

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 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.

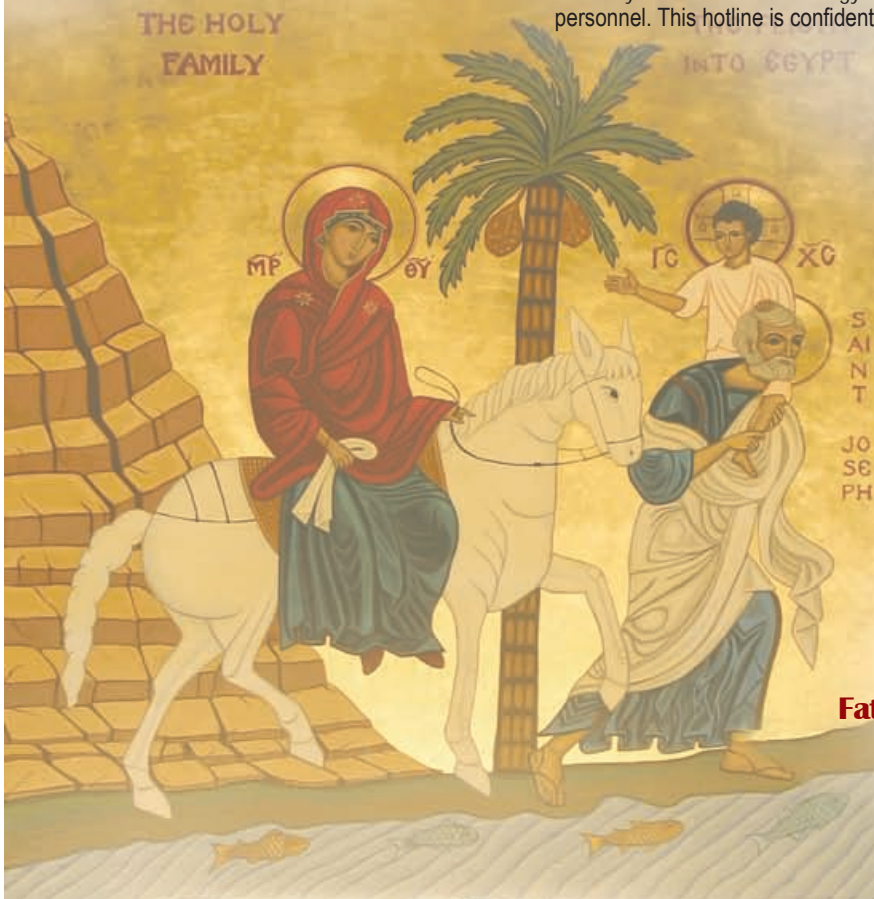
Fr. Kirk Larkin
Pastor

PASTORAL STAFF
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Deacon Jim Coe 536-9337
Deacon David Bunch 529-3191

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Organist Marjorie Farrell
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Parishioner Records Gretchen Hajek
Facilities Director Roger Sessom
Custodian Bill Sickler
Custodian Joe Morita

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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 fifth precept of the Church is, "The faithful (that is you and I) have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities." The term ascribed to this duty is often referred to as *tithing*. The word *tithe* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *teotha* meaning "a tenth". This *tithing*, or *tenthing*, is found in the Bible as early as Gen. 14:20 when Abraham gives Melchizedek "... a tenth of everything" after conquering the king of Sodom and those who were allied with him. However, this tithe does not seem to be a new practice but more of fulfilling an already established custom.

This custom runs throughout the rest of the Old Testament and into the New. The early Church depended upon the contributions of the first converts to sustain the fledgling Bride of Christ. The collection for the Church in Jerusalem was a major undertaking of St. Paul's ministry (Cf. Romans 15:25-29, 1Corinthians 16:1ff and all of chapters 8 & 9 of 2 Corinthians). This custom remained in place, for the most part, until the reformation and especially after the French revolution when government became so secularized. When we tithe, or provide for the financial needs of the Church, it should not be done begrudgingly, it should be done in a spirit of gratitude for all that God has done for us. It should also be a sacrifice, not just putting in a few bucks whenever the basket comes around. Remember the story of the poor widow who put in two small coins? Jesus said of her "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood." (Mk 12:38-40, Lk 21:1-4) And when we give, we should give with no strings attached and no expectations in return. I remember my dad used to give us things all the time but there were always strings attached. I finally said, "Dad, you are trying to control us by giving us something and then putting limits on what we can or cannot do with it. I will only accept it if you give it unconditionally with no expectations." That is the way we are to give to the Church as well. It really should not matter what the Church spends our money on, we should be giving because that is what God wants us to do. If your money is not properly managed it will be the person in charge of the money that will be held accountable. However, in the Catholic Church, there are measures to make sure all money collected from parishioners is cared for properly. It is mandatory that every parish have a Finance Committee with people competent in finances to make sure all contributions are accounted for. In our parish, the Pastoral Council, a group of people elected by a parish vote, are also made aware of the spending of our parish proceeds. In the future we will have a stewardship fare to help us realize how to better use our time, talents and treasures for building up this wonderful parish of ours.

