

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

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May 19, 2024-Pentecost Sunday

Pastor, Rev. Raymond K. Ackerman

Today, throughout the world, our Church celebrates the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' first followers and upon all of us. Why do we need the Holy Spirit in our lives? This is an important question to ponder. Today, as always, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit work as One God. It is the Father Who wills that we be reconciled to Him; it was the Son Who made this reconciliation possible; and it is the Holy Spirit Who now accomplishes the completion of this act in our lives. At the heart of that gift of salvation is the remission of our sins.

As we celebrate Pentecost, it is a good opportunity to prayerfully consider the action of the Holy Spirit in your life. One of the greatest ways that the Holy Spirit is potentially active in your life is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through that Sacrament, the Holy Spirit draws you to the Father and enables you to see and understand His perfect will, living more fully in union with the Son as a member of His Body.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are some of the other ways that the Holy Spirit helps us in our Christian walk. However, these gifts would be ineffective in our lives if we did not first receive the gift of forgiveness given through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. That is the first and most foundational action of the Holy Spirit and opens the door to every other gift. Perhaps that is why Jesus' first bestowal of the Holy Spirit focused upon the power given to His Apostles to forgive sins in His name.

Once we are reconciled to the Father and begin to live in a state of grace, the Holy Spirit will continue to deepen His relationship with us and bestow His help upon us for our Christian journey. This especially happens through the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts most affecting our intellect are the Gifts of Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge. Wisdom helps us to understand the inner life of the Trinity more clearly. Understanding helps us to make sense of our lives and mission in the light of the Gospel. Knowledge helps us make practical decisions in accord with God's will.

The gifts of Fear of the Lord and Piety assist us in our love of God. Fear of the Lord helps us to see how our actions help or hinder our relationship with God, helping to motivate us to avoid all that harms this relationship and choose all that strengthens it. Piety helps us to see the great dignity and beauty of God and enables us to have a deep reverence for Him and for all of His people.

Counsel and Fortitude are also given by the Holy Spirit and help us to firmly move forward in faith and love. Counsel especially helps us with love of neighbor, and Fortitude adds the strength we need to do all that we are called to do in love with unwavering commitment.

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, reflect, today, upon the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. If you want to be open to the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and receive the many gifts you need for your journey of faith, then begin with the most fundamental gift. Begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Ponder the words Jesus spoke in our Gospel today and know that by entrusting the grace to forgive sins in His name to His first priests, Jesus was also calling you to embrace that gift. The Holy Spirit wants you to be cleansed of all sin. Allow Him to do so and you will be amazed at all the grace that follows.

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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 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesday
From September - May at 6:00 pm in the Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Director: Alicia Brierton
Email: 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



Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at www.usccb.org/ccc.



Totus Tuus is coming to
Blessed Sacrament
July 14th thru July 20th.

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. Registrations begins for Blessed Sacrament families only, beginning May 24th. Register at lawtoncatholic.com. After June 14th registration is open to surrounding parishes.

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

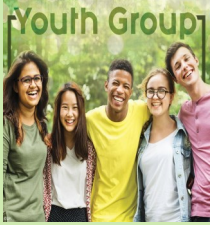
For information please contact
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KAPAUN PILGRIMAGE
THE KANSAS CAMINO

May 30-June 2, 2024

RSVP @ frkapaun.org
or email
youthdirector@lawtoncatholic.com



Youth Group is meeting
May 19th at 6:00 pm at
Holy Family Catholic Church.
Come and join the fun!



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.

Pilgrimage to New Mexico

Join Fr. Ray Ackerman and Fr. Phil Seeton on a 5 day pilgrimage to the Holy Places in New Mexico. Depart from Holy Family Catholic Church on **October 14, 2024 at 7:00 am** by motor coach to destinations in New Mexico returning on **October 18, 2024 7:00 pm**.

Santa Fe Destinations:

- ~Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis
- ~Church of San Miguel
- ~ Loretto Chapel
- ~ The Plaza
- ~ Canyon Road



Loretto Chapel

Albuquerque Destinations:

- ~Old Town
- ~Church of San Felipe Neri
- ~Museums and restaurants



Church of San Felipe Neri

Chimayo Destination:



Sanctuario de Chimayo

Cost: \$550.00 double occupancy, per person
\$900.00 single occupancy, per person

This includes round trip air conditioned motor coach from Lawton, hotel accommodations at Coyote South in Santa Fe, New Mexico, daily breakfast and admission to all scheduled activities.

