

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**1010 NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lawton, OK 73505 • (580) 536-6351 • Fax: (580) 536-6352**

**INFANT BAPTISMS** Parents are required to contact the Parish Office for baptismal preparation classes. Classes are held on the 1st Monday of the month.  
*Bautizos En Español* Los padres necesitan contactar la oficina de la Parroquia para tomar las clases de preparacion. Las clases seran el primer miercoles de cada mes.

**QUINCEANERA CLASSES** Please contact the office 6 months prior for the Quinceanera preparation classes.  
*Quinceañera Clases* Por favor contacte la oficina con seis meses de anticipacion.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** Please call the parish office if someone is seriously ill or in the hospital.

**MARRIAGE** Please contact the priest 6 months prior to your wedding date. Date or facility will not be scheduled until after couples have met with clergy.

**PRAYER CHAIN** For a circle of prayers for you or a loved one call Vicki Gable, 536-6355 or Alicia Abbott, 536-9156.

**NEWCOMERS** We welcome you! Please register in the parish by calling or coming by the Parish office. Forms are also available in the vestibule of the church.

**BOOK AND GIFT STORE** is located near the Parish Hall, open before and after Mass and during Religious Education hours on Wednesday evenings. Maintained by Dr. Anne Williams.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Daily Mass Mon - Thurs 12:00 noon,  
Friday Communion Service  
12:00 noon

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 4-5 p.m.

Chapel Open Daily from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or by code after hours. Call the office for code.

## PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Main Office 536-6351 Fax 536-6352  
Religious Education 536-6355

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes run from September through May  
Pre-K Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Grades K-5 Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Grades 6-12 Wednesday 6:45 p.m.

RCIA for adults RCIC for children  
Call Office for information.

## ABUSE HOTLINE (405) 720-9878

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City takes the safety of our children very seriously. Therefore, The Archdiocese offers the Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of any minor by a member of the clergy or other church personnel. This hotline is confidential.

**Fr. Kirk Larkin**  
**Pastor**

## PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Kirk Larkin, Pastor 536-6351  
Deacon Jim Coe 536-9337  
Deacon David Bunch 529-3191

## PARISH STAFF

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

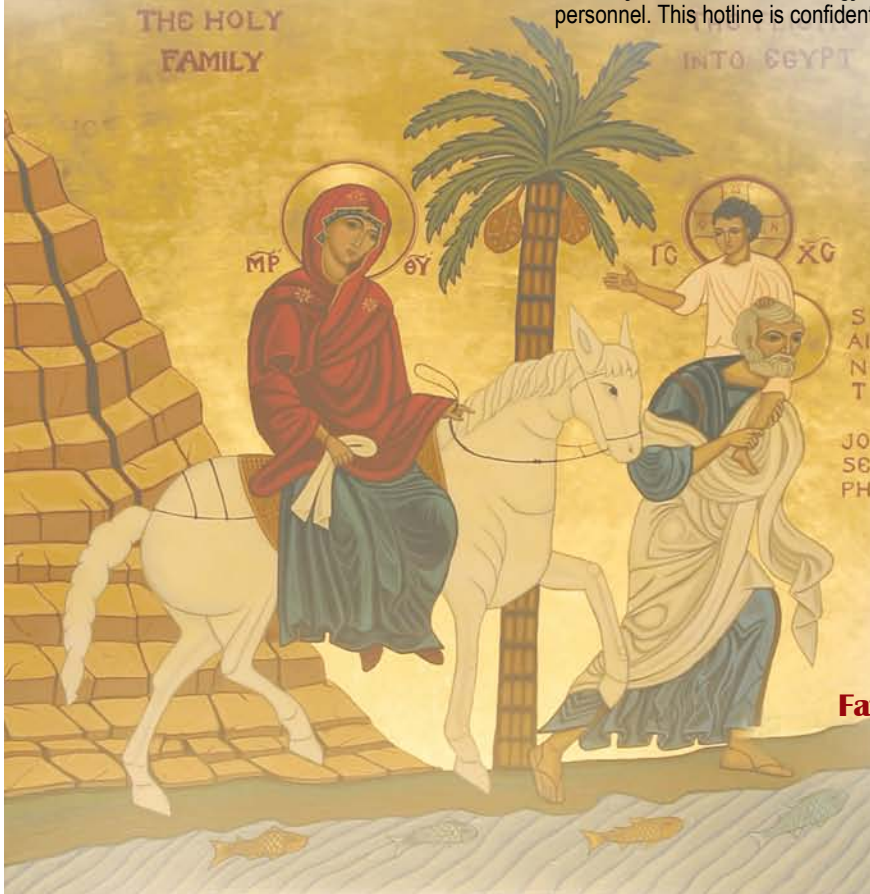
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THE HOLY  
FAMILY

