

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

Fr. Kirk Larkin, Pastor 536-6351
Deacon Jim Coe 536-9337
Deacon David Bunch 529-3191

PARISH STAFF

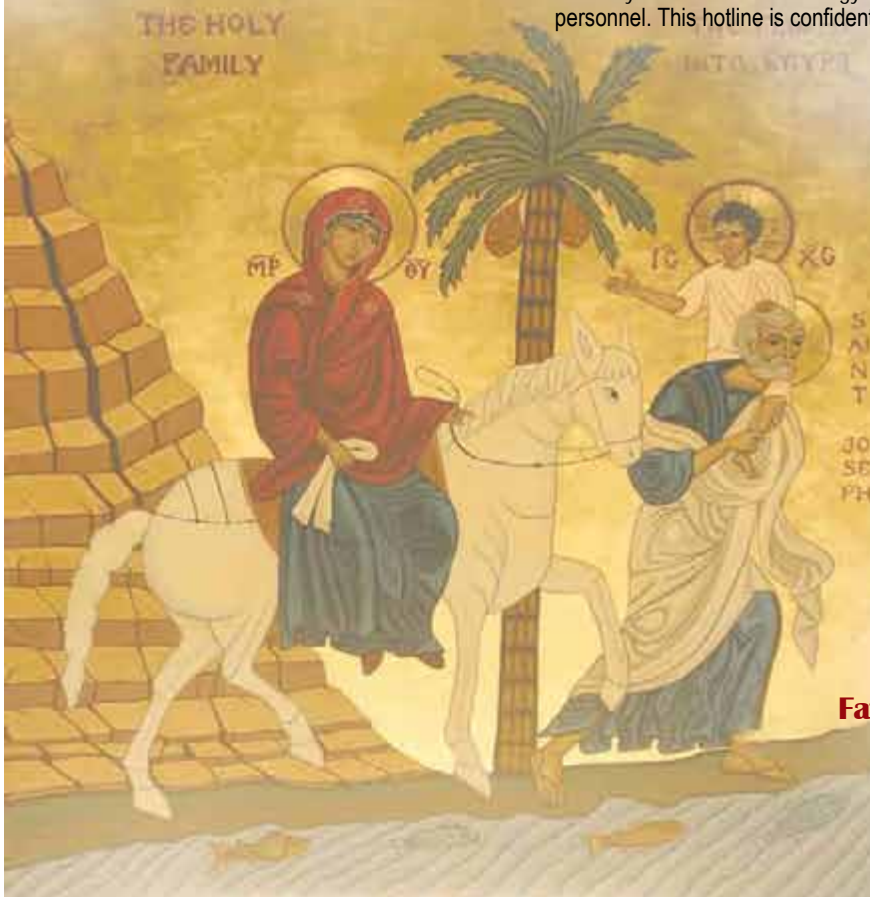
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Through the prayers and example of the Mother of God and St. Joseph, we are led by the Spirit to continue the ministry that Jesus began, giving glory to God by joyously proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in worship, word and witness.

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday 12:00 Noon

dear Padre

July 12, 2009

Is there more than one kind of conversion?

My priest keeps talking about the need for Catholics to "deepen our conversion." I'm already Catholic. What else is there to convert to?

Don

Dear Don,

Many times we think of conversion as something that happens only when someone joins the Catholic Church. But the word *conversion* has more than one meaning. As used by your priest, it means to enter more deeply into a life of faith. As Catholics, we are indeed called to continual conversion. I have a non-Catholic friend who has the date she accepted Christ on her Bible. I could put January 8, 1962, on my Bible because that's the date of my baptism, the day I was saved. At baptism I received the grace to convert daily when I am old enough to do so on my own. But my conversion isn't something that happened once in the past. It wasn't the last sacrament I received. It was the first sacrament received as I began my journey of faith. We deepen our faith and continue our conversion as we live the sacramental life of the Church. This is seen most clearly through the sacraments of Eucharist and penance. Eucharist is something Catholics participate in weekly, and most Catholics take part in the sacrament of penance at least once a year. Why? Because we need to deepen our conversion.

