

# *Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church*



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses: 8:00 am and 11:30 am  
Sunday Mass: 9:45 am at our Mission,  
St. Patrick Catholic Church in Walters  
Daily Masses: Monday-Saturday 7:30 am  
Check Mass Schedule for any changes.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
Thursday after 6:30 pm Holy Hour

## PARISH INFORMATION

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**March 24, 2024**

**Pastor, Rev. Raymond K. Ackerman**  
**Palm Sunday**

Throughout Jesus' life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus' public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him.

Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries "Hosanna!" and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor. But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives.

As we begin Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. He is a God Who lowered Himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted Himself to be labeled as a grave sinner, was rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man Who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man Who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible.

Our wholehearted worship of the suffering Christ is an important act to fulfill. In many ways, it is easier to worship God as He is in Heaven on His glorious throne. When we ponder the myriads of angels gathered around Him, the saints of all time bowing to the ground and glory and splendor radiating from His face, worship seems right. To worship a Man accused of being a criminal and suffering capital punishment while enduring the hatred of many is more difficult to comprehend. But if we are able to see Jesus through the eyes of faith and peer through the hatred and lies that surrounded Him, then we will be in awe of the humility of our God Who came to us this way.

Our worship of the suffering Christ also invites us to share in His virtue as He endured all that was inflicted upon Him. When we worship the humiliated Christ, our humiliations take on new power and meaning. When we worship the suffering Christ, our sufferings are elevated to share in His redemption. When we worship the rejected, despised and persecuted Christ, any ways that we share in these hardships are transformed.

Reflect, today, upon the God Whom you worship this Holy Week. Do not shy away from all that Jesus endured. Gaze at His rejection and passion. Look at the hatred He endured. As you do, see not only your glorious God, see also the remedy for all your ills. God descended to us in this most humble form so that He could meet us where we are at and raise us to new life with Him.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

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**CAMERON CATHOLICS**

Billy Gonsler Campus Minister  
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**ALTAR SOCIETY**

Meets the second Monday of the month,  
September through May only

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, COURT ST. JUDE**

Meets the third Saturday of the month

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS**

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at  
6:30 in the St. Mary Cafeteria

**MARRIAGE**

At least six months preparation time is required and one party must be registered in the parish. Please call the parish office to begin this preparation.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Choir rehearsals are the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
From September - May at 6:00 pm in the Church

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR**

Director: Alicia Brierton  
Email: [re@lawtoncatholic.com](mailto:re@lawtoncatholic.com)

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

Director: Alicia Brierton  
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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Parents should call for an appointment at least three months prior to the desired date of Baptism. Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for more information.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

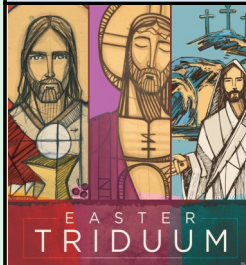
(580) 355-7837(Help Line)  
Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall

**THRIFT SHOP**

(580) 581-1309  
Currently Open Mondays and Wednesdays  
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Director: Billy Gonsler  
Email: [youthdirector@lawtoncatholic.com](mailto:youthdirector@lawtoncatholic.com)



**HOLY TRIDUUM/EASTER**  
**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM - St. Patrick, Walters  
7:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM - St. Patrick, Walters  
7:00 PM - Blessed Sacrament

**EASTER VIGIL, Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 PM - Blessed Sacrament

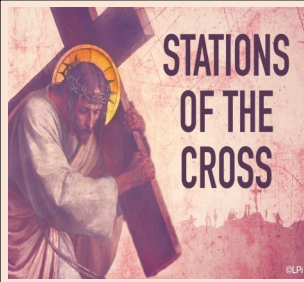
**EASTER SUNDAY, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 AM - Blessed Sacrament  
9:45 AM - St. Patrick, Walters  
11:30 AM - Blessed Sacrament



St. Patrick Catholic Church,  
Walters  
**Seder Meal—March 26<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00 pm**

St. Patrick parishioners are hosting a Seder Meal for \$10.00 per family for specialty Seder foods. Participants are also asked to bring a dish to share. For more information call Mary Ann at 580-875-3720.



**Blessed Sacrament  
Stations of the Cross  
Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
at 3:00 pm  
in the Church**



**Catholic Relief Services  
Special Collection**

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes

grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . . In the United States Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . through the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS). Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . through the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC). Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . through the pastoral work of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church. And Around the World Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Kenya and Zambia . . through the humanitarian work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . through the public policy work of the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . through the Holy Father's Relief Fund.

**ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?**

Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?  
Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

For information please contact

**Deacon Bob (580) 583-0271, [deaconbob@lawtoncatholic.com](mailto:deaconbob@lawtoncatholic.com)**

Come join us at 3 PM on Sunday in the Parish Hall.



**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Calling all men! Start your day with prayer. The Men's Prayer Group meets every Saturday morning from 8:00 am until 9:00 am in the St. Mary Building, enter through the cafeteria entrance.

