

Welcome

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, December 26, 2021

Merry Christmas! While Christmas is normally very busy anyway, this year it is particularly crazy with Christmas falling on a Saturday. In a sense, it is beautiful that our celebration of Christmas spills right over to the Feast of the Holy Family this year. These days allow us to draw close to Mary and Joseph as they make their way to Bethlehem, struggle to find a place to stay, experience the birth of Our Lord, and then all of the visitors that unexpectedly showed up. Their faithfulness in the midst of so many unexpected events give us a particular insight into the way of holiness. As we heard last weekend, Mary and Joseph are blessed because they heard the Word of God spoken to them and believed it.

As we reflect on how God is working on our lives, how different events occur around us, and how we respond can give us a really good idea about our willingness to believe in the Word of God. Our faith is not something external, but something that must begin from within our hearts. If our faith is relegated to something that is external, it is no longer faith and will easily fall away. I don't know about you, but I need an anchor in my life. I need to be rooted in something that is constant, true, beautiful, and real. Our Almighty God chose to become and flesh and blood person so that he could draw us close to him and ultimately, take all of our sins upon himself through his Passion and Death. This faith opens up something so unexpected and foreign in our world... hope. Hope wells up within us during the Christmas season because our salvation is closer than when we first believed. Let's follow the example of the the Holy Family by firmly rooting ourselves in the Lord. Then, when things happen around us that are difficult to understand, we will join Mary and Joseph as they behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Brian

Fr. Brian Buettner, Pastor



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 11:00am (English)
Saturdays 3:00pm (English)
Sundays 11:00am (Spanish)
Wednesdays 5:45pm(Spanish)

Welcome to St. Joseph Old Cathedral

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 or needs. Our parish family is growing and there is always a place for you!

December 25 Saturday 4pm: Intention of the Perales Family	December 29 Wednesday 12pm: Intentions of Lupe R. 6:30pm: For the Sick & Suffering
December 26 Sunday 8am: Intentions of Pedro Romero 10am: Missa Pro Populo 12noon ☩ Socorro Porras Pando 4pm:☩ All Souls in Purgatory and Conversion of Sinners	December 30 Thursday 12pm:Fro the Intention of Graff Family
December 27 Monday 12pm: ☩ Nicholas V Greuel	December 31 Friday 12pm: ☩ Claire Roop
December 28 Tuesday 12pm: Intentions of Brad Kropp	Mass Intentions December 25-31



Draw Closer to Mary and St. Joseph
Pray the Rosary or read Consecration to St. Joseph by Fr. Don Calloway

Add Spiritual Reading, especially Bible
Download Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz

Enhance Your Prayer Time
Increase time talking to God, try the Daily Examen, go to Mass one weekday

Make a Sacrifice on Fridays
Give up meat, music, TV or something else

Share your Catholic Faith
Be a witness in word and action, learn how to share your faith journey

Make Stewardship a Way of Life
Consider how you spend your time, talent, & treasure

Thank You for Your Generosity

We are so grateful to all of you who contributed to this year's Giving Tree. Because of you, many OKC mothers, children, and veterans experienced a special Christmas.

Celebrate and Witness for Life

January 22: Join hundreds of Oklahomans for the 2022 OK March for Life. The event begins at 9:30am in front of the State Capitol building and the march will end by 12noon in Midtown.

January 26: Archbishop Coakley will celebrate the annual Sanctity of Life Mass at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City. More details to come.

Catholic Women's Conference

The Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference is Feb. 26 at Embassy Suites & Conference Center. Nationally known speakers are Kimberly Hahn, Leah Darrow and Sr. Marie Veritas. Take advantage of the early bird price \$55. Visit okcatholicwomen.com to register today!

Catholic Men's Conference

Brothers in Christ, March 13 is designed for you with motivating speakers, prayer, and reflections on your unique role as husbands, fathers, and citizens of God's Kingdom. Don't miss this event from 8:30-4:30 at the Norman Embassy Suites. \$59 early bird registration ends Feb. 14. Learn more or register at catholicmen.net

Father Brian Presents

You are invited to the monthly Parish Faith Formation Night on January 6 at 6pm. Fr. Brian will walk us through the mystery of the Mass. Invite a friend!

Come Let us Adore Him

Eucharistic Adoration allows us to be intimately close to the Lord in prayer. This invitation is for you. Come spend time with Him. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8am-6pm Friday January 7.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engagements are a sacred time for couples to grow in love and to get to deeply know one another. We are here to help couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. For information on planning for that special day please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Do you have questions about baptism? We are ready to help you. Children six years old and under are received through infant baptism. Those seven and older and adults are received through the Order of Christian Initiation (RCIA). Contact Vanessa Baquera in the parish office if you would like to learn more.

THANK YOU

A disciple of Jesus lives a life sharing his or her time, talent, and treasure. We are blessed by your prayers, service, and financial support.

December 18-19 Offertory

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<i>Online Giving</i>	\$

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