From The Principal's Desk

How is a Catholic Education Different...why a Catholic School?

"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Rom 12:2)

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday July 13th/Henry

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Ex 1:8-14,22 Mt 10:34-11:1

ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Tuesday July 14th/Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Ex 2:1-15a Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday July 15th/Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Ex 3:1-6,9-12 Mt 11:25-27

Thursday July 16th/Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

12:00 PM MASS † Anna & † Stephen Parrish by

Barbara Regier

Readings: Ex 3:13-20 Mt 11:28-30

Friday July 17th

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

Readings: Ex 11:10-12:14 Mt 12:1-8

Saturday July 18th/Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Readings: Ex 12:37-42 Mt 12:14-21

July 19th/16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

† Madge Wade by The H. George Picek Family

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

Readings: Jer 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

SUMMER FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

*Tonight, July 12th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie "Man For All Seasons"

(A Man for All Seasons [1966] is the story of St. Thomas More, a close friend of King Henry VIII who was appointed by the King to the position of Lord Chancellor of England and later Archbishop of Canterbury in hopes he could convince the Pope to allow the King to divorce his wife, Catherine of Aragon, who had given him no male heir to the throne, so he could marry Anne Bolin. When Thomas refused to turn against the teachings of the Church, his friend the King made him pay the ultimate price. A classic Catholic Movie.)

*Wed., July 15th, 6:30 PM Catechism with

Father Corapi

Faith: Response to God's Love

(Advanced Reading Material Can Be Found In The Catechism

Paragraph# 142, 153-160, 170, 171

Sacred Scripture: Hebrews 11:32)

*Sunday July 19th

Footprints of God "Jesus"

(All Programs held in the Parish Hall and Nursery Provided)

Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy

(Shared with the permission of Rosalie Larkin)

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col. 3:17 (Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition)

When was the last time you heard someone speak of the Spiritual or Corporal Works of Mercy?? Probably a very long time ago or maybe never! However, when I was growing up, I heard about them quite a lot. I don't know if it was because I attended Catholic grade and high school or if they were a subject of Sunday Mass homilies (called sermons then). In whatever way it was, it has stayed with me to these many years and I thought it might be interesting to you.

Some say faith alone is all that is necessary. It is my understanding that, if your faith is properly formed (Romans 2:6-8), the works will come automatically. St. James says in Chapter 2, verse 18, "But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works and I, by my works, will show you my faith." They are a natural extension of a Christian mindset. We may be performing them every day without realizing it.

Again, St. James, Chapter 2, 14-17: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." A commentary on James 2:15 by Hilary of Arles says, "These are the words of faith, spoken to those who know that there is only one God, who is the Father of all his children. True love has two sides to it-help for the body and help for the soul. Here James concentrates on the first of these because he is speaking especially to those who are rich."

St. Clement (30-100 AD), the third pope says: "But rather let us hasten with all energy and readiness of mind to perform every good work."

St. John Chrysostom (347-407 AD) says: "...to every man will He (God) render according to his own works." And again, "But of his own doings must each man give the account..."

I have listed only a few quotes above to show that from the beginning, the Church urges us to good works. So, what are they?

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Converting the sinner
- Instructing the ignorant
- Counseling the doubtful
- Comforting the sorrowful
- Bearing wrongs patiently
- Forgiving injuries
- Praying for the living and the dead

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Feeding the hungry
- Giving drink to the thirsty
- Clothing the naked
- Harboring the stranger
- Visiting the sick
- Ministering to prisoners
- Burying the dead

When I hear "corporal works of mercy", I think of St. Martin of Tours. Perhaps you've heard or read the story. When Martin was still a child, he became a Christian Catechumen against his parents' wishes. His father was a pagan soldier and enrolled him in the army; perhaps thinking it would stifle Martin's desire to become Christian.

One day he met a beggar along the road. The man was almost naked and frozen with cold. Martin had no money to give so he cut his cloak in two and gave the man half to wrap around him. That night Martin saw Our Lord wrapped in the cloak. He told the angels, "Martin, while yet a catechumen, hath wrapped Me in this garment." Thereafter he decided to be baptized and left the army. His mother converted also.