The prayer group is for men of all ages who want to deepen their relationship with God. God invites us into a relationship with Him that is both personal and communal. He speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Word-made-flesh. All are welcome. No RSVP necessary. Come when you can and invite a friend, your father, uncle, cousin or neighbor.

**CAMERON CATHOLICS  
NEW LOCATION**

CAMERON STUDENTS PLEASE JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY MONDAY NIGHTS AT THE MCMAHON CENTENNIAL COMPLEX (MCC) ON CAMPUS BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.



Religious Education and Bible Study are meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 pm until 7:30 pm

**Thrift Shop News**

Thrift Shop is closed March 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>



Rosary...Join in praying the rosary, every Wednesday, at 6:30 pm in the church.  
Rosario...Todos están invitados a rezar el rosario, cada miércoles a las 6:30 pm en la iglesia.

**JOIN FLOCKNOTE**

Join our online messaging. Text **Lawton** to **84576** to sign up for Flocknote and keep informed with bulletins, announcements, volunteer opportunities and upcoming events.



If you would like to make contributions online, simply scan this QR Code with your smartphone camera. This code will take you directly to our contribution website. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



**"Save Time and Donate Online!"**

WeShare is an easy and convenient way to save time and support our church. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit [www.lawtoncatholic.com](http://www.lawtoncatholic.com) and click the "Give Now" tab.

# WELCOME

Welcome, we are glad you are here today!  
If you are new to our parish, please ask  
an usher for a registration form or go to  
[lawtoncatholic.com](http://lawtoncatholic.com) to register online.

## March BIRTHDAYS

**March 25** Joseph Meza

**March 26** Robert Blaschke, Alexander Diaz,  
Zuri Galeas Cossio, Cristina Pajarito,  
Peggy Pankhurst and Kathleen Vekassy

**March 27** Christopher Houlahan, Pamela  
Laughy, Hank Renschen, TilaRosa Rodriguez and  
Cristina Rosado

**March 28** Kyle Cabelka, Ana Cossio,  
Cecilia Gipson, Noe Gonzalez and Robert Labbe

**March 29** Anita Butler, Futch Flavius and  
Rory Harroun

**March 30** Diana Boyd, Adriana Martinez-  
Ramirez, Sandra Roberts, Melissa Tandingan,  
April Thompson and Leah Whiddon

**March 31** Sarah Castro, Daryl Flores and  
Lee Thorn

## Thank You!

### Our Weekend Mass Offerings March 9 and 10, 2024

General Fund—Envelopes and Cash	\$5,122.50
Parish Improvement Fund	\$245.00
General Fund Online Giving(464646)	\$3,069.76
Parish Improvement Fund Online Giving	\$594.98

#### Special Collections:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday (Holy Land),  
Easter Sunday (Catholic Relief Services)

**With grateful hearts, we thank you for your  
generosity, as it helps sustain our parish.**

### St. Patrick Catholic Church in Walters Weekend Mass Attendance and Offerings

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Operating Fund \$1,295.00

Building Fund \$20.00

Attendance 42

Thank You!

## MARCH 24, 2024 WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



### Monday, March 25

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (Intentions of Jeanne Rock by  
Sammy and Beth Morris)

7:00 pm—Cameron Catholic at Cameron University

### Tuesday, March 26

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (†Jeannine Labbe by  
Robert W. Labbe)

6:00 pm—Choir Practice

### Wednesday, March 27

**7:30 am —Daily Mass** (†Jose Sandoval by  
Al Sandoval)

6:15 pm—Religious Education and Bible Study

6:30 pm—Rosary in Church

### Holy Thursday, March 28

No 7:30 am Daily Mass

**6:00 pm— Mass-St. Patrick, Walters**  
(For an increase to vocations to the  
priesthood)

**7:00 pm— Mass-Blessed Sacrament**  
(For the priests and seminarians of the  
Diocese of Oklahoma City)

### Good Friday, March 29

No 7:30 am Daily Mass

**3:00 pm—Stations of the Cross**

**6:00 pm— Liturgy-St. Patrick, Walters**

**7:00 pm— Liturgy-Blessed Sacrament**

### Holy Saturday, March 30

No 7:30 am Daily Mass

**8:30 pm—Easter Vigil Mass-Blessed Sacrament**  
(For the newly received into the Church )

### Easter Sunday, March 31

**8:00 am— Mass-Blessed Sacrament**  
(†Daniel Cleaver by the Harper Family)

**9:45 am—Mass at St. Patrick in  
Walters**

(For the People of the Parish)

**11:30 am—Bilingual Mass-Blessed  
Sacrament**

(†Peggy Kauanui)

### **Mass Attendance March 9 and 10, 2024**

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm had 138 in attendance  
Sunday Morning at 8:00 am had 151 in attendance  
Sunday Morning at 11:30 am had 201 in attendance  
Total Attendance 490