INTO EGYPT



**Through the prayers and example of the Mother of God and St. Joseph, we are led by the Spirit to continue the ministry that Jesus began, giving glory to God by joyously proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in worship, word and witness.**

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**Bulletin Deadline: Monday 12:00 Noon**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



As you know, I went to help out the priest in Guymon last weekend while Fr. Albert filled in here. Guymon is way out there (5 hours from OKC) and a difficult assignment for the priests who serve there. Guymon has three missions; Beaver, which is about 45 minutes east of Guymon; Hooker, which is 30 minutes to the north and Boise City, which is an hour to the west...about as far as you can go and still find

civilization in OK. While there, I was scheduled to celebrate 2 Masses in Guymon and one at the mission in Hooker. I had never been to Hooker before and found it to be a quaint little town with a population of about 1700. I was curious as to how the town received its name and the townsfolk explained that it was established in the 1800's by a cattle baron whose last name was Hooker. Not much else to say about the town of Hooker. But one thing in particular struck me while I was celebrating Mass, it was perfectly quiet. At those times when it called for silence, it was so quiet you could hear a pin drop. At first, I really enjoyed it. But after a while a strange, uncomfortable feeling came over me. There were awkward moments of silence that kept appearing, even though the people were singing and repeating all the responses. The problem...no children! The Mass at times seemed void and empty of life. There were only two people there under the age of 50, a young man in his late twenties and his wife probably close to the same age. I told that couple after Mass that they better get busy and try to repopulate that church or the Bishop would be closing it one of these days...I'm not sure if they knew I was serious or not. This brings us back to our own parish. We are truly blessed to have an abundance of children at our parish...certainly a sign of life and vibrancy. When I first came to Holy Family I struggled with all the noise the small children were making, it was difficult for me to concentrate and focus. I was trying to offer the perfect Mass and these kids were getting in the way of my thoughts and prayers. But as time presses on and with each Mass I celebrate, I am beginning to appreciate the children, and their parents, more and more. I understand just how important children are to the Catholic Church. And I can quote you plenty of Scripture verses that remind us of how important children are to Jesus as well. I understand they can be distracting during Mass but we have to fight the temptation to get impatient with a child who is just learning to play with a newfound toy...their voice. I try to remind myself, as well as the lectors and deacons, to speak a little louder during Mass and to be conscious of the little ones, especially at the 11:00 Mass because we are blessed to have them. However, I would also like to take this opportunity to remind our parents that we provide nursery care at all three Masses on Sunday (and hopefully on Sat. evening again soon) and that there is a cry room in the rear of church. I realize that most parents do a very good job of keeping their children quiet and still - which can be a chore for a whole hour - but if you are spending more time and energy focusing on your children than you are on Mass, maybe it is better to put them in the nursery or sit with them in the cry room. Thank you for sharing your children with us...it certainly helps to make us a "Holy Family." And together, let's pray that our children will grow up desiring to stay close to their faith.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

### Monday August 10<sup>th</sup>/Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

**12:00 PM MASS** † Albert Vamosy & Family by Sue, Ron and kids

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26

**ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

### Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>/Clare/Virgin

**12:00 PM MASS** † Adam Bitz by Holy Family Parish, First Anniversary of Death

Readings: Dt 31:1-8 Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

### Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>/Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

**12:00 PM MASS** Special Int. Jerry and Michelle Tuttle, 50 Wedding Anniversary

Readings: Dt 34-1-12 Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup>/Pontian, Pope, Martyr; & Hippolytus, Priest & Martyr

**12:00 PM MASS** Special Int. Thank you for the Blessings from God and The Blessed Mother by Olga Camarillo

Readings: Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17,Mt 18:21-19:1

### Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>/Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

**12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE**

Readings: Jos 24:1-13 Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>/The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Readings: Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

### August 16<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time **5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass**

† Gerhard Josef Trepesch by Jerry and Brigitte Zahn

**8:30 AM Sunday Mass**

People of The Parish

**11:00 AM Sunday Mass**

† Anna LaSorsa by The LaSorsa Family

**1:00 PM Spanish Mass**

Readings: Prv 9:1-6 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58

### **SUMMER FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

\*Tonight, August 9th, Dinner and a Movie  
6:00 PM -9:00 PM

Pot Luck Dinner begins at 6:00 PM

Movie "Demetrius and the Gladiators" to begin at 6:30 PM

Bring a dish for our "Pot Luck Dinner"

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\*Wed. August 12th 6:30 PM Catechism with Father Corapi  
Conceived by the Spirit

(Advanced Reading Material Can Be Found In The Catechism Paragraph

# 484, 485, 488

Sacred Scripture: Samuel 1:2,

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\*Sunday August 16th  
Footprints of God "Peter"  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

(All Programs held in the Parish Hall and Nursery Provided)

## THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF SIENA

(Reprinted with the permission of Rosalie Larkin)

In June of 2003, I traveled with Frs. Petuskey and Ratterman to Siena, Italy and had a blessed experience.

