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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,

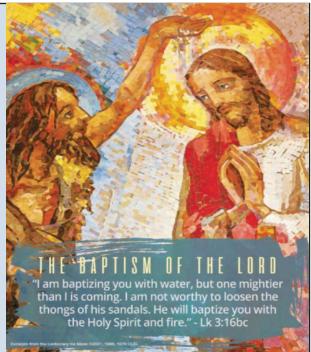
From a Sermon by Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, bishop

The baptism of Christ

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptised; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptising when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptiser; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptised by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom,



the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptised by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptised in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have

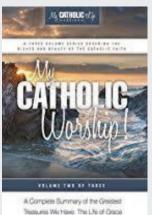
received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

In Christ,

Fr. John Paul

MY CATHOLIC WORSHIP ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Whether you're a lifelong Catholic, or interested in becoming Catholic, everyone is welcome. Come to RCIA Faith Study on **Sundays at 3:00 pm**, in the Parish Hall.



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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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OKLAHOMA MARCH FOR LIFE

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

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



JOIN ARCHBISHOP COAKLEY

SANCTITY OF LIFE MASS

to pray for the sanctity and respect of all human life from conception until natural death

JANUARY 26 AT 6PM THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 3214 LAKE AVENUE | OKC | 73118

Following Mass, pizza will be served for the youth and Father Will Banowsky will be presenting. El sábado 22 de enero, la Marcha por la Vida de Oklahoma se llevará a cabo en el lado norte del edificio del Capitolio del Estado de Oklahoma a las 10:30 a.m. Los oradores serán el Obispo David Konderla y el Reverendo Todd Fisher, director ejecutivo de la Convención General Bautista de Oklahoma.

Hay más información en archokc.org/marchforlife.

El miércoles 26 de enero, el arzobispo Coakley celebrará la misa de la santidad de la vida a las 6 p.m. en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro.

Si tienen preguntas, comuníquense con el diácono Joe Vandervort en la oficina de Respect Life al (405) 709-2714 o jvandervort@archokc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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 10 Alex Ibarra and David Sargent JANUARY 11 Michael Carrubba, Christopher Conway, Jason Esquer, Brandi Flood, Alejah Ilidan, and Marky Rubio JANUARY 12 Dean Bread, Jaeleigh McCool, Christian Ortiz, Tailor Phillips, Sarah Richter, Letha Seibold, Dallas Villasenor-Avant, Richard Wann, and Tyler Youngblood JANUARY 13 Maria Reyna, Shelby Riggins, and Kellen Smith JANUARY 14 Leroy Conway, Philip Immenschuh, and Leslie Phelps JANUARY 15 Matthew Arrington, Gwen Aviles,

Kinley Benke, Jonathan Monday, and Sarah Pierce JANUARY 16 Aliyana Alvarado and Stephen

Lewis



Our Weekend Mass Offerings December 24, 25 & 26, 2021

Christmas Masses—Parish Improvement Fund	\$7,377.00
General Fund—Envelopes & Cash	\$4,808.26
General Fund—Online Giving	\$1,865.28
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00
Parish Improvement Fund (464646)	\$70.00
Parish Improvement Fund—Online Giving	\$164.99
Retirement for Religious	\$20.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$1,241.41

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 26, 2021 9:45 am Mass Attendance 24

Operating Fund \$196.00 Building Fund \$5,000.00 Thank you for your support!

JANUARY 9, 2022 WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH We are glad you are here today!



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

THIS WEEK AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, January 10 7:30 am— Daily Mass (+Andrea Kim by Kim Fisher) 10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm Tuesday, January 11 7:30 am— Daily Mass (+Nena Raymundo by Chris Dela Cruz) 6:00 pm—Knight of Columbus Meeting Parish Hall Wednesday, January 12 7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Michael Van Grover by Sammy and Susy Morris) 10:00 am-Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm 6:15 pm — Religious Education Classes 6:30 pm — Rosary in the Church Thursday, January 13 7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Wanda Davidson by Her Friends) 6:30 pm—Holy Hour in the Church There will be no confessions. Friday, January 14 **NO Daily Mass** Saturday, January 15 **NO Daily Mass** 5:00 pm—Mass (For the People of the Parish) Sunday, January 16 8:00 am—Mass (For discerners and seminarians of the Archdiocese of OKC) 9:45 am—Mass at St. Patrick Church in Walters (+Theodore and +Marguerite Liard by the Flusche Family) 11:30 am—Bilingual Mass (+William and +Jane Larson by Eddie Larson) Mass Attendance December 24, 25, & 26, 2021 Friday Christmas Vigil at 5:00 pm had 299 in attendance.

Saturday Christmas vigil at 5:00 pm had 299 in attendance. Saturday Christmas at Midnight had 164 in attendance. Saturday Christmas at 10:00 am had 158 in attendance. Christmas Total Attendance 621 Sunday Morning at 8:00 am had 180 in attendance.

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