

# 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  
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Deacon Pete Dulcamara 536-8142  
Deacon Jim Coe 536-9337  
Deacon David Bunch 529-3191

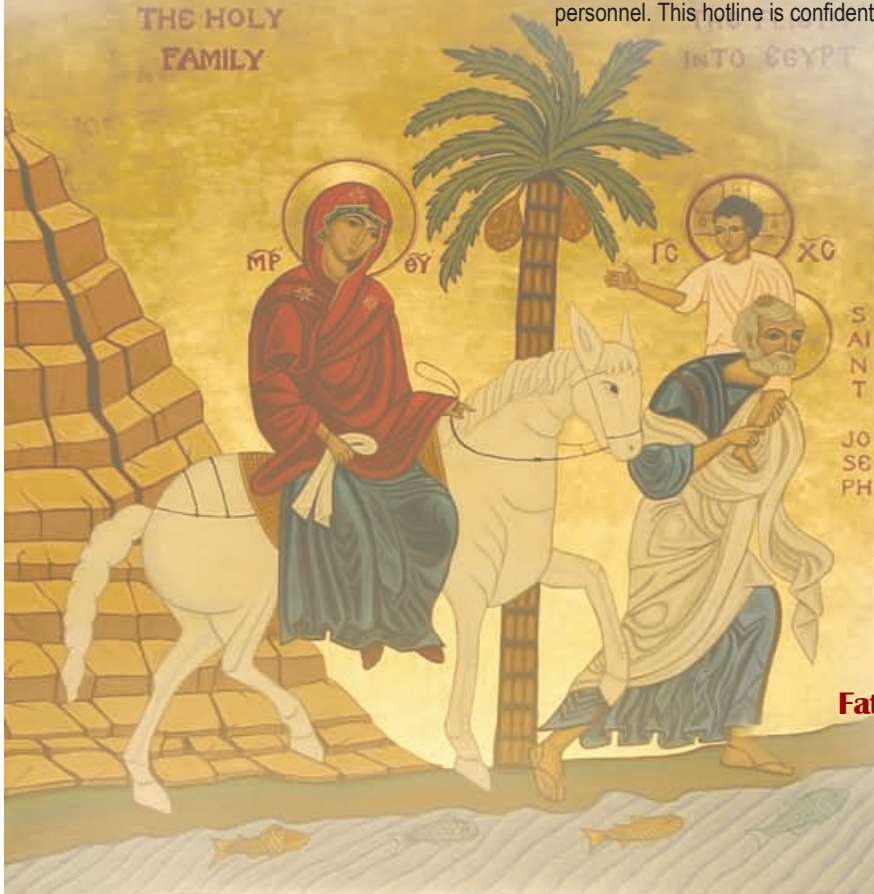
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Youth Director Jay Bonifield  
Organist/Choirmaster Bruce Brown  
Organist Marjorie Farrell  
Parish Secretary Nicole Buswell  
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Parishioner Records Gretchen Hajek  
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Custodian Joe Morita

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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.**

**Father Larkin: [holyfamilypriest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:holyfamilypriest@sbcglobal.net)**  
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**Bulletin Deadline: Monday 12:00 Noon**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Today begins "National Vocation Awareness Week." Many people do not really understand what a vocation is or how one goes about determining what vocation they may be called to. Here is a definition of vocation from dictionary.com: "A *strong impulse or inclination to follow a particular activity or career*". Another definition they give focuses more on the religious aspect of vocation: "A *function or station in life to which one is called by God: the religious vocation; the vocation of marriage*." This second definition is more of what we are concerned with. In the eyes of the Church, a vocation is much more than a career and every person on this earth will fall under one of three primary vocations...the married life, single life or religious life. There are also sub, or secondary vocations if you will, such as teaching (especially mentally challenged students), working with the poor and homeless, working in particular areas of the Church, etc., etc. People who have these jobs are not doing them so they can become rich or famous...they do it because that is what they feel God has called them to do. Many of us who are older have already chosen our primary vocation and most have chosen a vocation to the married life. A select few will follow the path less traveled. I was in my early thirties before I took the time to step back and say, "Where am I going in life? What is my vocation?" I was single and had a good job but something was missing. At one point, a priest asked me if I had ever thought of being a priest and I said, "Thanks, but no thanks." But the seed was planted. For the next few years I kept praying and trying to figure out what it was God really wanted me to do. The decision to enter the seminary to try and figure out if God was indeed calling me to the priesthood was not an easy decision to make. But I know now in my heart that I did in fact make the right one. When we pray for vocations we should pray for those who are living out their vocation as married people, that they can be happy and have a functional family life. We should also pray for those who have chosen to live a single life, either in the world or in a religious community. But most of all, we should pray for those who are called to serve God by serving His people as a priest. So this week, as we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood we must also strive to encourage young men, as well as older men who are not married, to consider a life as a priest so the Church will continue Her mission in this world that so desperately needs light to shine on those who live in darkness.

