

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1010 NW 82nd 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 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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Youth Director	Jay Bonifield
Organist/Choirmaster	Bruce Brown
Organist	Marjorie Farrell
Parish Secretary	Nicole Buswell
Bookkeeper	Sandra Roberts
Parishioner Records	Gretchen Hajek
Facilities Director	Roger Sessom
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

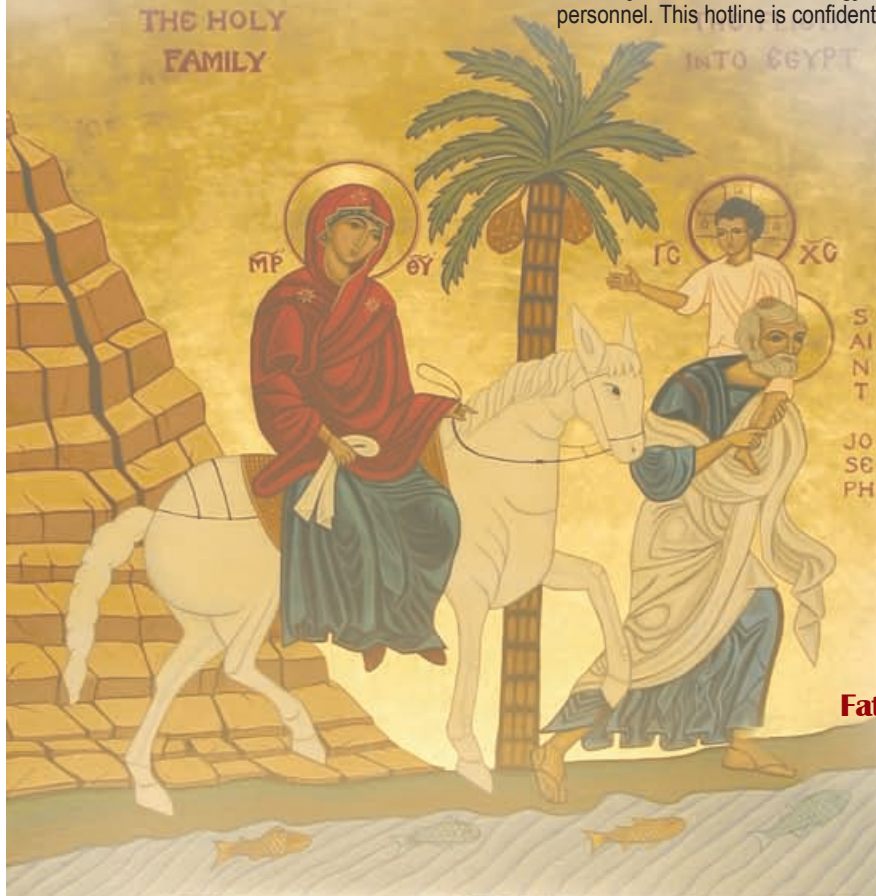
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THE HOLY
 FAMILY

