



Our Silent News

DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

Fort Worth Catholic Community for the Deaf

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR ...

Hello and Happy Spring!

Hoping your Christmas was peaceful and spiritually nourishing for everyone. As we wait for the coming of Spring, may you feel the comfort of the Lord around you.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday - this year it is on Valentine's Day - February 14th!

On Saturday, February 24th Fr. Paul Zirimenya will be back in Fort Worth to lead us in a Lenten Workshop entitled "Temptations in Our World Today ... And Help to Avoid Them". Then on Sunday, February 25th Fr. Paul will join the parish priest and celebrate Mass at 11:00am. Both days the events will be at St. Maria Goretti in Arlington. See page 5 for details. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.



Change your clocks on Saturday, March 10th before bed (Daylight Saving Time) - an hour of sleep - gone!

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday, March 24th
Easter is on Sunday, March 31st

Blessings,
Connie Martin
Fort Worth Deaf Ministry Program

A Prayer for Hope

Father, we ask you to give us peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, we are with you. We look forward to praising you with all your saints in heaven.

Amen.

Deaf Community Mass & Socials

1st Sunday of the Month - September through May

St. Rita Catholic Church

5550 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76112

2:00 PM

Confessions with Fr. Ken Robinson start at 1:15

Choir practice 1:30 - **Social Following Mass**



~~ 2024 Dates ~~

January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, May 5

**"A birthday is
a time to count
our blessings"**

Leroy Brownlow

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

March

January

- 1 Manuel Espino
- 4 Ann Lieberth
Jesse Navarette
- 5 Danielle Terrio
- 8 Jonathan Calderon
Sophia Rodriguez
- 9 Steven Wanderscheid
- 12 Christine Giles
- 13 Richard Moffitt
- 16 Olivia Rodriguez
- 17 Alexander Cavazos
- 18 Michael Cinatl
Eric Perez
- 20 Joshua Gomez
- 21 Maria Isabeles
- 25 Fr. Ken Robinson
- 26 Mike Minor
- 28 Jennie Thompson

February

- 2 Richey Delgado
- 4 Carolyn Carter
Irma Kemp
- 12 Lydia Minor
Maria Torres
- 17 Amy Bohac-Compton
- 18 Ana Avalos
- 21 Paul Jakins
Desiree Senga
- 22 Arturo Avalos
- 25 Skyler Smith
- 27 Elizabeth Delgado

- 3 Marianne Hernandez
Jeremy Nation
- 4 Javier Ibanez
- 6 Anthony Calderon
Mason Gomez
- 16 Michael Carillo
Eli Zaelit
- 22 Ruth Torres
- 25 Julia Marincel
- 27 Fr. Len Broniak
Jaylynn Ibanez
- 28 Ferny Navarette



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 . . .

Because of you,
I laugh a little harder,
cry a little less, and
smile a lot more.

-UNKNOWN

- Jan. 5 Lauren & Grant Martin
- Jan. 9 Clarissa & Justin Patterson
- Jan. 20 Lisa & Kevin Clark
- Jan. 21 Maria & Jose Isabeles
- Feb. 6 Alannah & Chris Schoonover
- Feb. 24 Nancy & Kraig Baum
- Mar. 13 Connie & Gary Martin
- Mar. 15 Suzanne & LeRoy Terrio

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
- ♦ Anita Alfaro
- ♦ Allen Family
- ♦ Elaine Beckert
- ♦ Jacki Campbell
- ♦ Armando Cavazos
- ♦ Cavazos Family
- ♦ Miles Cherry
- ♦ Delgado Family
- ♦ Stephen Demkiw
- ♦ Elizabeth DiBisceglia
- ♦ Guadalupe Farias
- ♦ Ruben Farias
- ♦ Tina Gomez
- ♦ Gutierrez Family
- ♦ Isabeles Family
- ♦ Paul Jakins
- ♦ Lindsay Lehan
- ♦ Nicole Lewis
- ♦ Martin Family
- ♦ Fr. Carmen Mele
- ♦ Chris Nowell
- ♦ 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
- ♦ The VanReenen Family
- ♦ Steven Wandersheid
- ♦ Ray and 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 †

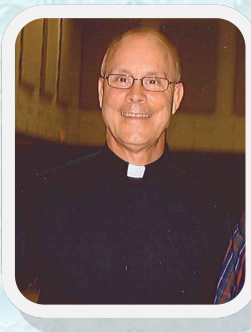
- † Alejandro Davila
- † Steve Erwin
- † Janet Hoover
- † Michelle Lee
- † Lil Simon
- † All those who have died

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



“Entrust the year of 2024 to Mary, the Mother of God. She knows our needs and helps to make grace overflow in our lives.”
† Pope Francis



Fr. Ken's Corner

A man discovered a small sea cave in which he found a large number of mud-covered objects. As he walked along the shore he would throw one or more of these into the sea. At one point as he was preparing to throw, the object crumbled in his hand and he saw a gleam. Cleaning off the mud he discovered a precious gem. He quickly checked the remaining objects; they too had precious gems. But the man realized that he had wantonly discarded any number of these mud balls as he walked along the shore. What a fortune he had thrown away!

