



December 23rd, 2018

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
 Tues, Wed, & Thurs., Friday 9:00am
 Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:45am & 11:15 am
Days of Obligation 9am & 6:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Sat. 3:30 or by appointment

Special Prayer Time

On every WEDNESDAY at 6:00 p.m. we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers to Our Lady Of Perpetual Help, quiet time for your own private prayers and closing at 7pm with Benediction.

Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting

Oklahoma City KKNG, FM 97.3

Ministry to Youth

Youth Group is grades 6-12 meet every Wednesday at 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall (Supper included).
Shari McGurk 474-8218 & Becky Garcia 990-4782
Kristen Danner & Kirsten Stalford 802-5747

Homebound Parishioners

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home because you are unable to come to church, call the Parish Office.

Ministry Schedulers

Vicki Harris - Ushers/Greeters 737-2724
Alice Sealy - Lectors 670-2571
Fran Zeleny - Communion Ministers 677-6265
Vanessa Ackerman - Altar Servers 332-8645

Parish Ministries & Organizations

Funeral Meals.....	Sue Flies	990-5826
Homebound Ministry....	Parish Office	677-4873
Knights of Columbus....	Robert F. Warner, Jr.	585-9534
Ladies Group.....	Peggy Ensey	301-2734
Meals On Wheels.....	Mary Baumann	799-3969
Music Director.....	Michelle Hill Lile	924-5200
Prayer Chain.....	Dona Brown	737-4124
Safe Environment.....	Darla Bralley	677-4873
Social Activities.....	Kirsten Stalford	802-5747
St. Paul Parish Charity	Help Hotline.....	670-6105

Bulletin Deadline Office

Monday at 12pm Excluding Holidays

Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 8am-4pm



PARISH COUNCIL

Vernon Hughes - (Chairperson)	672-6107
Randy Trower - (Vice Chairperson)	248-1067
Carmelita De La Cruz - (Secretary)	326-5834
John Atkinson	670-4956
Benny Contreras	550-4547
Don Dobry	677-5696
R. J. Magee	760-2066
Linda Odland	610-6027

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Doneen Jones (Chair Person)	672-4584
Dan Suppes	677-1650
Rich Blouin	677-9578
Bill Baumann	799-3969
Kim Irwin	642-1536
Joe Schrader	1-405-589-2969

PARISH SERVICES

Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals
 Contact the Pastor @ 677-4873
Inquiry into becoming a Catholic (RCIA)
 Contact Deacon John Page @ 677-7620

BECOME A REGISTERED MEMBER

Welcome to St. Paul Parish. If you are attending Mass and activities here at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, you should register. The forms are on the table in the foyer of the church. There are special privileges being a registered member of the parish. We are glad you are here. Call the Parish Office for any questions (677-4873).

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C
22nd & 23rd DECEMBER 2018

Today the Church presents us with two expectant mothers bursting with the excitement of their pregnancies. Mary was very young and young persons get excited about good things that are coming. Mary wanted to see and help Elizabeth as quickly as possible once her baby was born because Elizabeth was advanced in years. We know about the bond between a mother and her unborn child and between an unborn child and the outside world. Any woman who has traveled while pregnant can tell you that it isn't fun. Mary traveled to a town 80 miles away, likely on a donkey, without the comfort of paved roads, air conditioning, or shock absorbers. Why does she do it? Well, think about what has just happened: She's been told that she is pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. She's also learned that her cousin Elizabeth, believed to be too old to conceive, is expecting as well. Mary must have been bursting to talk to a woman who could personally understand her excitement, her wonder, and probably her nervousness too. Mary's trip also demonstrates the call of community. Sometimes, our physical presence is the best gift we can give another person. Remember that Mary is carrying Christ inside her. In this act of human solidarity, Mary demonstrated that authentic charity grows within us when Christ is present. Ultimately, the Visitation reminds us that no one is an island. We all live and thrive in relation to others. Sometimes we give in these encounters, and sometimes we receive. The women of today's Gospel show us that it is possible to move beyond our own little personal agendas and engage in authentic ministry. Elizabeth recognizes the unique blessedness of Mary because of the child she bears. The attitude of Elizabeth is representative of what God desires in any believer. What a joy to share life with others. Elizabeth also reveals a second exemplary attribute that is found in Mary. She expresses a beatitude for Mary's faith: *"Blessed is she who has believed."* To be blessed is to be happy because God has touched one's life. Such divine benefit rains down on those who trust him and his promises. Blessing emerges from God's ability to bring his promises to completion, but to share the benefits, we must be confident that God does what he says. The first sign of such faith in Mary was her willingness to let God use her. The second was her immediate visit to Elizabeth, who herself served as a sign that God keeps his word and can give life. **Each woman lived a radical openness to the Holy Spirit; each needed the support and companionship of the other; each responded humbly, gently, and with great liberty of spirit to the designs of God in her life. Mary was blessed because she was chosen to be the mother of the child. She was blessed because she believed that what God told her would come true. Mary teaches us with her Visitation how to show concern for others. This meeting of the two expectant mothers has a deeper significance than just being an example of charity. It is the Old Testament pointing to the New Testament. Mary was bursting with joy for the life within her. Like all good mothers she loved being pregnant. She enjoyed a unique possession of the Word of God within her. Mary proclaimed the Magnificat to Elizabeth. God's plan for the redemption of the world began with Mary. She was the woman of faith and the woman of courage who said "yes" to the Lord. The angel Gabriel's message was transformed into the incarnation. We have been saved because Mary trusted in God and said yes to God's plans. God works his wonders in those who trust in him. Reaching out to others is another Christian sign. There is joy in this encounter. Both of them did not think of themselves as the most important people. We too meet various people in our life. Sometimes they wait for us. There are people who do not need necessarily our money and goods but just our time and friendship. Our nearness can at times bring solace and healing to them. The more we give ourselves to others, the more we receive in return. The more we make others happy, the more we ourselves rejoice. We must become instrumental in projecting Jesus in the world in our meeting with others.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU. FR. SUNDAR

PARISH NEWS

1. We need more ALTAR SERVERS for 8.45 and 11.15 Masses. If you are interested, please call the Parish office, the Deacon or Mrs. Vanessa Ackerman. 405-332-8645.

