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ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets the first Thursday of the month,
September through May only

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY *

(580) 355-7837

Meets the first and third Tuesday of the
month

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Daily Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday at 7:30 am

No Daily Mass on Monday

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 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
begin this preparation.

THRIFT SHOP * (580) 581-1309

Currently Open Mondays and Wednesdays
Only, From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS * (580) 512-8664

Meets the second Tuesday of the month

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, COURT ST. JUDE *

(580) 248-9594 OR (580) 695-0259

Meets the third Saturday of the month

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. JOHN PAUL LEWIS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend, as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, I wanted to share with you the following words from Saint Augustine, from a sermon on the Ascension that the church asks us to reflect upon on this great feast day. I hope they bear fruit in your own life of prayer, and help you to grow closer to Christ as he ascends into heaven.

“Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.*

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? and when he said: I was hungry and you gave me food.*

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

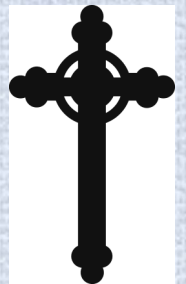
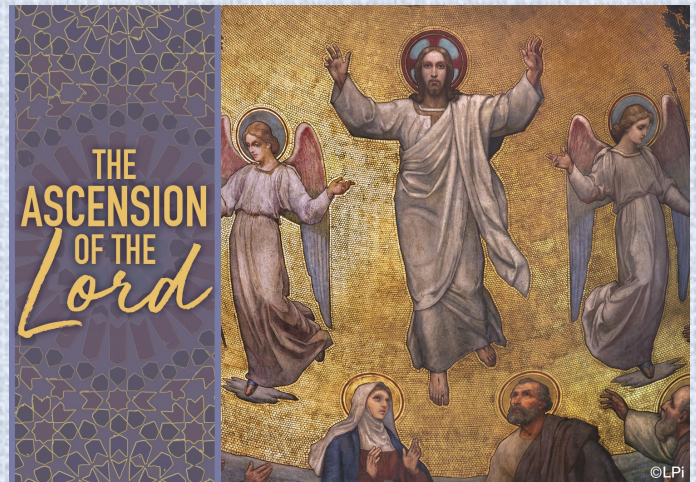
He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.*

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ. He too has many members, but one body.*

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.”

In Christ,

Fr. John Paul



ALTAR SOCIETY

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING
Monday, May 17th

in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm.

This will be the last meeting before summer.
All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes, French toast, bacon,
sausage, hot links, hash browns,
scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy, coffee and Tang.

Sunday, May 23rd
from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm
in the St. Mary's Cafeteria.

ASCENSION *of the Lord*

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to Protect  **Pledge**
to HEAL

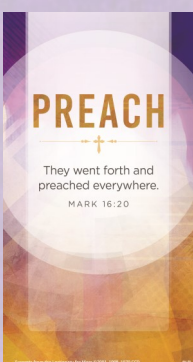
Abuse of Minors and Vulnerable Adults **Pastoral Response Hotline (405) 720-9878**

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.

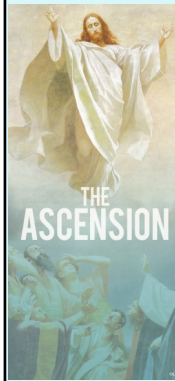
If you have reason to believe a child is in immediate danger of harm call 911. For the safety of children and vulnerable adults and the healing of victims, the

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.



So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Mark 16: 19-20



Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth—to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

ASCENSION SUNDAY

POST-ABORTION HEALING

Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekends are for men and women seeking healing after abortion. Begin the process to reconcile the pain and hurt in a confidential, non-judgmental environment.

Pre-registration is required

Retreat Dates

June 18-20

October 29-31 in Spanish**

November 19-21**

December 3-5

OKC Team Email: rachelsvineyardokc@gmail.com

**Tulsa Team Email: rachel@cceok.org

BIRTHRIGHT FUNDRAISER

5108 W. Gore Blvd., Suite 7

Phone: 580-248-3110

Tuesdays and Thursday from 11 am to 3 pm

Now through May 25th

Please donate gently used items to help our community moms-to-be, moms, and children.

