

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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April 21, 2024, 4th Sunday of Easter Pastor, Rev. Raymond K. Ackerman

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity. I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good. I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom.

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him.

In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon: *"Rise up!"* Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: *"Have the courage to commit!"* Father Oreste Benzi, a tireless apostle of charity, ever on the side of the poor and the defenseless, used to say that no one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as not to need something to receive.

Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace. *Excerpt from Pope Francis*

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 21 April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter.

For further information about World Day of Prayer visit the website below. It has information for people of all ages and has a number of prayers you can pray for vocations.

<https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Bob Quinnett
Email: DeaconBob@lawtoncatholic.com

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 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.

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

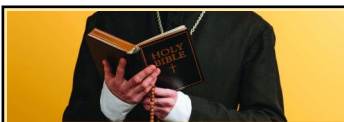
(580) 355-7837 (Help Line)
Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall

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



CELEBRATE
our Priests

In honor of our priests for saying "yes" to God's call to serve the Church as priests, please join us for a special Holy Hour on April 25th at 6:30 pm.

The Holy Hour will be for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

On April 28th, Good Shepherd Sunday, please bring a note or card of thanks to this weekend's Masses.

You might include a memory of a homily, or a rosary offered for them.



The Knights of Columbus are having their monthly Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **April 28th from 9:00 am until 11:00 am** in the St. Mary's Cafeteria.

The menu includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, French toast, breakfast burritos, eggs, hashbrown, biscuits, gravy, Tang and coffee.



Religious Education and Bible Study are meeting on April 24th from 6:15 pm until 7:30 pm.



If you are graduating from high school or college/university please email Alicia Brierton at re@lawtoncatholic.com to complete needed information. We will celebrate your accomplishments on Sunday, May 5, 8:00 a.m. Mass, followed by breakfast for you and your family/guests.

CAMERON CATHOLICS NEW LOCATION

CAMERON STUDENTS PLEASE JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY MONDAY NIGHTS AT THE MCMAHON CENTENNIAL COMPLEX (MCC) ON CAMPUS @7:00 PM



Day of Reflection For Women Discerning Religious Life

Oklahoma City

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.



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

Summer youth program 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.

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
Come join us at 3 PM on Sunday in the Parish Hall.



The Men's Prayer Group meets the **first Saturday** of each month immediately after daily Mass (about 8:00 am) until 9:00 am in the St. Mary Building cafeteria. The prayer group is for men of all ages who want to deepen their relationship with God. All are welcome. No RSVP necessary. Come when you can and invite a friend, your father, son, uncle, cousin or neighbor.

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 6-6
- SESSION 7 | JULY 21-26 | GRADES 7-9

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COST PER SESSION: \$450 PER CAMPER

PRICE INCREASE MAY 1, 2024 TO \$500
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
SIBLING DISCOUNT: 1ST CAMPER IS FULL PRICE, EACH SUBSEQUENT CAMPER RECEIVES \$50 DISCOUNT



CAMPOLG.ORG/SUMMERCAMP



A day to equip and inspire clergy, parish leaders, and parishioners in their mission to share the Good News with a world that desperately needs to hear it.

Aug. 10, 2024

OKC Convention Center
100 Mick Cornett Dr, Oklahoma City, OK 73109

OKdisciple.org



Text GMD to 84576 for important updates and reminders

Father / Son Retreat

May 9-11

\$35 per person

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp



Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon.
Fathers and sons must attend together.
Sons should be ages 10-21.

Register at archokc.org/fathers



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. 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.

April

BIRTHDAYS

April 22

April 23 George Aviles, Olivia Cottrell and Jorge Galaviz

April 24 Jacob Cash, Dominic Juarez, Glenda Neeley and Salome Ortiz-Colon

April 25

April 26 Rodrigo Mariano and David Tuckwell

April 27 Jaxon Morgan, Violet Rodriguez, Mirna Sargent, Vera Taylor and Frank Thibodeau

April 28 Douglas Manfull, Jodie Schaefer, Taylor Strong, Martin Torres and James Williamson

Thank You!

Our Weekend Mass Offerings April 6 and 7, 2024

General Fund—Envelopes and Cash	\$9,223.06
Parish Improvement Fund	\$4,435.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,95.00
General Fund Online Giving(464646)	\$2,249.37
Parish Improvement Fund Online Giving	\$411.53

Second 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, April 7, 2024

Operating Fund	\$813.00
Building Fund	\$90.00
Attendance	40

Thank You!

APRIL 21, 2024 BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



Monday, April 22

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Otis Richey by Corazon Delapaz Daebler)

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

Tuesday, April 23

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Elise Kennedy by Claudia Beckner)

6:00 pm—Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 24

7:30 am —Daily Mass (+Daniel Cleaver by the Harper Family)

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

6:15 pm—Religious Education and Bible Study

6:30 pm—Rosary in Church

Thursday, April 25

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

6:30 pm—Holy Hour, followed by confessions

Friday, April 26

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

Saturday, April 27

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Francis John Scotto by John and Heather Scotto)

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

5:00 am—Vigil Mass (+Leslie Rowland by Anna Rowland)

Sunday, April 28

8:00 am— Mass (+Maria Sanchez by Al Sandoval)

9:00 am—Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

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

(For the People of the Parish)

11:30 am—Bilingual Mass (+Barbara L.S. Hunter by Scott Richard Klein)

Friday, April 5, 2024

Confirmation Mass at 6:00 pm had 380 in attendance

Mass Attendance April 6 and 7, 2024

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm had 138 in attendance
Sunday Morning at 8:00 am had 175 in attendance
Sunday Morning at 11:30 am had 185 in attendance
Total Attendance 498