The tour director, Doris, had requested that we have Mass at St. Catherine's when we were in Siena. The schedule was full. She requested St. Dominic's (St. Catherine was a Dominican). Full. Finally we got the Basilica of St. Francis. We knelt in preparation for Mass while Fr. Kevin and Fr. Ed went to vest. After 5 or 10 minutes, Doris told us we would have to move into the small side chapel for Mass.

After Mass, a monk handed Fr. Kevin a pamphlet to read to us. Here is what it said. I will have to shorten it as best I can.

223 "hosts" were consecrated on August 14, 1730 in the Basilica of San Francesco. The same night they were stolen by unknown thieves who coveted the silver pyx which contained them.

... the Hosts were found only accidentally, on the morning of August 17, in the nearby church of Santa Maria in Provenzano. The thieves had hidden them in an alms-box.

Saved from the midst of dust, cobwebs, and the money in the box, the Hosts were piously cleaned, accurately examined, and duly identified. After an act of adoration and reparation in which the whole city of Siena took part, the Hosts were solemnly taken back to San Francesco in a triumphant procession of chants, prayers and torches.

For hygienic reasons, and because of the constant tributes of faith and love by people of the city and the rural parishes near Siena, the Franciscan Conventuals did not consume the Hosts.

As time passed, contrary to expectations, the Hosts underwent no change.

On several occasions during the last two centuries and a half, experts have examined the sacred Hosts scientifically. ...they involuntarily multiplied occasions which could have caused the Hosts to deteriorate. But Science has always concluded that **'the Holy Hosts are still fresh, intact, physically incorrupt and chemically pure; they do not show any sign of corruption'**.

Such was also the verdict of a Commission of eminent experts who performed bromatologic, hygienic, chemical and pharmaceutical tests on June 10, 1914.

Various tests were again performed on the following occasions: in 1922, when Cardinal Giovanni Tacci placed the Hosts in a 'new urn of pure crystal-rock'; in 1950, when they were put into an even more precious monstrance; and finally in 1951, when unknown thieves broke the seals, poured the Hosts into a corner of the marble tabernacle and stole the crystal cylinder with its precious art work.

The piety of the faithful for the sacred Hosts gave rise to an ever increasing number of pilgrimages, of individual and group visits and of religious services of all kinds. Many saints, blessed, famous people and lay and ecclesiastical authorities came to visit the Hosts and left written testimonies of their deep veneration; and humble people never ceased their fervent devotion.

On September 14, 1980, during his visit to Siena, his Holiness pope John Paul II adored the sacred Hosts. The Pope was profoundly touched; he exclaimed: **'This is the Presence!'**

May this Eucharistic miracle foster in all of God's children an ardent desire for the bread of life which has come down from Heaven, and may it also stir in all of us an adoring love for the Lord who has chosen to dwell among us and be our fellow-traveler for all eternity."

None of us had ever heard of this. Fr. Kevin said he wondered what was going on. People kept coming and genuflecting on both knees while he was saying Mass. They were looking toward the altar. He said he even looked behind him once to see if there was something there. After Mass, the monk opened what must have been the tabernacle before Vatican II and allowed us to view the Hosts.

## OPEN INVITATION TO ALL HOLY FAMILY PARISH MEMBERS

Catholic Daughters: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM (September-June) alternates between Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall and Holy Family Parish Hall.

Catholic Youth Organization every Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

Charismatic Prayer Group every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the FLC Library.

Choir Practice every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Church (Fall through Spring).

Christian Meditation Group every Wednesday at 7:30 AM in the FLC Library (for info call Celine at 536-6351).

Hispanic Choir Practice every Friday from 7-9 PM in the FLC Conference Room.

Knights of Columbus meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall Conference Room.

Ladies Guild meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM (September-May) in the Parish Hall. Craft Workshops every Tuesday (March to November).

St. Vincent de Paul meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 11:00 AM Mass in the FLCCR.

Tops (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets each Friday at 8:30 AM in the FLCCR.

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK OR SUFFERING FROM A DEBILITATING ILLNESS

Fr. Joe Ross, Larry Sanchez, Billy Jo Walker, Tom Markley, Kori Hargraves, Lynette Finger, Karin Del Vecchio, Ken Hall, Mike Morris, Ed Crimmins, and Geraldine Dawes.

