# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY \*

(580) 355-7837

Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month (580) 248-9594 OR (580) 695-0259

# **MASS SCHEDULE**

Livestream Sunday Mass: 7:30 am Livestream Daily Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 am.

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Wednesday: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Thursday: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am to 10:00 am Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

# SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents should call for an appointment at least three months prior to the desired date of Baptism. Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for more information.

# MARRIAGE

At least six months preparation time is required and one party must be registered in the parish. Please call the parish office to

# THRIFT SHOP \* (580) 581-1309

**Currently Closed Until Further Notice** 

# KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS \* (580) 512-8664

**Meets the second Tuesday of the month** 

## ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets the second Monday of the month, September through May only

# **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE**

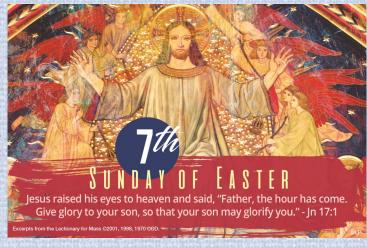
**AMERICAS, COURT ST. JUDE \*** 

**Meets the third Saturday of the month** 

# **LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During the Easter season the Church supplies us with readings from the Acts of the Apostles for daily Masses. Each day we hear of how the apostles, imbued with the Holy Spirit, fervently and courageously proclaimed the Good News. Even though they were heavily persecuted, they remained steadfast in their mission. During the last eight weeks of suspended public Masses, we have found ourselves starving for communion with each other and with the Lord, who never abandons us. It has been a great blessing to continue celebrating Mass for you each day,



gathering my flock spiritually to the Good Shepherd and the High Priest. As we restart Masses, please continue to pray for those who are continuing to isolate at home so as not to come into contact with COVID-19.

Last week we ended the strangest school year ever. I am so proud of all of our teachers, students, and families at St. Mary's Catholic School who have continued with their education through distance learning. In a special way I want to congratulate our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and assure them, and all of our community, of my prayers as we all prepare to begin a new chapter. While we are heartbroken that St. Mary's Catholic School has closed, I am also confident that the Lord will continue to guide us along the path of holiness. St. Mary's Catholic School has been a strong pillar in our community, and its legacy will live on through all of our alumni, faculty, and benefactors.

Finally, I want to take a moment to thank all of our military community within our parish as we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Your service for us and our country is appreciated more than we can express. Let us pray for all of our parishioners who have served, especially for those who have died defending our country. One of my favorite historical documents is President Abraham Lincoln's letter to Mrs. Bixby, who was believed to have lost her five sons in battle during the Civil War, "I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of Freedom."

May all of our loved ones who have died rest in the peace of Christ. Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Brian



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him

authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." John 17: 1-3



# JOIN FLOCKNOTE

Everyone, please take out your cell phones....

please send the word <u>lawton</u> in a text message to the number: <u>84576</u>. This is a great time to be signed up so that we can keep you and your family updated with our weekly bulletins and other announcements during this time of corona virus quarantine.

# GODS less AMERICA

God our creator and sustainer,
Today our country brings to our memory those who
have defended this nation in times of trouble. They
have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores from
those who would limit our freedoms or enslave us to
ways that are against your will. Bring all those who have
died in service to our country into your heavenly presence. We humbly call down your blessing on those still
serving; grant your heavenly protection to these men
and women, and open your Sacred Heart to give them
peace and comfort. In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

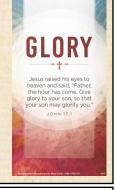
# PROMISE Pledge to Protect to HEAL

# Abuse of Minors and Vulnerable Adults Pastoral Response Hotline (405) 720-9878

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City through its programs, organizations and events, has numerous daily contacts with many minors and vulnerable adults. It is, therefore, important that all Archdiocesan personnel, clergy, seminarians, religious, employees, and volunteers, protect the rights of children and vulnerable adults and be alert to the possibility for child abuse and abuse of vulnerable adults. Under Oklahoma State law, all individuals MUST report an incident or suspicion of sexual abuse of a minor (person under 18 years of age) to the civil authorities immediately. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services has established a statewide abuse hotline for reporting: 1-800-522-3511. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you have reason to believe a child is in immediate danger of harm call 911. For the safety of children and vulnerable adults and the healing of victims, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City provides an Abuse of Minors and Vulnerable Adults Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of minors and vulnerable adults (in the past or presently) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel: 1-405-720-9878. The Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, a licensed professional counselor, will respond to calls to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Response Hotline. A report to the Archdiocese does not relieve the individual of the duty to report child abuse to civil authorities as required by Oklahoma State Law. In Oklahoma, failure to report

child abuse is a misdemeanor punishable by law.

