

# *Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church*



## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

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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

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**May 12, 2024**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**Pastor, Rev. Raymond K. Ackerman**

We celebrate today one more step in the completion of the mission of the Son of God. Humanity had sinned at the beginning of time and fallen from Original Innocence. God immediately began to prepare the world for the gift of eternal redemption by establishing a covenant with Noah, Abraham and Moses. He raised up various prophets and kings to further prepare His people for what was to come. And then, when the time was right, God entered our world through the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus, the Son of God, eventually entered into His public ministry, teaching, performing miracles, gathering the faithful to Himself, dying, rising and then appearing to His disciples in preparation for the Ascension. The Ascension completes the mission of the Son of God. Today we honor that definitive moment when God the Son, in His transformed and resurrected Human nature, ascends by His own power to the Father, bringing with Himself our humanity so that all humanity may ascend with Him.

As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, we must first see all that led up to that moment and seek to unite ourselves with all of those preceding events. We must listen to the words of the patriarchs and prophets of the Old Testament. We must especially listen to the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament and embrace His words without hesitation. And we must unite ourselves with His own death, dying to sin, so that we may also share in His Resurrection. Today, we must further see the invitation we are all given to ascend with Jesus to the Father. We must understand that where Jesus has gone, we are invited to follow if we only believe, embrace and live all that took place leading up to this glorious moment.

The Ascension was the end of Jesus' life on Earth but also the beginning of our sharing in the life of Heaven. As Jesus ascended, He commissioned His disciples to go forth and "preach the gospel to every creature." They were to preach to all about the saving plan of God that began at the time of Adam and Eve and was completed with the Ascension.

Reflect, today, upon your calling to not only share in this glorious moment of Jesus' Ascension but also your calling to go forth and to do all you can to draw others into this new life. Reflect upon Jesus, Who also speaks to you today to invite you to bring others to that mountain. By teaching friends, family and all with whom God has entrusted to you to share the Gospel, you fulfill Christ's mission to "go into the whole world" to gather the scattered people into the one fold of Christ so as to ascend with Him one day into eternity.

*My ascended Lord, all things throughout history were but a preparation for the moment when You drew fallen humanity into Heaven to be with Your Father forever. Help me to always heed Your holy words, so that I, too, will share in Your Ascension. Use me, dear Lord, to also go forth and to draw many others to You so that the Kingdom will be filled with all those whom You have called. Jesus, I trust in You.*  
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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 pm 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.

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Meets every 1st Saturday in St. Mary's Cafeteria following the 7:30 am Mass

**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  
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**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

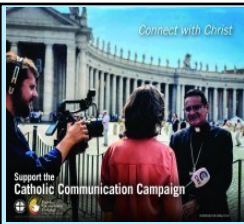
**YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Director: Billy Gonsler  
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For all the mothers of our parish,  
may your hearts be filled with  
God's joy and peace.  
Happy Mother's Day!





Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Oklahoma City Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! Learn more at [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



Congratulations to the First Communicants who received their First Holy Communion on May 5th. May this life-giving Bread always feed your soul and nourish your spirit.

A special thank you to the Altar Society for providing receptions for First Holy Communion and the Graduation Mass.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in Holy Family Kirk Hall. For information contact Jolene Shonchin at 580-583-2649.



Totus Tuus is coming to Blessed Sacrament July 14<sup>th</sup> thru July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Totus Tuus is a Catholic Summer youth program for 1st thru 12th grade dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. Registration coming soon.

**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.



**"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.

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!



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

For information please contact Deacon Bob (580) 583-0271, [deaconbob@lawtoncatholic.com](mailto:deaconbob@lawtoncatholic.com)



KAPAUN PILGRIMAGE  
THE KANSAS CAMINO

**May 30-June 2, 2024**

RSVP @ [frkapaun.org](http://frkapaun.org)  
or email [youthdirector@lawtoncatholic.com](mailto:youthdirector@lawtoncatholic.com)



May is the Month of Mary

Pray the 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.

**PROMISE to Protect**  **Pledge to HEAL**

**Abuse of Minors and Vulnerable Adults Pastoral Response Hotline (405) 720-9878**

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City through its programs, organizations and events, has numerous daily contacts with many minors and vulnerable adults. It is, therefore, important that all Archdiocesan personnel, clergy, seminarians, religious, employees, and volunteers, protect the rights of children and vulnerable adults and be alert to the possibility for child abuse and abuse of vulnerable adults. Under Oklahoma State law, all individuals MUST report an incident or suspicion of sexual abuse of a minor (person under 18 years of age) to the civil authorities immediately. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services has established a statewide abuse hotline for reporting: **1-800-522-3511**. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**If you have reason to believe a child is in immediate danger of harm call 911.**

For the safety of children and vulnerable adults and the healing of victims, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City provides an Abuse of Minors and Vulnerable Adults Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of minors and vulnerable adults (in the past or presently) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel: **1-405-720-9878**.

The Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, a licensed professional counselor, will respond to calls to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Response Hotline. A report to the Archdiocese does not relieve the individual of the duty to report child abuse to civil authorities as required by Oklahoma State Law. In Oklahoma, failure to report child abuse is a misdemeanor punishable by law.

# 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.

## Birthdays

**April 29th–May 15th**

Josephine Alcala, Kamilla Alcala, Kellen Allen,  
Samuel Arrington, Aaron Borrego,  
Ashlynn Camerlinck-Acre, Tony Capuccio,  
Kevin Carroll, Emily Carrubba, Bertha Choquette,  
Aaron Conway, Quinn Cremer, Michael Crow,  
Jose Cruz Muñoz Garcia, Gabriel Dial, Logan Dial,  
Melvin Fagan, Kimberly Fisher, Joseph Flood,  
Aldo Flores, Hemely Garcia, Rick Garrison,  
Kourtney Glowaski, Daniel Gonzalez, Denise Green,  
Miguel Guachiac, Hannah Hannan, Karlie Hayes,  
Anthony Hollaway, Raymond Hornbeck, Gary Isham,  
Marilyn Julian, Meaghan Jung, Charlotte Kelley,  
Christopher Kerasotes, Crystal Kosaka-Mendiola,  
Genevieve Loftice, Ingrid Long, Melissa Long,  
Blanche Lorentino, Anne Melvin, Maria Molina,  
Juana Montecillo, Abigail Moore, Westin Moors,  
Jose Najera, TreQuan Norman, Johanna Odom,  
Roland Ouellette, Connor Perkins, Joan Peterson,  
Lareyna Ponce, Jesse Quinnett, Juan-Angel Ramirez,  
Secilia Ramirez, Kyle Ray, Daniel Rivera,  
Jaclyn Robertson, Ally Robertson, Moises Rosado,  
Daniel Saucedo, Vincent Saylor, Nick Simon,  
Rachel Simon, Ronald Stickland, Lillian Stufflebean,  
Jami Szatkowski, Consuelo Torres, Glen Ventayen,  
Catalina Vidaurri, Cassie Ward, Michael Welch and  
Dillon Whitt

# Thank You!

## Our Weekend Mass Offerings April 27 and 28, 2024

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| General Fund—Envelopes and Cash       | \$4,797.75 |
| St. Vincent de Paul                   | \$2,093.00 |
| General Fund Online Giving(464646)    | \$2,099.67 |
| Parish Improvement Fund Online Giving | \$66.67    |

Special Collection Next Week:  
Catholic Communication Campaign

**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, April 28, 2024**

Operating Fund \$424.50  
Attendance 39

**Thank You!**

## MAY 12, 2024 BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



### Monday, May 13

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (+Stephen Conner by  
Cathleen Conner)

10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

6:00 pm—Altar Society Meeting in Parish Hall

### Tuesday, May 14

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (+Violet Marie Howard by  
John and Heather Scotto)

6:00 pm—Choir Practice

6:30 pm—Knights of Columbus meeting

### Wednesday, May 15

**7:30 am —Daily Mass** (+Jed E. Fisher by  
Kimberly Fisher)

10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

### Thursday, May 16

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (Intentions of Joseph  
Monterroso-McCain by Sharon Monterroso-Woodfill)

**6:30 pm—Holy Hour**, followed by confessions

### Friday, May 17

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (Judith Dickinson by  
John and Heather Scotto)

### Saturday, May 18

**7:30 am—Daily Mass** (In thanksgiving for Chong  
Essenmacher by Kimberly Fisher)

10:00—Catholic Daughters meeting at Holy Family

**3:00 pm—Confessions in the Church until 4:30 pm**

**5:00 am—Vigil Mass** (+Helma Hammends by  
Anna Rowland)

### Sunday, May 19

**8:00 am— Mass** (+Robert L. Dickinson by  
John and Heather Scotto)

**9:45 am—Mass at St. Patrick in Walters**  
(For Those in Need of Prayers)

**11:30 am—Bilingual Mass** (For the People of the  
Parish)

### **Mass Attendance April 27 and 28, 2024**

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm had 91 in attendance  
Sunday Morning at 8:00 am had 134 in attendance  
Sunday Morning at 11:30 am had 212 in attendance  
Total Attendance 437