivan
- ◆ The VanReenen Family
- ◆ Steven Wandersheid
- ◆ Mary Whalen
- ◆ For the people of Israel
- ◆ For all of our Deaf Community
- ◆ For all of our Seminarians



And for the Repose of the Souls †

- † Lillian Arney
- † Sherry Dixon
- † Tony Kirby
- † Rochelle Ross
- † Guadalupe Salazar
- † Ray Whalen

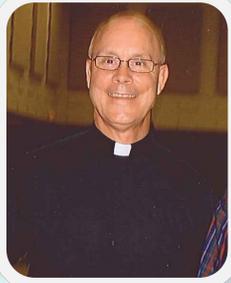
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. † May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

If you have a prayer need. Please contact the Deaf Ministry Office, (817)591-0186 (VP) or send an email to Cmartin@fwdioc.org



“Making the sign of the cross when we wake up, before meals, to defend against evil, at night before sleep, means to tell ourselves and others who we belong to, and who we want to be.”

† *Pope Francis*



Fr. Ken's Corner

During the season of Lent, we reflect on Baptism which freed us from the burden of sin and promised eternal life. During the Easter season, we are challenged to move beyond thinking of Baptism and do the actions of what we have learned.

We have been saved for a purpose. Each of us has a mission in life, given by God, and daily discipleship is how we discover and live out our mission. God gives each of us unique gifts of time, talent and resources so we can be part of the heavenly plan. We meet Jesus when we pray, meditate and receive the Eucharist. We are given spiritual strength and courage to live our Baptismal call to holiness. And if we look to discover the Lord's will and allow God to work through us, we will find great fulfillment and joy. We will face challenges and difficulties, but God remains with us.

As children of God, we have reason to rejoice!

A Healthy Snack Recipe!!

On-the-Go Granola

Ingredients

2 cups rolled oats
1 cup raw nuts (almond, pecans, and/or walnuts)
1/4 cup pumpkin or sunflower seeds (optional)
1 tsp ground cinnamon
Pinch of salt
1/2 cup peanut butter or other nut butter
1/4 cup maple/pancake syrup or honey
3 Tbsp oil 1 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup freeze dried or dried fruit



Directions

Preheat oven to 350° F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Add dry ingredients to a mixing bowl and stir to combine. In a separate mixing bowl, add wet ingredients and stir to combine. Pour dry ingredients into the wet ingredients. Mix together until combined. Pour ingredients onto the lined baking sheet. Spread in an even layer and press down firmly. Bake in the oven for 20 mins, rotating baking sheet halfway through for even cooking. Remove from oven and let the granola cool and harden for 20 minutes. Once cool, break the granola into chunks with your hands. Stir in the dried fruit. Adapted From: Walder Wellness

[Capstone-Apartment-Friendly-Cookbook.pdf \(twu.edu\)](#)



What Are You Giving Up?

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| coffee | + | complaining |
| chocolate | | ice cream |
| meat | | movies |
| internet | | smoking |
| shopping | | social media |
| caffeine | | television |
| soft drinks | | sweets |
| elevators | | junk food |



In February Fr. Paul Zirimenya came to Fort Worth to lead a Lenten Workshop for our Deaf Community on Saturday and concelebrate Mass

on Sunday. On Saturday the workshop - **“Temptations in Our World Today .. And How to Avoid Them”** was terrific. He helped us to see that Jesus was tempted and alone and denied and mocked the same as we are today. Jesus wants to help us avoid those temptations. Since we are made in the image of God, we can be changed to the likeness of Jesus Christ!

On Sunday Fr. Paul concelebrated Mass with the Deaf and hearing people at St. Maria Goretti in Arlington. What a terrific model he was for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing folks!! They saw for themselves that a Deaf person



CAN do anything!! Of course with Fr. Paul here, we were able to share some of our Texas' hospitality!



DEAF COFFEE CHAT

Last Thursday of Every Month
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

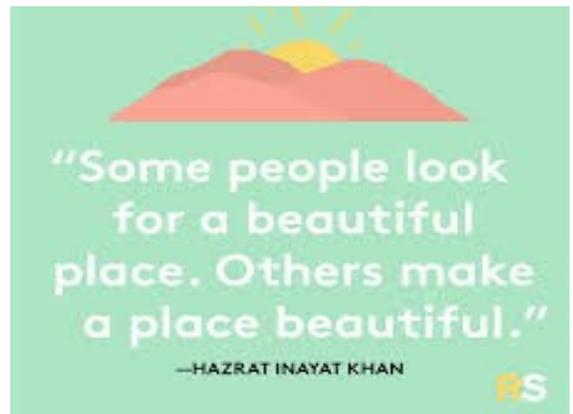
Second Sunday of Every Month
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

INCLUSION COFFEE
101 E ABRAM SUITE #110
ARLINGTON, TX 76010



ASL fluency not required, but hands must be up!

