


We have seen HIS star at its RISING

A painting depicting the three wise men on camels. The camels are white and heavily laden with gifts. The riders are dressed in traditional Middle Eastern attire, including long robes and head coverings. They are traveling along a dirt path in a desert landscape. The background shows a distant city or town with a prominent tower. The overall style is that of a classical religious painting.

and have come to do HIM homage

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Well, we have made it through the holidays and now it's on to a new year. This past year has been a year of tremendous growth here at Holy Family...for the parish as a whole, but also, and most especially, for me as your pastor. My learning curve is still steep - the role of pastor is one you learn "on the job." Personally, I feel I have made some steps in the right direction but I also realize I have failed at times. If I have offended anyone, I ask your forgiveness. My intent as pastor is never to divide but to unite. Unfortunately, I have to make some decisions that are not easy and that not everyone is pleased with. I always strive to do what is best for the parish and put her concerns first. Many others have been of great help to me as well, especially our staff. They are very devoted and I am blessed to be able to work with them. Many of our parishioners have stepped up too. They have offered their time and talents to help bring about one of the goals I deeply desire...to increase the knowledge of the faithful here at Holy Family, particularly through adult education. Whether you have helped in the teaching or learning end of it - or both as I so often do - our efforts together seem to have borne fruit. I feel like many of our parishioners are now a little better equipped to understand their faith and in turn, explain that faith to others (that is what we call evangelization). Our adult education program will continue and we hope to find new and exciting ways of explaining and presenting our faith...all we need is your participation. I look forward to 2009 with great joy and excitement. Please continue to pray that I will be a good and faithful shepherd to the flock God and our Archbishop has entrusted to my care, just as I pray for all of you in my daily prayers. God bless and Happy New Year!

SWLC STUDY WEEK IN DENVER... This year's Southwest Liturgical Conference Study Week will be in Denver, January 14-17, 2009. Please call The Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at (405) 721- 5651 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday January 5th/John Neumann, Bishop

12:00 PM MASS † Ludmilia Kvasnica by Cecilia Kvasnica
Readings: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Tuesday January 6th/Blessed Andre Bessette

12:00 PM MASS † Danny Miller by Larry & Mickey Stokes
Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday January 7th/Raymond of Penafort

12:00 PM MASS Spec. Int. Diana & Peter Therriault by John & Anna Therriault
Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday January 8th

12:00 PM MASS † Betty Boyd by George & Sharon Snyder
Readings: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22a

Friday January 9th

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE
Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday January 10th

Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Readings: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

† Homer "Daddy" Anderson by Gene Sohl

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

People of the Parish

11:00 AM Sunday Mass † Regina Maia Glen by Barbara Kraft

1:00 PM Spanish Mass



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Dorine Cheramie, Harold Nesmith, Adele Walker, Alice Conner, Lynette Finger, Sarah Burgos, Marcos Melendez, Deacon Pete Dulcamara, Deacon Herman Lawrence and Nicole Buswell.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

Adam Frick, 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 Gowen, Aaron Schmidt, Anthony Daniel, Wes Carter, David Burks, Bryce Robinson, Michael Yeager, Vincent L. Moscatello, Jr. and Rob Hart.



OKLAHOMA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the

Clarion Convention Center, I-40 & Meridian in Oklahoma City. If you are interested in car-pooling please call the office. You can register on line at www.ocwconference.com. Adults \$40.00 and Students \$30.00 until January 9th. After Jan 9th, the fee is \$50.00. Registration does not include lunch. You may add a box lunch and drink for \$10.00.

PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM...SPRING 2009

will BEGIN JANUARY 20th and FINISH ON MAY 5th. Theology 1013 Introduction to the New Testament will be taught by Father Joe Ross on Tuesday Evenings from 7 PM to 10 PM in the FLCCR. For more information please call Sister Diane Koorie at (405) 721-5651.



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Your gifts, in the spirit of The Magi, have brought comfort and peace to so many in the Lawton area. Because of your gifts, we will continue with our annual financial statement this week highlighting the second area of disbursements. In our last fiscal year ending September 30, we paid the Oklahoma Food Bank \$3,932.74 (for an incredible amount of food!) and sent \$1,205.00 to our St. Vincent de Paul twin in Kenya for their work. For dues, supplies, bibles, masses and miscellaneous items we paid \$737.99. Next week: What our financial statement never tells....

ST. GREGORY'S ABBEY

In the January 2009 issue of the Catholic Digest, you are able to choose your favorite charity from the list of the National Catholic Development Conference member organizations. The charity that receives the most votes will receive \$5,000.00 from Catholic Digest. A postage paid ballot is found in the recent issue of Catholic Digest - only original ballots will be counted -. The monks of St. Gregory's Abbey thank you for your vote...



All Parishoners are invited to an Epiphany Pot Luck today, January 4th in the FLCGYM immediately following the Spanish Mass at approximately 2:30 PM. The three wise men

will be in attendance so bring your children, your dish and your camera. The speak both English and Spanish.

The Sanctity of Life Committee would like to invite you to participate in the annual Mass to pray for an end to abortion on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. This year the event will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on January 21, 2009 at 6 PM and as usual Archbishop Beltran will preside.

JOIN...Father Marvin Leven on a special Medjugorje Pilgrimage March 15-23, 2009 hosted by visionary Mirjana Soldo. \$2,179.00 all-inclusive includes round trip airfare from OKC, 2 meals per day, 7 nights lodging. \$400.00 reserves your spot. For more info contact Melani Roewe, 282-3140 or melani@travelovertures.com.

JANUARY 11th will begin National Vocation Awareness Week. Please begin this week by praying for our seminarians that are currently studying for the Priesthood as well as those who are trying to discern whether God is calling them to a religious vocation.