## Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Deacon Bob Quinnett Email: DeaconBob@lawtoncatholic.com

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS \* Meets the second Tuesday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY Meets the second Monday of the month, September through May only

#### **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: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday at 7:30 am No Daily Mass on Monday or Tuesday

CONFESSIONS Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:30 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.

#### 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.

THRIFT SHOP \* (580) 581-1309 Currently Open Mondays and Wednesdays Only, From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, COURT ST. JUDE \* (580) 248-9594 OR (580) 695-0259 Meets the third Saturday of the month

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY \* (580) 355-7837 Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month

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#### LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. JOHN PAUL LEWIS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, in which the Gospel reminds us of the magi who brought gifts to present and worship the Christ child. This is a very important feast day because it reminds us of a very important reality. As Simeon proclaims,



#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Jesus is "a light for the nations." This marks a significant moment in salvation history. Up until the coming of the Lord, the covenant that God established was with the people of Israel. If you were not a part of the people of Israel, you were understood to be excluded from that covenant. In Jesus Christ, however, that covenantal love was extended and opened up to all the nations, the "gentiles."

This is essential to our understanding of our mission. If this covenantal love is meant for everyone, then we must offer that love to everyone. We have a duty to make sure that all people have an opportunity to receive that covenantal love and live in that relationship with God. This is why our mission of evangelization is so important for our life of faith. We go to the Lord together as a family of faith, as the Church. And we want to make sure that that family is as large as possible, so that all people can come to know the saving power of God, and live in His friendship and love.

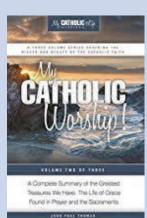
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In Christ,

Fr. John Paul

#### MY CATHOLIC WORSHIP ADULT FAITH FORMATION

There will be no Adult Faith Formation classes on January 2, 2022. **Next class is January 9, 2022.** Classes are Sundays at 3:00 pm, in the Parish Hall Everyone is welcome.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

If you have any questions please contact us as RE@lawtoncatholic.com.

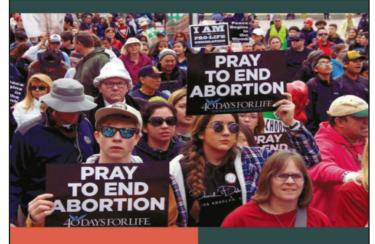
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#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION Friday January 7, 2022

All day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Church, beginning at 8:00 am. Vespers and Benediction will begin at 6:45 pm. Come spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord!



#### OKLAHOMA MARCH FOR LIFE

JOIN US AS WE MARCH FROM THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING TO MIDTOWN TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR LIFE

#### FEATURED SPEAKERS





10:30

AM

The roughly 2-mile march is optional. There will be buses stopping at the Capitol, a halfway point, and in Midtown.

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#### PRISON MINISTRIES OUTREACH

<u>Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup></u>, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, we will provide a dinner for about 25 offenders of Lawton's Pre-Release Center. Meat will be provided. We need volunteers to bring prepared salads, vegetables, and desserts, as well as to serve the meal at 6:00 pm.

> For information please call Charles Benke at (580) 353-5011.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Catholic Women's Conference February 26, 2022 okcatholicwomen.com

Catholic Men's conference March 12, 2022 catholicmen.net



The Thrift Shop is open Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

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!



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#### JOIN FLOCKNOTE

Everyone, please take out your cell phones.....

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please send the word <u>*lawton*</u> in a text message to the number: <u>84576</u>. This is a great time to be signed up so that we can keep you and your family updated with our weekly bulletins and other announcements.

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JANUARY 3 Kindra Chavez, Aldo Flores, Jr., Angela Morris, Genoveva Ponce, Mackenzie Pratt, and Ayzuri Ramirez JANUARY 4 Dominque Carroll, Conrad Clark, Harvey Fabian, Adrian Martinez, and Leo J. Meyer

JANUARY 5 David Carter, Jose Rojo, Addy Rosado, and Jennifer Waters JANUARY 6 Chauncy Apple, Aldo Hernandez, Dago Molina, and Ashlyn Munoz-Gonzalez JANUARY 7 Angelica Alcala, Angelica Fagan, Angela Hayden, Theresa Jones, Kennedy Mason, Charles Sadsad, Cesar Sarmiento, and Leticia Tuckwell

**JANUARY 8** Jennifer Borrego, Cathleen Conner, Jonea Hammond, Jennifer Pruchnicki, Cindy Vigil, and Duwannah Williams

**JANÚARY 9** Mireya Alcala, Alex Cherpak, and Justin Santos

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#### Our Weekend Mass Offerings December 18 & 19, 2021

General Fund—Envelopes & Cash General Fund—Online Giving Christmas Flowers Parish Improvement Fund (464646) Parish Improvement Fund—Online Giving	\$7,895.29 \$1,987.40 \$50.00 \$75.00 \$139.96
Retirement for Religious	\$139.96

No Second Collection Next Week

We want to extend our deep thanks for continuing your generous support. Your generous contributions help sustain our Parish.

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Walters Weekend Mass Attendance and Offerings Sunday, December 19, 2021 9:45 am Mass Attendance 26

Operating Fund\$1,200.00Building Fund\$105.00Thank you for your support!

#### JANUARY 2, 2022 WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH We are glad you are here today!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD "Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

#### THIS WEEK AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Mt 2:6b

Monday, January 3

NO Daily Mass 10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm Tuesday, January 4 NO Daily Mass Wednesday, January 5 NO Daily Mass 10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm No Religious Education Classes Thursday, January 6 NO Daily Mass 6:30 pm—Holy Hour in the Church There will be no confessions. Friday, January 7 **NO Daily Mass** First Friday Adoration Beginning at 8:00 am 6:45 pm-Vespers and Benediction in the Church Saturday, January 8 7:30am—Daily Mass (+John Diepolder by SVDP Society) 5:00 pm—Mass (+Lorraine Sciullo by her family) Sunday, January 9 8:00 am-Mass (For discerners and seminarians of the Archdiocese of OKC) 9:45 am—Mass at St. Patrick Church in Walters (+Stephen Conner by his family) 11:30 am—Bilingual Mass (People of the Parish)

#### Mass Attendance December 18 & 19, 2021

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm had 150 in attendance. Sunday Morning at 8:00 am had 126 in attendance. Sunday Morning at 11:30 am had 174 in attendance. Total Attendance 450

