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ST. JOSEPH

Fifth Sunday
of Lent

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"UNLESS A GRAIN OF
WHEAT FALLS TO THE
GROUND AND DIES,
IT REMAINS JUST A
GRAIN OF WHEAT;
BUT IF IT DIES,
IT *produces much fruit*"

-JOHN 12:22

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Welcome

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

March 7, 2021

In today's Gospel we find a group of greeks in the process of converting to the Jewish faith coming to Jerusalem for their first passover. Yet, as they arrive in Jerusalem, they seek out Jesus. As the gentiles approach Jesus, Christ proclaims that his passion is drawing close. As all of the prophecies foretold, God did not send his Son just to restore the House of Israel, but to gather those who had been scattered throughout history. Jesus came to save all, not only by his words and miracles, but to destroy death itself upon the cross. Each one of us desire to see Christ, to encounter the Son of God, but we also tend to carry a ton of baggage for our journey. Until we let go of all of these distractions and follow Christ without holding anything back, we will be left in our self-made toil, wondering why we are not closer to God. God will never force us to lay down our distractions. Instead, he will patiently wait, loving us, guiding us, calling us, but will always respect our free will. What are you going to do?

This week I am launching my seminary visits, which are an important part of my ministry as the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Please keep me in your prayers as I travel to Conception Seminary College and Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for the annual evaluations of our seminarians and meetings with their faculty. Because of this, we will not have 11am confessions and 12pm Mass on Wednesday-Friday. Instead, I invite you to spend that time in prayer for our seminarians and that more young men will be open to God's call to the priesthood.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Brian

Fr. Brian Buettner, Pastor



Worship

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 4:00pm
12:00noon in Spanish

Weekdays 12:00noon

Wednesdays 6:30pm in Spanish

Holy Days 7:00am, 12noon, 7:00pm

Confession Schedule

Weekdays 11:15am (English)

Saturdays 3:00pm (English)

Sundays 11:15am (Spanish)

Wednesdays 5:45pm(Spanish)

Please Note

there will be no daily Mass
from March 24-26

Welcome to St. Joseph's

Whether you're just visiting or are searching for a place to worship, we're delighted you have come and we hope you have felt comfortable. We are ready to assist you with your questions and needs. Our parish family is growing and there is a place for you!

Witness

How to Make a Good Confession

Examine our conscience.

Have sorrow for our sins (Act of Contrition).

Make a firm resolution not to sin again.

Confess our sins to the priest.

Complete the penance which the priest gives us.

Examination of Conscience Based on the Ten Commandments

1. Do I love God more than anything else?
2. Do I use God's name with love and respect?
3. Do I honor God by going to Mass and resting on Sundays?
4. Do I love and respect my mother and father?
5. Do I hurt anyone with my actions or words?
6. Am I pure in my thoughts and in my heart?
7. Do I take anything that didn't belong to me?
8. Do I tell the truth?
9. Am I faithful to my family and friends?
10. Am I happy with what I have, and have not wanted what belongs to others?

There are numerous versions of the Act of Contrition prayer. This is one example:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.



A Day in the Life of Consecrated Life

Ladies, is there a stirring in your heart to live your love for Christ in a beautiful and bold way? The Religious Sisters of Mercy invite you to a discernment retreat on Saturday, April 24 from 8:30-5:00 in Tulsa, OK. Join them for a day of discussions, prayer, talks, Holy Hour, and an experience of communal life. To learn more, email Vanessa at vbaquera@archokc.org.

Rooting Your Family in Christ

Domestic Church retreat offers ongoing formation for sacramentally married couples who want to grow in their holiness together. The next weekend retreat is April 15-18 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Cost is \$350, but scholarships are possible. For more information contact Alex Schimpf at aschimpf@archokc.org

Coming into the Catholic Church at Easter

Thank you for your continued prayers as four people from other faith traditions and four baptized Catholic prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 3. Very soon we will welcome to the Table of the Lord: Bryan Wietelman, Javier Ibanez, Jerilyn Kisabeth, Makayla Hammons, Melissa Klick, Francisco Barraza, Eric de Leon, and Leticia Romero.

THANK YOU

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