

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 preparación. Las clases serán el primer miércoles 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 anticipación.

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, 536-9155.

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 Herman Lawrence	355-7887
Deacon Pete Dulcamara	536-8142
Deacon Jim Coe	536-9337
Deacon David Bunch	529-3191

PARISH STAFF

Business Manager	Jim Coe
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Organist	Marjorie Farrell
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Custodian	Joe Morita

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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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

Our third Precept of the Church is: "The faithful shall receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season." (Note: The Sacrament discussed here may be known by several names or titles; Eucharist, Holy Communion, Blessed Sacrament and Bread from Heaven) This precept can be a bit perplexing, from a canonical standpoint (according to the code of canon law) and from the standpoint of the faithful. First of all, the Eucharist is the focal point of our Catholic faith; it is the "...source and summit of our faith." It is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation (along with Baptism and Confirmation), which means it brings us into yet another aspect, or dimension of our faith. From the standpoint of the faithful, it is perplexing to me why someone would not receive Holy Communion as often as possible if they are properly disposed. The Sacraments are a means for us to receive God's sanctifying Grace - Grace being a participation in God's divine life. Why would anyone not want to receive this Grace as often as possible? Many surveys say that less than 30% of Catholics really believe Jesus is present in the Eucharist (real presence). This would certainly explain why some would not partake. But if you break that same survey down into those who attend Mass every, or most every week, the percentage goes up to nearly 70%. If you break it down even farther to those who attend Mass daily, the percentage goes up to an astounding 98%. This precept can be perplexing from a canonical standpoint as well unless you understand the requirements for receiving Holy Communion. The first and foremost condition for receiving Communion is that one believes that it truly is the body and blood of Christ (not symbolically, but actually). The second is that the one receiving is not in a state of mortal (serious) sin. St Paul talks about receiving the Body and Blood of Christ worthily in 1 Corinthians (see chapter 11:23-29). So, when the Church says that we should receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season, they presume that we are properly disposed. If Easter is the only time you receive Communion, you should go to the Sacrament of Penance (confession) first...remember, that is precept number two. That is why we have communal penance rites at our parish every year, usually during Advent in preparation for Christmas and during Lent in preparation for Easter. Our Lenten Penance Rite will be on March 17th this year (through the intercession of St Patrick) and we will have several priests here to help. I know that most of you reading this attend Mass and receive Communion regularly. But if we know that the reason this precept was established by the Church in the first place (Eucharistic abuses in the Middle Ages) and understand the general meaning behind it (to encourage all the faithful to partake of the Bread from Heaven) it will help those of us who receive it regularly to appreciate it even more.

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday February 2nd/The Presentation of the Lord

12:00 PM MASS Spec Int. Ed Crimmins by St. Vincent de Paul

Readings: Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Tuesday February 3rd/Blaise, Bishop, Martyr

12:00 PM MASS † John Bilovecky by Oklahoma State Council Knights of Columbus

Readings: Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday February 4th

12:00 PM MASS Spec Int. Peter & Mary Tejada by Jim & Maria Pilar

Readings: Heb 12:4-7,11-15 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday February 5th/Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

12:00 PM MASS Spec. Int. Deacon Herman Lawrence by Clifford & Frieda Page

Readings: Heb 12:19,21-24 Mk 6:7-13

Friday February 6th/Paul Miki, Martyr

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29

Saturday February 7th

Readings: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Mk 6:30-34

February 8th/5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Jb 7:1-4,6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mk 1:29-39

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

† **Homer "Daddy" Anderson** by Gene Sohl

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

† **Regina Maia Glen** by Barbara Kraft

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

People of the Parish

1:00 PM Spanish Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Dorine Cheramie, Harold Nesmith, Adele Walker, Alice Conner, Marcos Melendez, Deacon Pete Dulcamara, Deacon Herman Lawrence, Ed Crimmins, Corrine Boettcher, Gary Roberts, Brenden Scarfone, Norma Cottingham, Geraldine Dawes, Stephanie Ortega and Marie Webb.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

Jeremy Goosey, Joshua Myrice, Michael Epperson, Mark Bilafer, Brian Ferguson, Frank Thibodeau, Todd King, Jonathan Brodeur, Christopher Kent, Thomas York, John B. Larkins III, Matthew Gowan, Aaron Schmidt, Anthony Daniel, Wes Carter, David Burks, Bryce Robinson, Michael Yeager, Vincent L. Moscatello, Jr., Rob Hart and Jason Frascht.