### THANK YOU

JUST ONE MORE TIME...Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity over the holidays. The cards and gifts were very much appreciated. I still go through and reread the cards; it allows me to enjoy them all over again. THANK YOU!!!

### MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

#### **Monday January 12th**

**12:00 PM MASS † Krystyna Abram** by Thomas Abram

Readings: Heb 1:1-6 Mk 1:14-20

**ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

#### **Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>/ Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

**12:00 PM MASS † Helga Spalding** by Clifford, Jr. and Frieda Page

Readings: Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28

#### **Wednesday January 14th**

**12:00 PM MASS † Madge Wade** by Johanna & Jim Henry

Readings: Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39

#### **Thursday January 15th**

**12:00 PM MASS † Anna Scheirer** by Ron & Marie Scheirer

Readings: Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45

#### **Friday January 16th**

**12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE**

Readings: Heb 4:1-5,11 Mk 2:1-12

#### **Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup>/Anthony, Abbot**

Readings: Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17

#### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Readings: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Jn 1:35-42

**5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass**

**Spec. Int. Lynette Finger** by Ed & Margaret Crimmins

**8:30 AM Sunday Mass**

People of the Parish

**11:00 AM Sunday Mass † Rev. Alan Loth** by Holy Family Parish

**1:00 PM Spanish Mass**

#### REACHING JESUS

#### FIVE STEPS TO A FULLER LIFE

#### AN AFTERNOON OF DOWN-TO-EARTH

Practical guide to real-life spirituality  
TODAY, Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Frontier Chapel Center from 2:30 PM TO 5:00 PM...Father David Knight is a popular retreat director and prolific author. He holds a doctorate in theology from the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. His ministry is focused on the development and integration into parish life of pastoral plans and programs for spiritual growth among the laity.

## Precepts of the Church

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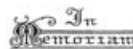
Precepts of the Church are something we don't hear much about. A precept, according to Webster's Dictionary, is "an injunction as to moral conduct; maxim." An injunction says we must or must not do a certain thing. So the precepts of the Church are a list of the minimum things, as Catholics, we should or should not do. Hopefully we are not guilty of being minimalists. The precepts were given to us because, being the way we are, we need something by which to gauge our spiritual life, something to tell us this is the least we can do and still remain a practicing Catholic. Okay, so what are they?