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday February 16th

12:00 PM MASS Spec. Int. William Hall by a Holy Family Parishioner

Readings: Gn 4:1-15,25 Mk 8:11-13

ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Tuesday February 17th/The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious

12:00 PM Communion Service

Readings: Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5,10 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday February 18th

12:00 PM MASS Spec Int. Deacon Herman

Lawrence by Virginia Shaw Scherler

Readings: Gn 8:6-13,20-22 Mk 8:22-26

Thursday February 19th

12:00 PM MASS † John R. Teter Anniv. of Birthdate by Joan Libro

Readings: Gn 9:1-13 Mk 8:27-33

Friday February 20th

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Gn 11:1-9 Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday February 21st

Readings: Heb 11:1-7 Mk 9:2-13

February 22nd /7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25 2 Cor 1:18-22
Mk 2:1-12

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

† **Georgia Banta Anniversary of Birthdate** by Gary and Sandra Roberts

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

People of the Parish

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

Spec. Int. Alexander Daniel, Sr. by Rita Daniel

1:00 PM Spanish Mass



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.

ADF We are most grateful to the loyal donors and the new donors who have pledged to the Archdiocesan Development Fund Appeal. If you were not present or prepared to make a commitment last weekend, we invite you to do so today. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED....

Become more involved in the liturgy. Altar Server Training for the young (10 years and up) and old alike will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 28, 2009. This training session is for anyone interested in joining this special ministry. Any questions, please call Linda at 353-2052 or the parish office at 536-6351.

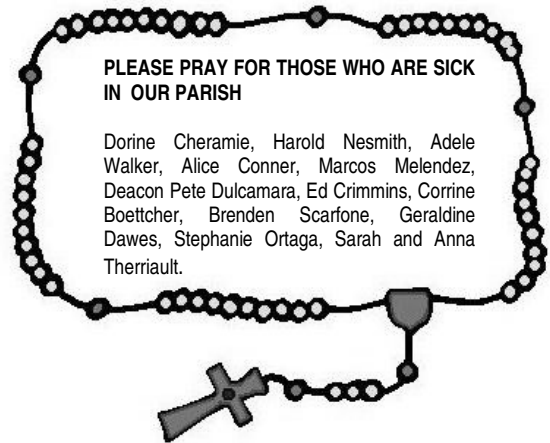
NURSERY HELP NEEDED



Holy Family is taking applications for a Part Time Paid Position in the Church Nursery... If you are interested in this position, please contact Vicki Gable at 536-6355.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL MASS AND MEETING will be held on Monday, February 16th at Our Lady's Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Beltran at 4 PM and the program and reception will follow at 5 PM in Conner Center. Dr. David Lopez, President of American Fidelity Foundation, will be the guest speaker. All are welcome and reservations are greatly appreciated. Contact Cassie Nehring at 405 523-3000.

Holy Family K of C Council 11909 is sponsoring Bingo in the FLC Gym after Mass on Sat., February 21st. Food will be offered. Bingo will be played for guaranteed cash prizes.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Dorine Cheramie, Harold Nesmith, Adele Walker, Alice Conner, Marcos Melendez, Deacon Pete Dulcamara, Ed Crimmins, Corrine Boettcher, Brenden Scarfone, Geraldine Dawes, Stephanie Ortega, Sarah and Anna Therriault.



BUSY WEEK!!! On Feb 20th...Movie Night at the Carmike Theaters from 4:40 to 8:00. Bring \$5.00. On Feb 21st from 1:00 to 7:00 Net Retreat at Ft. Sill for 9th through 12th grades and on

Feb. 22nd "Feed The Poor" from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. See you there!!

POST CARD SIGNING DAY...

Our parish is joining Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress. We will speak out as a voice for those who will never have one by letting our congressman know we oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) which provides government funding for abortions (our tax money) and forces all doctors who deliver babies to perform abortions as well. Next week we will have our "post card" campaign in the vestibule in front of the church where we can join our voices together to speak out for life.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will meet at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 21st at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for the 32nd Anniversary of the Catholic Daughters. This gathering will include a meeting followed by a potluck luncheon. We always welcome new members. If you are interested, come join us for our meeting and celebration.

For a great way to focus on Lent, come to the Holy Family K of C Council 11909 Pancake Breakfast Mixer from 9 AM to 1 PM Sunday, Feb. 22 in the FLC Gym. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids 6 to 12, and those under 6 dine FREE. Discounts offered for families with 3 or more children. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy and beverages. Come hungry, eat happy!