Questions? Contact
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Stations of the Cross in ASL

Fr. Christopher Klusman
from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Deaf Apostolate, has created a Power-Point with the Stations of the Cross Signed for the Deaf. To view scan/click below:

<https://vimeo.com/922266317/f8fecffd81?share=copy>



Interpreted Masses - Diocese of Fort Worth



Saturdays

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
2016 Willis Lane
Keller, TX 76248
5:30 PM Each Saturday

St. Andrew
3312 Dryden Dr.
Fort Worth, TX 76109
5:30pm - 2nd & 4th Saturdays
Beginning in May



Sundays

All Saints Parish
214 NW 20th Street
Fort Worth, TX 76164
9:00 AM each Sunday

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
861 Wildwood Lane
Grapevine, TX 76051
10:00 AM Each Sunday

St. Maria Goretti Parish
1200 S. Davis Drive
Arlington, TX 76207
11:00 AM each Sunday

Sacred Heart
1501 9th Street
Wichita Falls, TX 76301
8:00 AM each Sunday

Welcome to the "50 Days of Easter"

Most people think Easter is only 1 day - but there is actually a whole SEASON for Easter! One way our Catholic church celebrates is by having the 1st reading at Masses during this Season come from the Acts of the Apostles instead of the Old Testament.

Easter ends with Pentecost, that is when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:1-13).

This year Pentecost (50th Day) is on May 19th!



Deaf Artisan Market Day

June 8, 2024

Arlington, Texas at Randol Mill Park in Arlington
1901 W Randol Mill Rd, Arlington, TX



They are joining the Southwest Softball Association of the Deaf (SWSAD) commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Women's Original Team

It will be a day filled with softball games, shopping for unique artisanal treasures, and engaging with the Deaf community.

For more information : <https://www.facebook.com/events/425619343235725/>

... Help for Technology Issues ...

The Texas Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services has Technology Specialists that serve people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, helping them connect with the community. If you have questions, they can probably help!!!

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING TECHNOLOGY SPECIALISTS

Serving people who are deaf or hard of hearing

KEY SERVICES

1 Assistive Technology:
Demonstrate and assess communication-enhancing assistive technology

2 Communication Strategies:
Provide education on overcoming communication barriers in the workplace, community and home

3 Managing Hearing Loss:
Identify solutions and offer recommendations for managing hearing loss to improve quality of life

4 Training:
Educate people and families about assistive technology, managing hearing loss, the basics of hearing aids and cochlear implants

5 Resources:
Connect people with local, state or national organizations and agencies that assist with hearing loss

6 Raising Awareness:
Inform the general public about hearing loss and its effect on communication

7 Outreach:
Teach the community how to recognize hearing loss and get support for hearing loss needs

8 Support Services:
Provide onsite workplace technology assessments and individualized and group services

FOR BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYERS:

9 Training:
Provide education on serving people who are deaf or hard of hearing, using captioning services, understanding how hearing loss affects the workplace and more

10 Solutions and Support:
Consult on assistive technology and communication access for businesses and employers to form effective communication strategies for clients and employees

We welcome your feedback about the specialist services in your community.



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Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Contact us:

Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
hhs.texas.gov/deaf-hard-hearing

512-438-4880

512-410-1387 (video phone)

Contact the Ombudsman at 877-787-8999 for grievances regarding HHSC programs.

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Have you prayed with our on-line Rosary??

It is signed for the Deaf.

Please go to our Deaf Ministry webpage:

<https://fwdioc.org/deaf-ministry>

or click/scan on this URL Rosary link.



TO:



VISION STATEMENT

To provide all Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing persons accessibility
to the Catholic Church in order that they may:

- * *Worship*
- * *Receive Religious Education*
- * *Minister to Others*
- * *Participate in all aspects of Parish and Diocesan Life*



It is our hope that by providing necessary support services, Deaf persons of our diocese will be able to participate fully in their faith communities.