

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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January 21, 2024

Pastor, Rev. Raymond K. Ackerman
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir

**January's Special
Collection is for Pro
Life!**

The Respect Life Fund at the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma provides grants to pro-life ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Bob Quinnett
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CAMERON CATHOLICS

Billy Gonsler Campus Minister
Email: youthdirector@lawtoncatholic.com

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

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



**9 Days for Life is a
novena for the protection
of human life.**

Each day's intention is accompanied by a short
reflection and suggested actions to help build a
culture of life. The link to the novena is
written below.

[https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/9-
days-for-life-novena/](https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/9-days-for-life-novena/)



Join the Knights of Columbus
on Sunday, January 21st in the
St. Mary Cafeteria from 11:00 am
until 2:00 pm for a Spaghetti Dinner.
Meals are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for
children aged 6 to 12 and children 5
and under eat for free.



There are Religious Education Classes and
Bible Study on Wednesday, January 24th
from 6:15 pm until 7:30 pm.

RE classes meet in the St. Joseph Building
and Bible Study meets in the Parish Hall.

IN THE FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS XVIII
MAR 9 2024
BE STRONG & COURAGEOUS
The Lord, Our God, is with us wherever we go (Isaiah 43)
REGISTER ONLINE
catholicmen.net
Oklahoma's
Catholic Men's Conference
Embassy Suites Convention Center
Norman, OK | 8:45 AM

2024
OKLAHOMA Catholic WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Fr. Chris Alar, MIC Jackie Francois Angel Sr. Mary Bethany, OP
KEYNOTE, SPEAKERS, BREAKOUT SESSIONS, ADORATION, CONFESSION, AND MORE.
MAR 2 8:30 AM-5PM NORMAN, OK
\$75 \$49 GENERAL STUDENT
REGISTER NOW
OKCATHOLICWOMEN.COM



Thursday, January 25th
Blessed Sacrament is having a
special Word of God Holy Hour
beginning at 6:30 pm. There will be
confessions following the Holy Hour.

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?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to
learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and
experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the
Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the
Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth.

For information please contact

Deacon Bob (580) 583-0271, deaconbob@lawtoncatholic.com
Come join us at 3 PM on Sunday in the Parish Hall.

SPONSORS NEEDED!!

If you are a fully initiated Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed,
actively participating in the Eucharist) who is at least 18 years of
age, PLEASE contact

Deacon Bob Quinnett (deaconbob@lawtoncatholic.com) to
find out how you could be a Sponsor.

CAMERON CATHOLIC Bible Study

JOIN US AT THE WESLEY CENTER
(500 SW 27TH ST - ACROSS THE
STREET FROM CAMPUS)
MONDAY NIGHTS FROM 7PM-9 PM

SNACKS AND
REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED



*Powerful Prayer in the
Medal of St. Benedict*

February 24, 2024
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Presented by
Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen, OSB

ST. GREGORY'S ABBEY
1900 W. MacArthur Street
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804
www.monksok.org

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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
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 to register online.

January BIRTHDAYS

Jan 22 Alfred Alcala, Nikita Apriesnig,
Anthony A. Gonzales and Emily Mitchell
Jan 23 Miranda Arevalo, Carmen Henandez
and Jesus Mendoza
Jan 24 Elizabeth Henandez and AJ Rayos
Jan 25 Antonio Shelton
Jan 26 Robert Plush, David Pratt and
Chinemerem Obidile
Jan 27 Luis Gonzalez, Lucas Harper,
Sonia Hastings, Wyatt McClue and
Chris Szatkowski
Jan 28 Daniel Huffman and Cruz Temaj-Lopez

THANK YOU

for your generosity

Our Weekend Mass Offerings January 6 and 7, 2024

General Fund—Envelopes and Cash	\$7,817.10
Parish Improvement	\$3,956.00
General Fund Online Giving(464646)	\$2,555.54
Parish Improvement Fund Online Giving	\$460.40

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, January 7, 2024



Operating Fund	\$979.00
Building Fund	\$30.00
Attendance	36



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.

JANUARY 21, 2024 WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



Monday, January 22

7:30 am—Daily Mass (Intentions of Margaret Hollister
Family by Keith and Mary Smith)
10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

Tuesday, January 23

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Maria Bertch by
Rosemarie Arnett)

Wednesday, January 24

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Anneliese Bodner by
Anna Rowland)
10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm
6:15 pm—Religious Education and Bible Study
until 7:30 pm
6:30 pm—Rosary in Church

Thursday, January 25

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Ronald J. Scheirer by
His Family)
6:30 pm—Word of God Holy Hour, followed by
confessions

Friday, January 26

7:30 am—Blessed Sacrament (+Angel Luis Pena by
His Family)

Saturday, January 27

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Elise Kennedy by
Claudia Beckner)
3:00 pm—Confessions in the Church until 4:30 pm
5:00 pm—Vigil Mass (+Harry Arnett by
Rosemarie Arnett)

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am— Mass (+Agnes Erdel by Anna Rowland)
9:45 am—Mass at St. Patrick in Walters
(+Jim McElhaney by His Parish Family)
11:30 am—Bilingual Mass
(For the People of the Parish)
3:00 pm—Christian Initiation of Adults

Mass Attendance January 6 and 7, 2024

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm had 150 in attendance
Sunday Morning at 8:00 am had 140 in attendance
Sunday Morning at 11:30 am had 230 in attendance
Total Attendance 520