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YOUTH REPORT

"Souper Bowl Sunday" is this Sunday and our Youth Group will be joining youth from all over the United States to raise money to feed the poor. We have participated in this National Program the last five years and each year millions of dollars are raised. All the money collected in our parish is kept within the parish. Please be very generous when you see your youth begging for money after Mass today which is Super Bowl Sunday. Remember it's "Souper Bowl" Sunday for the poor.

SCHOLARSHIPS



The Ladies Guild Annual Scholarship applications are now available. To qualify you (1) Must be a registered Parish member or the child of a registered member. (2) Show

Scholastic Achievements (3) Leadership Ability/Extracurricular Activities/Church Activity Participation and (4) Show family financial need. Applications may be picked up in the Parish Office or the RE Office.

The Catholic Foundation Scholarships are also available by contacting The Foundation at PO Box 32180, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Phone (405) 721-4115. College, Medical, Nursing and Music Scholarships are now available.



ACCW - ROSE DAY - This year's "Rose Day", the Pro-Life Event, will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. ACCW has chartered a 32-passenger bus that will take anyone interested in attending from St. Francis of Assisi Church in OKC. The round trip will cost \$12.00.

You are invited for Mass at 7:30 AM in the Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi Church at 1901 Northwest 18th. After Mass a complimentary light brunch will be served in the Kelley Room on the first floor. At 9:20, we will load the bus and leave the St. Francis Parking Lot at 9:30 for the capitol and the bus will pick us up at between 1:30 and 2:00. For reservations or more information, please call Shirley Stricklan at 1-800-725-8051.

ATTENTION ALL FATHERS: The Church is offering a wonderful opportunity for you to be involved in a special way in the life of your daughter or granddaughter. We will be having our 3rd Annual Father-Daughter Ball on Saturday, Feb. 7th, immediately after the 5:30 Mass. Come and join us for a special evening of food and dancing. Tickets will be on sale next weekend and also available in the Parish Office. For info, call Mikki Young at 429-6528.



In the Father's Footsteps Men's Conference.....

Husbands, Fathers, Sons and Grandfathers, please keep Saturday, February 28th open and join men of all ages in a wonderful day of learning, reflection, fellowship, reconciliation, and celebration of the Eucharist with Archbishop Beltran at Bishop McGuinness High School. We will have four speakers that will cover all aspects of being "Men of Honor". All conference activities and lunch are included in the fee. Register today on-line at www.catholicmen.net or using the brochure found in the church foyer.

ST. ANN RETIREMENT HOME... Have you considered moving lately? Now is the perfect time to join our beautiful community. We have a few apartments available at this time in Independent Living and Assisted Living. We are located at 7501 W. Britton Road in Oklahoma City. For more information, please Richard Amend, Mission Director, at (405) 721-0747.

February 1, 2009 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What are you called to do?

Mark's Gospel gives a subtle description of the reaction of Jesus' audience. We do not learn whether his hearers accepted his message. What we see is how they recognize his uniqueness, his authority. They respond to him, the person, Jesus. Another sort of audience is described in the same place. A tormented man with an unclean spirit is transformed by Jesus. The evil in this poor fellow is called out into the presence of Christ, and the man is given peace. Jesus uses power. Everyone—his disciples, those possessed, the community arriving that day for Sabbath prayer—all realize Jesus' presence and actions are rooted in something deep and unique. How is it the disciples had dropped their nets, left their jobs? They were taken by the presence of Jesus. His message for them was subtle, yet down to earth: Follow me. I want a different sort of fishing from you. The ministry of Jesus is rooted in his Incarnation. The Divine steps into our world, takes up our human nature, and changes things. Seeing this person in action caused recognition and astonishment, shock and attraction. Did anyone expect a normal workday or Sabbath day to turn out so differently? Jesus' call is a connection of what is subtle and common to what is dramatic and unique. Jesus' call takes us where we are—as what we are—and says, follow me, let me show the work of God through you. Saint Paul asks, what should you be preoccupied with? Marriage? The Lord's work? In his audience, people were called to all of these. What are you good at? What work gives you joy? What is deepest in you? What is God giving you authority to do?