St. Martin built the first monastery in France near Poitiers and was made Bishop of Tours in 372 AD.

My dentist keeps every Friday free so that he can go work at a clinic for the poor who might not otherwise get any dental care. I know a physician who does the same. Just look at the people here at St. Johns of varying talents who take a week or ten days to go to our mission in Peru to help there or the people of St. Vincent de Paul or Cooks Night Out or any number of great ministries. As my spiritual director once told me, "Everyone can do something. No one can do everything." With this in mind, perhaps you could select one or two of these "works" as yours.

TOO MANY HILLS FOR DALE

We couldn't drive off and not do anything. There he was, just across the street going through a large trashcan. We approached him and asked if he was hungry..."Yes ma'am". It was pretty obvious he was homeless...looked like it had been quite a while since he or his clothes had seen soap and water. Told us his name was Dale and that he was 37...he looked more like 60...too thin, too much sun, too many wrinkles, dry skin, dull hair, broken fingernails. His blue eyes looked vacant and sad...living on the rough side of life sure takes its toll.

We hurried to get him a super size fast food meal, and visited with him a little more. We asked about any family--anywhere. "No ma'am--they're all gone 'cept my brother. And my wife died last year of cancer." His words were slow, and slurred a little. Probably has permanent brain damage...no doubt from lots of bad dances with drugs, or alcohol, or both. Told us he and his brother, and the brother's girlfriend, were "squatting" in an abandoned house on an alley just a couple of blocks away. It was hot, but he had on a fairly heavy jacket--we figured out it was his year round outfit and all he had, and if he left the jacket behind during the day it would probably be stolen.

We told him we were from St Vincent de Paul at Holy Family, and we would like to help him with more food..."Yes ma'am--that'd be real nice" he said. We asked where we could find him during the day. He kind of mumbled: "Well...we hang out in the back of that bar over there sometimes...they're pretty good to us and let us sit in the shade." We agreed maybe it would be better if we left the food inside the house for him. "God bless you Dale...we'll get your food here tomorrow and tell you how to get in contact with us." "God bless you too ma'am...I shore appreciate all this."

The next day another Vincentian carefully chose food items appropriate for a homeless person and filled two brown grocery bags. Things that are easy to get into and can be eaten with no preparation are the best choices--easy open, pop top, individual packages, things that can be eaten from the can. She located the house easily, and cruised slowly by it several times to see if Dale or anyone else was there. Setting the bags of food, plus a bible, a list of resources and a note from us, through the broken window in the back of the house, she climbed in to move them out of view of anyone passing by. She didn't linger long, and skedaddled quickly back out the window and into her truck and down the alley. She never met Dale...she just knew she was leaving a little help and care for Jesus in the disguise of a homeless man...with sad and vacant blue eyes.



We always watch for Dale but have never seen him again--the poor travel light and are highly mobile. Perhaps this little story will help you understand why we are so grateful to you--our benefactors...your financial and food contributions help keep us "running the streets", offering a little comfort and relief to God's poor--our brothers and sisters.

Is it possible you might have the heart for the work of St Vincent de Paul? Would you like to ride along with one of the teams on a couple of calls, on a "no-obligation-take-a-look basis"? Would you like to see for yourself what disguises Jesus comes in? Pray about it, and if you're interested, please give a call to the president of our Holy Family Conference: Nathan Bouvia at 510-3170. It would be shame for you to miss out on this work of the gospel and all the blessings that come with it!

With prayers and thanks from all the Vincentians...

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

† Megan McCadden, Sister of Joanne Kozik

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE!

YEAR FOR PRIESTS
June 19, 2009- June 19, 2010

To honor the Priesthood is to honor the great High Priest, Jesus Christ. To see Christ in the priest is a sure way of finding God.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES to HOLY FAMILY!

Saul and Eva Barrientos, Maria Gonzales, Jason and Ruby Ann Hicks, Mandy Jameson-Checki, Gabriel and Jeannette Quinones, Eric and Cristy Schuckmann, Onike Smith, Marlon and Josette Tolention and Mark and Norma Turner. God Bless each of you and welcome to Holy Family!!