Thank you so much for your support!

JOIN

FLOCKNOTE

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

please send the word **lawton** in a text message to the number: **84576**. 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.



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May

BIRTHDAYS

MAY 17 Daniel Bailey, Lisa Baker, May Jane Camero, Derek Griner, Trisha Sadsad, and Modesto Jose Angel Schonchin.

MAY 18 Adamariz Alvarado, Nicolas L. DelaRosa, Heith Renschen, and Andrew Rine.

MAY 19 Mike Mayhall, Frank Murillo, Pia Quinnett, and Karl R. Toves.

MAY 20 Erica Alog, Dustin Boswell, and Lydia Dawson.

MAY 21 Ira D. Daebler, Joseph Hanisko, Gabriel Ryder, and Tiffany Thomas.

MAY 22 Martha Garcia and Graciela Garrison.

MAY 23 Stephanie Banks, Nicole Campbell, John Linville, Mireya Rios, Matthew Stufflebean, and Jennifer Turner.

THANK YOU

for your generosity

Our Weekend Mass Attendance and Offerings Saturday & Sunday, May 1 & 2, 2021 Mass Attendance 492

General Fund—Envelopes & Cash	\$7,323.00
General Fund—Online Giving	\$1,797.75
Parish Improvement Fund (464646)	\$3,579.07

Special Collection Next Week is For
The Priests' Medical Fund

**We want to extend our deep thanks for
continuing your generous support.
Your generous contributions
help sustain our Parish.**

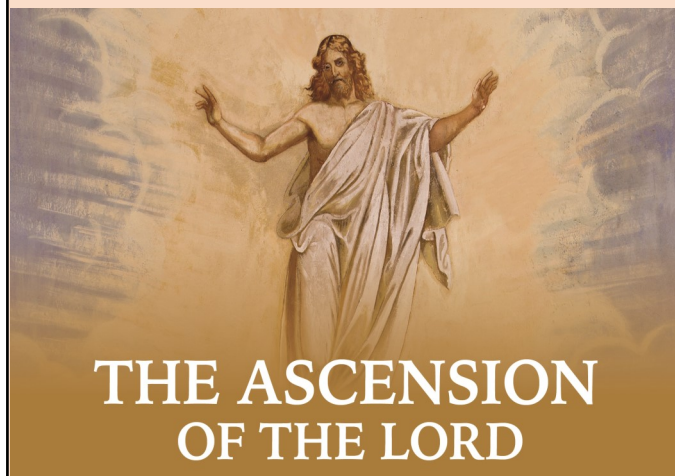
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WeShare is an easy and convenient way to save time and support our church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit www.lawtoncatholic.com and click the "Give Now" tab.

MAY 16, 2021

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are glad you are here today!



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, May 17

NO Daily Mass

10:00 am—Thrift Shop Open Until 2:00 pm
6:00 pm—Altar Society Meeting, Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 18

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Marcus and +Sarah Flusche by the Flusche Family)

6:00 pm—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, PH Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, May 19

7:30 am—Daily Mass (For John and Vanessa Linville by Their Family)

10:00 am—Thrift Shop Open Until 2:00 pm

6:30 pm—Rosary in the Church

Thursday, May 20

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Bernard Szatkowski by His Family)

6:30 pm—Holy Hour in the Church

Followed by Confessions until everyone in line
Has had an opportunity

Friday, May 21

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Mary Jo Melby)

Saturday, May 22

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Charles Ramirez by Lisa Wade)

3:00 pm—Confessions Until 4:30 pm in the Church

5:00 pm—Vigil Mass (+Marie Scheirer by Sammy Morris)

Sunday, May 23

8:30 am—Mass (People of the Parish)

9:00 am—Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, St. Mary's Cafeteria Until 12:30 pm

11:00 am—Bilingual Mass (For Donald, Judith, and Elizabeth Ellis by William Ellis)

3:00 pm—RCIA Class with Deacon Bob, Parish Hall

Mass Attendance on May 1 & 2, 2021 totaled 492

Saturday Vigil at 8:30 pm had 172 in attendance.

Sunday Morning at 8:30 am had 178 in attendance.

Sunday Morning at 11:00 am had 142 in attendance.