People often forget to take their friends and loved ones off the prayer list once they have recovered. In an effort to correct this, we will leave their names on the list for one month and then they will be removed unless we hear otherwise. You can call the office if you want their name back on the list or if they have a chronic illness. Thanks!!!

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# dear Padre

August 9, 2009

## What is an interdict?

What is an interdict? Is it the same as excommunication?

Janice

Dear Janice,

The two penalties are similar, but not identical. Both are disciplinary measures the Church can impose on people who have strayed from Church teaching or a Catholic Christian way of life. Neither measure is imposed lightly. Both penalties are designed to awaken the consciences of those on whom they're applied.

Canons 1331 and 1332 of the 1983 *Code of Canon Law* give the effects of excommunication and interdict. Under both penalties, a person isn't allowed to participate in the sacramental life of the Church in any way. A person who has been excommunicated may not occupy any Church office or ministry, but a person under interdict may take part in Church governance and be eligible for offices. For example, a pastor who has been excommunicated can't give or receive the sacraments or continue in his role as pastor. However, a pastor who is under interdict may not celebrate the Eucharist but may continue to hold the role of pastor within the parish church. This would be a strange and difficult situation for sure, but it's not unheard of in Church history. The Church's goal in applying either penalty is ultimately healing and reconciliation. Even as it imposes penalties, the desire of the Church is to lead its brothers and sisters who have strayed back into the fullness of communion.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

Joseph Santos, Jeremy Goosey, Brian Ferguson, Frank Thibodeau, Jonathan Brodeur, Thomas York, John B. Larkins III, Matthew Gowan, Aaron Schmidt, Anthony Daniel, David Burks, Bryce Robinson, Michael Yeager, Vincent L. Moscatello, Jr., Rob Hart, Jason Frasch, and Ashli Maldonado.

**YEAR OF THE PRIEST**

June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010

**O Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us; obtain for us many good and holy priests.**



**The Altar Flowers  
This Weekend  
Were Donated By  
An Anonymous Donor**

**FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Come to the Parish Hall on Sunday, 16 August from 3-5 PM to beat the heat and enjoy fellowship and lots of FREE ice cream. The Knights of Columbus 11909 is sponsoring an afternoon of family fun before school starts, so plan to attend and enjoy cold ice cream and warm fellowship.

**WOMEN OF FAITH....WOMEN OF ACTION**

Will be held Saturday, August 22, 2009 at St. Mark's in Norman. For more information call 405-306-5187. The cost is \$40.00. You may pick up a registration form in the Parish Office.

**THE FOUR STAGES OF MARRIAGE**

Are (1) Romance (2) Disillusionment (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first three stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4<sup>th</sup> stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4<sup>th</sup> stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery, please contact Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the Fall program beginning with a weekend on September 11-13, 2009 call (918) 695-7010 or visit our website [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

On August 22/23...Fr Leven will be celebrating all the Masses here at Holy Family in his 50<sup>th</sup> year of priesthood in thanksgiving for the many blessings he received while he was pastor here. Keep your eye on the bulletin, as more information will be made available in the near future.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**....You are 23 times more likely to die in an accident if you are Texting and Driving compared to 4 times more likely if you are driving drunk.

Enrollment forms for RE classes, for new families, are available in the RE Office and on our website, [www.holyfamilylawton.org](http://www.holyfamilylawton.org).



**Religious  
Education  
News**

Classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> for Pre-K – Grade 5 and on Wed. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades. If your child attended classes last year then he/she has been advanced to the next grade level. All families, new and returning, must complete a FORM A for each child enrolled. For more information, please visit with Vicki Gable or call 355-6355.

**\*\*\*YOUTH NEWS\*\*\***

**SUMMER FUN DAYS EVERY WEDNESDAY.** Work around the Church in the morning; go to Mass and then Lunch and A Fun Activity in the afternoon. We will picnic in the mountains, miniature golf, bowling and other fun stuff. From 9:30 to 3:30 and \$5.00 is the cost.

NOTE.. On Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, we will meet from 5:30 to 8:30 PM instead of meeting at 9:30 AM.

Youth Director: Jay Bonifield 512-5377

*From The Principal's Desk*

How is a Catholic Education Different....why a Catholic School?

"And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." (Lk 2:51,52)

St. Mary's Catholic School still has one position available for a part time Cafeteria Manager/Assistant Cook for the 2009-2010 school year. Please submit applications to Mr. Paolo Dulcamara at 611 SW A Avenue. Phone (580) 355-5288 to schedule an interview.

St. Vincent de Paul



Are you looking for ways to experience God? It can be difficult. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in the poor. We see Christ in the poor, and when we see Christ, we experience God. Please join us in our "Invitation to Serve" next weekend, August 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>, by signing up to learn more about our work. Christ is waiting to meet YOU through the poor.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR  
THE  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**