1. "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and refrain from servile work." This requires us to gather with all the faithful on the day of the Resurrection to celebrate the Eucharist as a community. Attending Mass is not just about me. It is about being witness to the others that my relationship with Jesus and this community is important to me and I come each week or holy day to confirm that witness. If each of us attend Mass only when we feel like it, the Church might be awfully cold and silent many Sundays. No joyful songs ringing through the air or praise and worship warming the hearts of each of us.  
 Servile work or labor is primarily the occupation by which we support ourselves. So, if you work in an office all week, digging in your garden on Sunday is probably refreshing and not perceived as work. In the modern age, it sometimes happens that a person must work on a Sunday because of the nature of his/her job.  
 While it may be more difficult to maintain the spirit of the holy day, we might say a Rosary on our drive to work or put a little something in our day planner; an acknowledgement that this day is a little more special than most.
2. "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." The thing about confession, and probably the reason we resist going, is because it helps us realize we may not be living up to our own expectations much less those of the Lord. It is so easy to justify a snide remark to someone who doesn't agree with us or to rationalize that new item we just bought (but didn't really need) and now we don't have the funds to meet our obligations. Or a million other things that happen each day with us hardly aware of them. Examination of conscience helps make us more aware. It is so easy to travel from one day to the next without ever examining what we have or have not done. I guess you could say it is a thoughtless life and we're not focused on how we might be better.
3. "You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season." Can you imagine anyone starving himself or herself of the Eucharist and only receiving once a year? The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic life. Without Jesus in the most Holy Eucharist, we are depriving ourselves of the nourishment received when we accept Him humbly into ourselves so that He might purify us and redeem us. The Eucharist truly lets Jesus become part of me! Part of me! Think of that. Most of us don't realize the precious treasure we have here because we go so routinely it becomes habit. Please don't let it become habit. As you walk down the aisle waiting your turn to take your Precious Lord into your heart, think about that awesome privilege. Bow your head in prayer and humility asking the Lord Jesus again to make you worthy. Keep your eye on the prize you are about to obtain. And do the same on the way back to your pew. Keep your mind focused on the enormity of what has just happened.
4. "You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence." While fasting and abstinence can seem like a hard pill to swallow, in reality they are excellent tools to discipline our minds and hearts and bring them into closer union with the will of God in our lives. Every hunger pang is a prayer cleansing the greedy parts of ourselves. Every time our mouth waters at the sight of some morsel of food we have forsaken, we can join it to the waters of our baptism to remind us by what great sacrifice He saved us. Every time a show we have given up comes on TV, that is an opportunity to tune into what our Lord gave up for us.
5. "The faithful have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities." I guess it goes without saying that the Church needs resources to fulfill its role as servant to the people. It takes money to build churches, endow programs and carry on instruction. We want the Church to be there for us and so it is only logical that we must provide the funds so it can meet the needs of the People of God and spread the Gospel. We can't just let the other guy do it. It is our solemn obligation before God. We are commanded to give back to the Lord for His work and not just the leftovers!
6. "Observe the Church's laws on Marriage." These laws cover things like the degrees of relationship (can't marry a brother, sister, etc.), the times marriage is forbidden, under age (16 for a boy and 14 for a girl), etc. See Canon Law #'s 1055-1165. Your parish priest will know all these things. Each of us is supposed to help our spouse to become holy. We don't think about that much. We concentrate more on what he/she is or is not doing to keep me happy. If I am focused on me, that doesn't leave much time to be thinking about my spouse, does it? The Church has ages of experience behind it to offer to us on marriage. It would do us well to accept what she has to offer.

So now, when someone mentions the precepts of the Church, you'll have an idea of what they are.



**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS**  
**December 2008 \$76,663.09**  
**St. Vincent de Paul \$ 4517.43**  
**St. Mary's \$ 1190.00**  
**Archdiocesan Collection \$ 5572.67**



**Please Remember Those Members of  
 Our Parish Who Rest In Eternal Peace**  
**JOHN BILOVECKY**  
**AND**  
**LEWIS ROBIN KARAS**

## ARCHDIOCESE SEMINARIANS

Below is a current list of seminarians studying for our Archdiocese. As we begin **National Vocation Awareness Week**, we ask that you pick out 1, or 2, or even 3 of these young men and support them. Supporting a seminarian can be as simple as just praying for them. Or, if you feel inclined, you can also write from time to time and possibly send some home baked goodies...just something to let them know we are thinking of them. Thank you in advance for taking this opportunity to help these young men discern their vocation and for letting them know they do not walk this journey alone.

### FOURTH THEOLOGY

(To Be Ordained in June, 2009)  
Mr. William (Billy) Lewis  
Mr. Long Phan  
Notre Dame Seminary  
2901 South Carrollton Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70118

### SECOND THEOLOGY

Mr. Cory Douglas  
Pontifical North American College  
00120 Vatican City State  
Europe

### PRE-THEOLOGY 2

Mr. Brian Buettner  
Conception Seminary College  
PO Box 502  
Conception, MO 64433-0502

Mr. Vincente Lopez  
Notre Dame Seminary  
2901 South Carrollton Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70118

### PRE-THEOLOGY 1

Mr. Christopher (Chris) Brashears  
Mr. Linh Bui  
Mr. Timothy Ruckel  
Conception Seminary College  
PO Box 502  
Conception, MO 64433-0502