Lunch and dinner meals are not included.

Limited reservations, so reserve your spot, only 56 available.
A **\$250.00 deposit** is required at the time of reservation with \$100.00 nonrefundable. The final payment is due **September 3, 2024**.

For information or reservations call, text, or email Billy Gonsler at (819)853-7103, youthdirector@lawtoncatholic.com or bgonsler@holyfamilylawton.org



Frascati Society

MAY 2ND & 23RD

MAY 2ND: FELLOWSHIP & HOLY HOUR @BLESSED SACRAMENT 6-8

MAY 23RD: @BLESSED SACRAMENT 6-8



Knights of Columbus

This Sunday,
May 19th is the
Pancake Breakfast from
9:00 am until 11:00 am
in the St. Mary Cafeteria.
Cost is a donation.

"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 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!



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.



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 to register online.

Birthdays May 16th-31st

Scott Adam, Alicia Agular, Erica Alog,
Adamariz Alvarado, Linda Andreoli, Turner Ange,
Stephanie Banks, Saul Barrientos, Dustin Boswell,
Harper Cabelka, Arwyn Camaso,
May Jane Camero, Dominique Carroll,
Nicolas Chadwell, Jeremy Coe, Eva Cruz,
Ira Daebler, Lydia Dawson, Lyn DelaRosa,
Nicolas DelaRosa, Jameson Dunckley,
Todd Fischer, Emmanuel Garcia, Humberto Garcia,
Martha Garcia, Graciela Garrison, Kiley Glowaski,
Alicia Gouveia, Brayden Gray, Derek Griner,
John Griner, Jarret Hammond, MaryAnn Holman,
Jaden Huff, Adrian Kosaka, John Linville,
Nicolás Linville, Ethan Lopez, Lisa Madigan,
Jesse Martinez, Sheryl Mather, Mike Mayhall,
Heidi Mayo, Lily McClure, Keylei McLinden,
Christine Melby-Levinson, Frank Murillo,
Felicity Najera, Rochelle Norman, Pia Quinnett,
Gabriel Ramirez, Emma Rayos, Maia Rayos,
Hannah Renschen, Heith Renschen, Andrew Rine,
John Schafer, Modesto Schonchin,
Mojo Schonchin, Marie Scott, Joshua Scotto,
Elizabeth Smith, Matthew Stufflebean,
Nathaniel Tandingan, Jennifer Turner,
Dominique Wagner and Briana Whiddon

Thank You!

Our Weekend Mass Offerings May 4 and 5, 2024

General Fund—Envelopes and Cash	\$7,874.15
Parish Improvement	\$2,636.75
General Fund Online Giving(464646)	\$2,591.49
Parish Improvement Fund Online Giving	\$201.97

Special Collection Next Week:
St. Vincent de Paul

**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, May 5, 2024

Operating Fund \$1,179.29
Building Fund \$120.00
Attendance 40

Thank You!

MAY 19, 2024 BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



Monday, May 20

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Bernard Szatkowski by
His Family)

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

Tuesday, May 21

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

6:00 pm—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in Parish Hall

6:00 pm—Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 22

7:30 am —Daily Mass (+Omer Perez by
Alexander Verde)

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

6:30 pm—Rosary in Church

Thursday, May 23

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Nathan Barnes by
Keith and Mary Smith)

6:00 pm—Young Adults meeting in Parish Hall

6:30 pm—Holy Hour, followed by confessions

Friday, May 24

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Evelyn Elizabeth Plata by
John and Heather Scotto)

Saturday, May 25

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Omer Perez by Alexander
Verde)

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

5:00 am—Vigil Mass (+Samantha Mejias by
Verde Family)

Sunday, May 26

8:00 am— Mass (+Stephen Conner by
Cathleen Conner)

9:00 am—Knight of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

9:45 am—Mass at St. Patrick in Walters
(For the People of the Parish)

11:30 am—Bilingual Mass (+Henry P. Brandt, Sr by
His Family)

Mass Attendance May 4 and 5, 2024

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm had 178 in attendance
Sunday Morning at 8:00 am had 141 in attendance
Sunday Morning at 11:30 am had 210 in attendance
Total Attendance 529