THE SECOND COLLELCTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

St. Mary's Catholic School has positions available for highly motivated and qualified applicants.



The following positions are available.

- Office Manager/Administrative Assistant.
 - Two 1st Grade Teachers.
 - One 5th Grade Teacher.
 - One assistant to the Cafeteria Manager/Assistant Cook
- For information or to apply call Mr. Paolo J. Dulcamara, 611 SW 'A' Avenue, Lawton, Ok 73501. Phone (580) 355-5288 to schedule an interview.

EMMAUS DAYS is a retreat for your men in high school who want to learn about the call to the priesthood and explore their relationship with God. The three-day retreat is held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp and is sponsored by the Vocations Office. There is no cost for this retreat. The retreat will be Wednesday, July 29th to Friday July 31st. For more information please contact the Vocations Office at 405-721-9351 or Email jmulligan@catharchdioceseokc.org

JOURNEY WITH CHRIST is a weekend retreat for girls, ages 15-20, to explore the call to the religious life. The retreat will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp from July 31st through August 2nd. There is no cost for the weekend. For more information or to register, please contact the Vocations Office at 405-721-9351 or Email jmulligan@catharchdioceseokc.org.

*****YOUTH NEWS*****

"YEAR OF THE TELESCOPE" ... 2009 is the 400th Anniversary of Galileo. The Youth Group will go to the country, near Elgin, to look at the stars through a large telescope on July 17th as there will be no moon. If it is cloudy, we will re-schedule to July 19th at the same time. Please gather in Jay's office at 6:30 PM so that we can leave at 7 PM. We will return around 11:00 to 11:30 PM. There is no charge and parents are encouraged to come as well.

WHITE WATER All Day Fun Day July 22...\$25.00 included Ticket, Transportation, Lunch and Snacks.

SUMMER FUN DAYS EVERY WEDNESDAY. Work around the Church in the morning; go to Mass and then Lunch and A Fun Activity in the afternoon. We will picnic in the mountains, miniature golf, bowling and other fun stuff. \$5.00 is the cost.

Youth Director: Jay Bonifield 512-5377



ALTAR SERVERS Training session will be held 10-11:30 AM on Saturday, July 25, 2009. This training session is for anyone interested in joining this special ministry. Any boy or girl, 10 years old or older is eligible to be an Altar Server. If you have any questions contact Linda at 353-2052.



FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND ARE IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF DUANE AND CORRINE BOETTCHER

BIRTH CHOICE

Birth Choice has moved to 1313 W. Gore. Eloise Paul has retired as Director. Jan Wozniak is the new Director. We are in desperate need of volunteers, just 2 hours a month would help! We are open 10-2 Monday-Thursday. Please call Jan at 248-3110.



The Ladies Guild will meet every Tuesday from 9:30 - 1:00 PM. Child Care will be provided. We have decided to have a bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bring any craft ideas that you would like to create. We could use your help, so please come and join in the fun and fellowship.

IN OUR OWN TRIALS, AND STANDING ALONGSIDE OTHERS IN THEIR STRUGGLES, WE GLIMPSE THE ESSENCE OF OUR HUMANITY, WE BECOME, AS IT WERE, MORE HUMAN.

...Pope Benedict XVI, Address in Amman, Jordan, May 8, 2009



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

Jeremy Goosey, Brian Ferguson, Frank Thibodeau, Jonathan Brodeur, 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, Jason Frasch and Ashli Maldonado.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK OR SUFFERING FROM A DEBILITATING ILLNESS

Lynette Finger, Karin Del Vecchio, Ken Hall, Mike Morris, Clara Schaefer, Dorine Cheramie, Adele Walker, Alice Conner, Marcos Melendez, Ed Crimmins, Brenden Scarfone, Geraldine Dawes, Stephanie Ortaga, Don Trostle, Tony Niedermeier, Margaret Waskiewicz, Rosa María Méndez, Justa Talavera, Aurea Rivera, Martha Córdova, Leticia Lazo, Nilda Camarillo, Deborah Hachey, María Teresa Barreiro, Kimberly Trebing, Regina Boucher, Lloyd and Lucia and GeraldineGamero