### FOURTH COLLEGE

Mr. Robert Miller  
Conception Seminary College  
PO Box 502  
Conception, MO 64433-0502

### THIRD COLLEGE

Mr. Cristobal Deloera  
Mr. Daniel Grover  
Conception Seminary College  
PO Box 502  
Conception, MO 64433-0502

### SECOND COLLEGE

Mr. Andrew Horn  
Mr. John Lewis  
Conception Seminary College  
PO Box 502  
Conception, MO 64433-0502

### FIRST COLLEGE

Mr. Jared Ortega  
Conception Seminary College  
PO Box 502  
Conception, MO 64433-0502



After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we can also hear these same words.

**As you place your gift in the Society of St Vincent de Paul envelope each month, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and trust in that love.**

Thank you to those of you who are always so kind to help with our pantry needs. Our little kids always like to get peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, and we could use some mayonnaise to go with all the tuna we got from the food bank.

We promised to tell you of the things that our financial statement never shows: the people those dollars help. The money you contribute (along with food and other items) helps people...God's hidden children on the margins of society, we seldom see out here in the suburbs. The man living and dying with AIDS; the lady sleeping in her car; the mother nursing her baby sitting on the floor because they have no living room furniture; the four kids and their Mom starting over with nothing, having just escaped their Dad who snapped one week and turned on all of them; the two teen-agers with no living family and left with huge financial and emotional problems to face, and hardly anywhere to turn; the family who needs their water turned back on...these are God's children...God's hurting children...and our brothers and sisters. We Vincentians know exactly what Father Larkin was talking about in his sermon last week-end -- the joy of helping someone outside ourselves, and knowing that we are a living conduit for "The Good News" that: God and Holy Family cares! And so we pray for you, and thank you for being our partners in this great and loving ministry, and giving us a reason to publish a financial statement.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Dorine Cheramie, Harold Nesmith, Adele Walker, Alice Conner, Sarah Burgos, Marcos Melendez, Deacon Pete Dulcamara, Deacon Herman Lawrence, Ed Crimmins and Corrine Boettcher.

**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., Rob Hart and Jason Frascht.



**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](http://www.ocwconference.com). Adults \$40.00 and Students \$30.00 until January 9<sup>th</sup>. After Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> and FINISH ON MAY 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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...

**SPANISH CLASS FOR ADULTS**

6:30 - 8:30 Mondays

FLC Conference Room

Beginning tomorrow January 12<sup>th</sup>

New Students are Welcome! We will begin with a review!

**\*\*\*CRYSTAL METH EDUCATION PROGRAM\*\*\***

Cris Carter, Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools has brought this matter to my attention. In January, state and local law enforcement agencies along with First Lady Kim Henry will be hosting a Meth education program. Churches and schools across the state will be holding watch parties at 6:30 PM on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. That evening all the major television networks in our state will show a 28 minute documentary called Crystal Darkness. State and local law enforcements officials, as well as mental health professionals, will be on hand, if you wish, to attend your watch party, answer questions and offer assistance to your community. More information is available, as well as a watch party sign up form at [www.crystaldarknessoklahoma.com](http://www.crystaldarknessoklahoma.com), including a flyer and sample posters. It is not necessary to purchase anything. If you have any questions, you may also contact Agent Mike Snowdan, at the Okla Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Control, 1-800-522-8031 or Chris Carter at (405) 721-5651 (ext. 128).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Make 2009 the year you put your marriage at the top of your priority list. Spend a weekend together and renew this most sacred sacrament. The next weekend is in Oklahoma City on Jan. 30 - February 1... Please contact Dan (405-760-0349 or Jean (405-760-0390). Email: [partspeople@att.net](mailto:partspeople@att.net).

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

will meet at 9:30 AM on Saturday, Jan 17, 2009 At Holy Family. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested, come join us for our meeting and fellowship.

**YOUTH GROUP**

January 16<sup>th</sup> GO TO THE MOVIES NIGHT

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> FEED THE POOR

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**HOBO LUNCHEON**

LADIES GUILD MEETING..Will be Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the Family Life Center. We will provide Soup and Crackers ... You bring the bowl, the spoon and your appetite. Wear your best Hobo Clothes "Grubbies"...

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.