

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 OFFICE STAFF

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September 17, 2023

Pastor, Rev. Raymond K. Ackerman

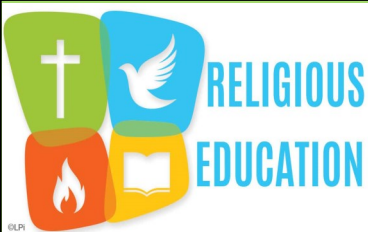
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir



**RE has started,
but it is not too
late to
register.**

Please go to **lawtoncatholic.com** to register your child. If you are having problems with registration contact Alicia Brierton at **re@lawtoncatholic.com**.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Bob Quinnett

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CAMERON CATHOLICS

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 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

Email: safe@lawtoncatholic.com

THRIFT SHOP

(580) 581-1309

Currently Open Mondays and Wednesdays
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Director: Billy Gonsler



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Today's responsorial psalm says, "The Lord is kind and merciful..." Show kindness and mercy to those in need, by donating to Catholic Charities' Annual Appeal at give.toocc.org or you can fill out the envelope in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Blessed Sacrament will provide meals to the homeless families at Family Promise the week of **September 17th -23rd**.

Volunteers are needed to bring a meal to the Family Promise Facility at **5:00 pm** each night. Meals can be homemade or bought and are simply dropped off. You do not stay, so bring disposable dishes. Contact Charles Benke at 580-353-5011 and leave a message if you are interested in helping to provide a meal to those in need.

**SEPT 7TH AND 21ST
6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Frassati Society

**YOUNG ADULTS OF LAWTON
GUEST SPEAKER ON THE 21ST:**

Fr. Ray

**BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN THE PARISH HALL**

Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

**Sunday, Sept. 17th @ Holy Family
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**JOIN US FOR FAITH, FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP, & FUN. WE WILL MEET
AT HOLY FAMILY IN THE GYM. HOPE
TO SEE YOU THERE!**



Domestic Church
ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Married Couples Retreat September 22-24, 2023 - Oklahoma City

A wonderful retreat for sacramentally married couples to begin or deepen their spiritual journey together as a couple.

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Contacts: Matt and Nicole Hughes
okc@domesticchurchfamilies.com or (405) 361-2359
Register online at www.DomesticChurchFamilies.com

Pancake
Breakfast



**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, September 24th** from **9:00 am until 11:00 am** in the **St. Mary Building Cafeteria**.

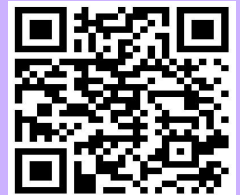
The Knights are serving breakfast with pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, hot links hash browns, scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy, coffee and Tang.

Everyone is welcome.



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.

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.



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 and click the "Give Now" tab.

Welcome

If you are new to our parish, please ask an usher for a registration form or go to lawtoncatholic.com to register online.

September

BIRTHDAYS

Sept 18 Heather Clay and Yethelle Galie

Sept 19 Christopher Fuselier and Carlos Rivera

Sept 20 Stephen Veit

Sept 21 Samantha Atchley, Andrew Benke, Michael Gonzales, Angelica Hubbard, Jennifer Owens and Noah Quinnett

Sept 22 Geoffrey Green, Marisol Lopez, Julieta McAllister, Jeannie Meyer, Dean Reineking, III and Cristina Rosado

Sept 23 Rantz Codopony, Holden Crouch, Jeanette Goodman, Marco Ibarra, Gregory Jung and Christopher Moors

Sept 24 Clinton Busse, Jackie Campbell, Michael Glanzer, Kerry Huffer and Shania Martin

THANK YOU

for your generosity

Our Weekend Mass Offerings September 2 and 3, 2023

General Fund—Envelopes and Cash	\$5,963.51
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,358.53
General Fund Online Giving(464646)	\$1,342.84
Parish Improvement Fund Online Giving	\$18.45

Second Collection Next Week:
St. Vincent de Paul

**We want to extend our deepest thanks
for your continued support.**

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

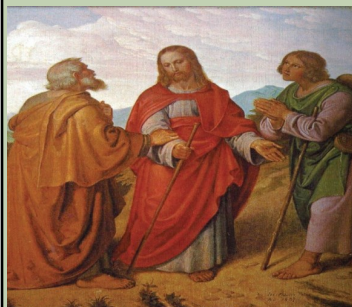
Sunday, September 3, 2023

Operating Fund	\$936.00
Building Fund	\$630.00
Attendance	44

Thank You!

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH We are glad you are here today!



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."
- Mt 18:21-22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCB

Monday, September 18

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Larry Benke by His Family)

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

Tuesday, September 19

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Fe Dela Paz by Her Family)

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

6:00 pm—Choir Practice in the Church

Wednesday, September 20

7:30 am—Daily Mass (For the Homebound of Our Parish)

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

6:15 pm—RE Classes in St. Joseph Building until 7:30

6:30 pm—Rosary in Church

Thursday, September 21

7:30 am—Daily Mass (For the healing of Tiffany Biby by Jeremy Rowe)

6:00 pm—Young Adult Meeting in Parish Hall until 8:00 pm

6:30 pm—Holy Hour followed by confessions

Friday, September 22

7:30 am—Daily Mass (For those who have no one to pray for them)

Saturday, September 23

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

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

5:00 pm—Vigil Mass (In thanksgiving)

Sunday, September 24

8:00 am—Mass (For the People of the Parish)

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

(For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life)

11:30 am—Bilingual Mass

(+Mary Ann Morrow by Yvette Furtado)

Mass Attendance September 2 and 3, 2023

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm had 125 in attendance.

Sunday Morning at 8:00 am had 180 in attendance.

Sunday Morning at 11:30 am had 217 in attendance.

Total Attendance 522