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

PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

Number two on our list of precepts for the Church is; "**Confess your sins at least once a year.**" As I am writing this article, I am also preparing to hear the first confessions of 66 youth from our parish that are preparing to make their first communion. This is a great opportunity to teach these children at an early age that confession is not something we should fear. One thing that continues to amaze me is how reluctant some people are to go to confession. What is it that so many are afraid of? I believe it begins with the first words we say when we walk in the confessional, "Bless me father for I have sinned." We do not like to admit we are sinners; we do not like to admit we do bad things. Just because we do bad things, it does not mean we are bad people. Another reason seems to be that some people think the priest will look down on them or judge them after they have confessed. Well, I can tell you from a personal perspective...I think a lot more of a person after they leave the confessional than I ever did before they came in. That is because I understand. I was the one sitting in the other chair for a long time and I know how hard it can be to confess our sins, especially serious ones. So I took the advice a wise old priest gave me in the seminary; he said, "Be a lion at the pulpit and a lamb in the confessional." Something else, I hardly ever remember anyone's confession...and that is the honest truth. I believe it is a grace that comes with the Sacrament for me as a priest. I have enough going on in my life...I do not need to spend time thinking about other people's problems. Finally, I believe there is one other factor that figures into this phenomenon; many people today have lost a sense of what sin is. It is only by practicing regular confession that we begin to understand what our sins are and how to overcome them. As the old saying goes, practice makes perfect. Yet, many people believe they do not need to go to confession to be forgiven for their sins and, in a sense, they are right. God is not bound to the Sacraments...He instituted them as means for us to acquire His grace. God can forgive sins whenever He wants, He does not have to wait for a priest to say the words of absolution. However, if we look closely at Holy Scripture (such as, Matt 16:18 & 18:18, John 20:23, 2 Cor 5:18-20, James 5:16), we can see that God clearly entrusted His Church and her ministers with the ministry of reconciliation...and He must have a good reason for that. I find this incredible Sacrament not only a way to be assured of God's mercy and forgiveness, but also a useful tool in helping me resist those same temptations in the future.

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday January 26th/Timothy & Titus, Bishops
12:00 PM MASS Spec. Int. Rosaline Vardeman by Angie Robinson
Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 3:22-30
ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Tuesday January 27th/Angela Merici, Virgin
12:00 PM MASS † Helene Sippl 30th Anniv. of Death by Duane & Corrine Boettcher
Readings: Heb 10:1-10 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday January 28th/Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church
12:00 PM MASS Spec. Int. Alice Conner by Mike and Lisa Roberts
Readings: Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday January 29th
12:00 PM MASS In Thanksgiving & Spec. Int. Vernon & Lillian Worthington III by Father Kirk Larkin
Readings: Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25

Friday January 30th
12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE
Readings: Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday January 31st/John Bosco, Priest
Readings: Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Mk 4:35-41

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Readings: Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28
5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass
† **Madge Wade** by **H. George Picek Family**
8:30 AM Sunday Mass
† **Theresa Senger** by The Meyers Family & The Cerrone Family
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, Sarah Burgos, Marcos Melendez, Deacon Pete Dulcamara, Deacon Herman Lawrence, Ed Crimmins, Corrine Boettcher, Gary Roberts, Brenden Scarfone, Norma Cottingham, Geraldine Dawes and Stephanie Ortega.

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...The 2009 Archdiocesan Development Fund Appeal will be held on February 7th and February 8th, in our Parish. The programs, services, and ministries supported by the Appeal are for Catholics in Central and Western Oklahoma. Archdiocesan financial support is possible because of each of us. We are His Church...The gifts you have received - give us a gift. The Church serves each of us, and our financial support continues God's work in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

SPANISH CLASS FOR ADULTS
6:30 – 8:30 Mondays
FLC Conference Room
New Students are always Welcome!

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.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values. **One of the way's we take care of God's poor is through our pantry, which right now is low on canned fruit, mayonnaise (for all of the tuna we have), ketchup, dry milk (always) and toilet pape. Always remember that your gifts end up in the homes of Lawton's poor. God bless you for helping them.**

The 36th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision decriminalizing abortion was on January 22nd. Please pray for an end to abortion and please join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in supporting life by making a donation at the Baby Shower to be held before and after Masses the weekend of January 24-25. Donations for diapers (Sizes 3 & 4 always needed), blankets, bottles, lotions, clothing or other gifts for babies (new or slightly used) are needed. Monetary donations are always welcome.



There are not enough words of gratitude to express the appreciation I have for the prayers so many in the parish offered for me during the time I was operated on and recovering. The cards were beautiful and raised my spirits heavenward. As for the flowers and visits, they were, oh so welcome and pleasing. I can't do enough to repay you except to say you will be in my prayers until I die. For the love of Christ shown me, I most graciously "Thank You". Lynn Finger

YOUTH REPORT

"Souper Bowl Sunday" is coming 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 on 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.