Life is like that at times - we experience events and people who we undervalue but upon later reflection we recognize to have been of great value! Every event and person gives us an opportunity to be blessed in some way. May we not miss the inherent value potentially offered to us daily because we do not approach the encounter with humility and respect!

Please remember, before each Deaf Community Mass
Fr. Ken will be at St. Rita at 1:15 so you can go to Confession.



Diocesan Lenten Observances - Fasting & Abstinence

Days of Fasting ~

Ash Wednesday: February 14th, Good Friday: March 24th

Days of Abstinence ~

All Fridays of Lent—February 16, 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 28

Fasting: Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 should **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. **Fasting** means eating only ONE full meal.

Abstinence: Catholics 14 years and older should **abstain** from meat on Ash Wednesday, and all Fridays of Lent.

Prayer: Participate in **Reconciliation - before the Deaf Mass, Workshop (on February 24)**, and other activities.

Almsgiving: Give as you can.

— ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK —

Holy Thursday - March 28 Good Friday - March 29

PLEASE SEND INTERPRETER REQUESTS - Cmartin@fwdioc.org

REGULARLY INTERPRETED MASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY

TEMPTATIONS IN OUR WORLD TODAY ... AND HELP TO AVOID THEM

A Workshop with Fr. Paul Zirimenya
Saturday, February 24th

St. Maria Goretti, 1200 S. Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76013

9:30am - Coffee & Opening Information

The Event is free and Lunch is Included, but please register:

Cmartin@fwdioc.org or Video Phone - 817/591-0186



Sunday, February 25

Fr. Paul will celebrate Mass with us and the
Hearing Community at 11:00am

St. Maria Goretti, 1200 S. Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76013



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!



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Questions? Contact

Lei-Sea Sky:

leiseasky@gmail.com



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>

and click on the Rosary link.





Interpreted Masses - Diocese of Fort Worth

Saturdays

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
2016 Willis Lane
Keller, TX 76248
5:30pm



Sundays

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

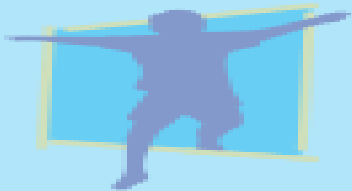
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
861 Wildwood Lane
Grapevine, TX 76051
10:00 AM Each Sunday

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

Deaf Ministry celebrates a special Signed/Voiced Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month from September through May at St. Rita Church in Fort Worth - at 2:00pm.

All interpreted Masses are cancelled the 1st weekend except for Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls.



IMAGINATION FORT WORTH

Imagination Fort Worth has a special weekend for Deaf and HH High School Students here in Fort Worth!

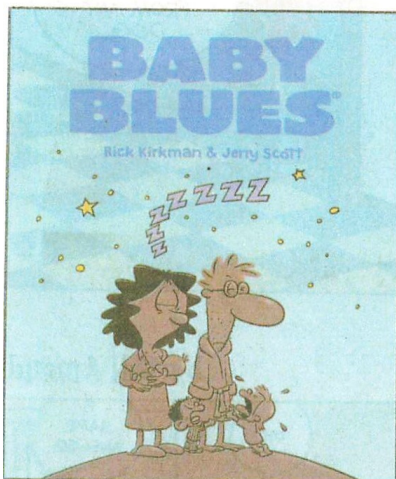
[Imagination Texas: A Special Weekend for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Imagination Fort Worth](#)

Click on the above link for information

Imagination Fort Worth also has Elementary and Virtual Programs you should check out!!

[Virtual Programs - Imagination Fort Worth](#)

Click on the above link for information



... 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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Health and Human
Services

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Contact us:

Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

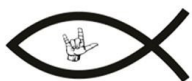
hhs.texas.gov/deaf-hard-hearing

512-438-4880

512-410-1387 (video phone)

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

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TO:

**SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL;
FAILURE IS NOT FATAL:
IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE
THAT COUNTS.**

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

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DEAF MINISTRY-CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF FT. WORTH

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.