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays,
"I have given You glory on earth
by finishing the work
You gave Me to do."
Good stewards follow His example
by using their time and talents
for the glory of God.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

# OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IS STILL HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with utilities, rent, or groceries, please contact our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our volunteers continue to meet the needs of many, and may be able to help. Leave a detailed message when you call (580) 355-7837 and we will get in touch with you as soon as we can. Also, if you are able, please donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All donated funds are used to assist families right here in our own community of Lawton.

# An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.





**MAY 25** Saul Barrientos, Joshua Scotto, and Edgardo Toro Velez.

**MAY 26** Linda Andreoli, Kiley Glowaski, Alicia Gouveia, Keylei McLinden, Cody Roller, and Tara Wermy.

**MAY 27** Mary Burton, Tori Chacon, Jeremy Coe, Lyn E. DelaRosa, Karson King,

Christine Melby-Levinson, and Oscar Nira.

**MAY 28** Humberto Garcia, Sheryl Mather, Felicity Najera, and Marie Scott.

**MAY 29** Michael Arledge, Nicolas Linville, Jesse Martinez, and Gabriel Ramirez.

**MAY 30** Scott Adam, Terry Lowery, Harold McSwain, Liam Taylor.

**MAY 31** Arwyn Camaso, Eva Cruz, Lily McClure, Carissa Sims, and Madonna Trimble.

# Our Weekly Offerings for Sunday, May 17, 2020

We want to extend our deep thanks for continuing your generous support of our Parish during this time of Covid-19 quarantine.

Your generous contributions help sustain our Parish.

General Fund—Envelopes	\$2,088.00
General Fund—Online Giving	\$1,281.82
St. Mary's Catholic School—Env. & Online	\$434.94
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$295.00
Pro-Life Collection	\$201.00
Parish Improvement Fund—Env. & Online	\$165.70

# "Save Time and Donate Online!"

WeShare is an easy and convenient way to save time and support our church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit <a href="https://www.lawtoncatholic.com">www.lawtoncatholic.com</a>
and click the "Give Now" tab.

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## THIS WEEK AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Monday, May 25

**7:30 am—Mass** (In Honor of All Those Who Have Given the Ultimate Sacrifice in Service to Our Country)

12:00 pm—Mass (+Herbert Richter

by Michael and Mary Richter)

# Tuesday, May 26

7:30 am—Mass (+Henry P. Brandt, Sr.

by Natalie Brandt)

12:00 pm—Mass (+Mary Bordella Chalk

by David and Marie Scott)

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm—Confessions in the Parish Hall

# Wednesday, May 27

**7:30 am—Mass** (+George and +Barbara Berntsen by the Melton Family)

12:00 pm—Mass (+Patrick C. Scott

by David and Marie Scott)

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm—Confessions in the Parish Hall

## Thursday, May 28

7:30 am—Mass (+C. H. Brazzell by Edward Larson)

12:00 pm—Mass (+Violet Richter)

by Michael and Mary Richter)

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm—Confessions in the Parish Hall

# Friday, May 29

7:30 am—Mass (+Rev. Edward C. Holland

by Fr. Brian Buettner)

**12:00 pm—Mass** (+Danny Macias by Myrna Shank) 9:00 am to 10:00 am—Confessions in the Parish Hall

## Saturday, May 30

7:30 am—Mass (+Rev. Joseph Derby, O.S.A.

by Fr. Brian Buettner)

12:00 pm—Mass (+Rev. Innocent Gomez, O.C.D.

by Fr. Brian Buettner)

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm—Confessions in the Parish Hall, as well as Drive-Thru Confessions Behind the Church

**5:00 pm—Vigil Mass** (For the Preservation of Peace and Justice)

**8:00 PM—RCIA Mass** (For the Newly Received Into the Church)

## Sunday, May 31

8:30 am—Mass (For the People of the Parish)
11:00 am—Mass (In Thanksgiving for Blessed
Stanley Rother by the Harper Family)