

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 5, 2024, 6th Sunday of Easter Pastor, Rev. Raymond K. Ackerman

Jesus' friendship is not one that simply makes us "buddies." Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity. Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It's a way of relating to another in which a person's sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one's own self interests. It's not a matter of "what do I get out of it?" In [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#), St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." This is not only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation for true friendship.

When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible. Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we establish with Him. But there is more. When we love God, we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate to Who God is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we seek to fulfill only God's interests and rejoice in the Truth of Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship, adoration, surrender, trust and perfect obedience. When it is God we are loving, the very essence of the Person we love requires these responses.

One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we are in a position to receive the very life of God in return. And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely, His very Self.

Reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus has offered you to enter into a true friendship with Him. This means that God becomes the center of your life. It means that you seek to give yourself, selflessly and without reserve, to Him Who is deserving of all your love. It means you choose worship and obedience to perfection. The reward of such love is that you are able to enter into a bond that is so holy, so pure and so fulfilling that it completes you, enabling you to become who you were meant to be.
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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
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SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Director: Alicia Brierton
Email: safe@lawtoncatholic.com

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

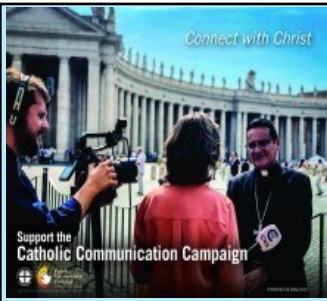
Director: Billy Gonsler
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The Altar Society is meeting on
May 13th from
6:00 pm-8:00 in the Parish Hall.
All ladies of the parish are invited.



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



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/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.

The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in the understanding of, and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ. Registration coming soon.

SUMMER CAMP

- SESSION 1 | JUNE 9-14 | GRADES 6-8
- SESSION 2 | JUNE 16-21 | GRADES 4-5
- SESSION 3 | JUNE 23-28 | GRADES 4-6
- SESSION 4 | JUNE 30- JULY 5 | GRADES 7-9
- SESSION 5 | JULY 7-12 | GRADES 9-12
- SESSION 6 | JULY 14-19 | GRADES 5-6
- SESSION 7 | JULY 21-26 | GRADES 7-9

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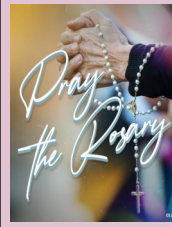
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If you would like to make contributions online, simply scan this QR Code with your smartphone camera. This code will take you directly to our contribution website. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



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



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.

Come Encounter the Lord
Come and join the fun!!

Small Groups
Chapel Reflections
Ice Breakers

Youth GROUP

Testimonies
Fellowship
Food

MAY 5TH @ Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church 6-8 p.m.
MAY 19TH @ Holy Family Catholic Church 6-8 p.m.
Guest Speakers Fr. Ray Ackerman & Fr. Phil Seeton

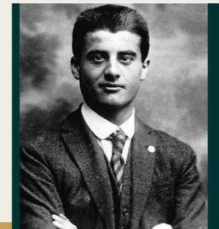


Frassati Society

MAY 2ND & 23RD

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

MAY 23RD: @BLESSED SACRAMENT 6-8



Day of Reflection For Women Discerning Religious Life



Saturday, May 18
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Holy Family Catholic Church
1010 N.W. 82 St.
Lawton, OK 73505

SPEAKERS:

- "Discernment and Spiritual Direction" - Fr. Jerome Krug
- "Basic Teachings on Religious Life" - Fr. Phil Seeton
- "Life as a Religious" - Sr. Barbara Joseph

We will have prayer, adoration, confessions, Q&A, lunch and time for fellowship.

Deadline to RSVP is May 10

Please RSVP at: archokc.org/sister-study
For more information call Karen Robinson at (405) 721-1416.



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

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 20 and 21, 2024

General Fund—Envelopes and Cash	\$6,706.83
General Fund Online Giving(464646)	\$1,809.56
Parish Improvement Fund Online Giving	\$300.62

No Collection Next Week

**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 21, 2024

Operating Fund	\$207.00
Building Fund	\$40.00
Attendance	24

MAY 5, 2024 BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



Monday, May 6

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Luke Morse by Linda Benke)
10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

Tuesday, May 7

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Daniel Cleaver by the
Harper Family)
6:00 pm—Choir Practice
6:00 pm—St. Vincent de Paul meeting in Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 8

7:30 am —Daily Mass (+Ramiro Gonzales by
Anna Rowland)
10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

Thursday, May 9

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Wilfred J. Bleau by
Robert W. Labbe)
6:30 pm—Holy Hour, followed by confessions

Friday, May 10

7:30 am—Daily Mass (Intentions of Kim Brown by
Sammy and Susy Morris)

Saturday, May 11

7:30 am—Daily Mass (For the intentions of the
Benefactors of World Youth Day)
3:00 pm—Confessions in the Church until 4:30 pm
5:00 am—Vigil Mass (+Patrocinia DelaPaz Geronimo
by Corazon Daebler)

Sunday, May 12

8:00 am— Mass (+Lynnette Moore by
Paul and JoAnn Landoll)
9:45 am—Mass at St. Patrick in Walters
(For the People of the Parish)
11:30 am—Bilingual Mass (+Isidra "Chila" Chavez by
Her Family)

Mass Attendance April 20 and 21, 2024

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm had 139 in attendance
Sunday Morning at 8:00 am had 141 in attendance
Sunday Morning at 11:30 am had 195 in attendance
Total Attendance 475