2. CHRISTMAS MASS TIMINGS:

24TH DEC. CHRISTMAS PLAY AT:

4:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall

VIGIL MASS at. 6.00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING at 11.30 P.M.

MIDNIGHT MASS at 12.00.

25th DEC. MASS at 10.00 A.M. (Only one Mass)

3. Thank You to all of the Parishioners who picked up stars for the Jesse Tree and for all of the coats that were given to help those in need. And a special Thank You to Fr. Sundar, the Ladies who helped with the Jesse Tree who wrapped all of the gifts. May God continue to Bless each and everyone of you and our church. *Peggy Ensey*

4. Meals on Wheels is in need of Cooks and Delivery Drivers for our Parish. Please contact Jim Laurent 677-5309 or Mary Baumann 799-3969.

5. Archbishop Coakley call for St. Michael prayer
Archbishop Coakley has called for priests, deacons, seminarians and lay men and women to pray the prayer to St. Michael, and for parishes to include the prayer after every Mass.

6. Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference
The Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference will be Feb. 23 at Embassy Suites in Norman. Visit www.ocwconference.com.

7. Oklahoma Catholic Men's Conference
The Oklahoma Catholic Men's Conference will be March 9 at Embassy Suites in Norman. Visit www.catholicmen.net.

8. A message from Archbishop Coakley
A former priest in the archdiocese, Ben Zoeller, a resident of Oklahoma City, was removed from the priesthood in 2002 and laicized in 2011 due to credible allegations of abuse of minors. He is not allowed to volunteer or work at any parish, school or archdiocesan entity. For questions, contact (405) 721-5651, Ext. 111. To report inappropriate behavior or abuse involving Zoeller, please contact the pastoral hotline at (405) 720-9878.

9. Sanctity of Life Mass

The Sanctity of Life Mass is a celebration of life from conception to natural death. Archbishop Coakley will preside at the Mass at 6 p.m. Jan. 16 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City.

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a loved one or thanksgiving for the prayers answered by God. A \$10 Stipend is recommended for each Mass. Call the parish office and have a date fixed for you in advance.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Contributions not available at the time of printing. Mortgage balance to be paid: \$312,895.06

Your consistent giving on a regular basis is the only way to meet our needs and pay the bills for the fiscal year. Please be generous.

Please Pray for the Following

Please notify the parish office if a parishioner is in the hospital or seriously sick so that Holy Communion will be given to them. Most of the hospitals in the city have a priest chaplain available to give Holy Communion or if needed the sacrament of anointing of the sick. Notify the hospital that you are a catholic and you need Holy Communion. Please pray for these parishioners who are sick and need your prayers for the healing.

1. Patricia Felock 2. Erin Hentz Marinko 3. Teresa Tortorelli 4. Tom Jones Sr.
5. Marie Seay 6. Shirley Thomas 7. Rosalee Elliott 8. Charlie McGehee 9. Robert Devillez Sr. 10. Christopher Detar
11. Connie Andrews 12. Norm and Carolyn Detar, 13. Kitty Zagaruyka 14. Frank Barta, Jr.

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE DATES

NEW PLAY THIS YEAR!!!

Sunday, December 23, 2018 - Practice

Sunday, December 24 - be at the Parish Hall by 4:00 p.m. to get dressed in costumes.

Play begins at 4:45 p.m. Mass begins at 6:00 p.m.

****ALL PRACTICE TIMES ARE AFTER THE 11:15 A.M. Mass.**

Please bring your child to the Parish Hall where will have a small snack/Lunch and the begin Practice!

Donation of Snacks/Lunch are also APPRECIATED each week of Practice.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK (4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT-C)

24th DECEMBER: MONDAY: Samuel.7:1-5, 8-15. St. Luke.1:67-79.

MASS at 6.00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12.00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

25th DECEMBER: TUESDAY: CHRISTMAS SOLEMNITY

9.30 A.M. Rosary. 10.00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

26th DECEMBER: WEDNESDAY: St. Stephen. Acts. 6:8-10. 7:54-59 St. Matt.10:17-22

8.30 A.M. Rosary. 9.00 A.M. +Eileen Snedigar by The Ladies Group

27th DECEMBER: THURSDAY: St. John. 1st John. 1:1-4. St. John.20:1-8

8.30 A.M. Rosary. 9.00 A.M. Tom & Johanna Lucas (Anniv.) by Larry & Anna Mae Stotler

28th DECEMBER: FRIDAY: The Holy Innocents. 1st John. 1:5-2:2. St. Matt.2:13-18

8.30 A.M. Rosary. 9.00 A.M.

29th DECEMBER: SATURDAY: HOLY FAMILY FEAST. Samuel.1:20-28. 1st John.3:1-2, 21-24. St. Luke. 2:41-52

5.00 P.M. Mass for: +Leon Magott (Anniv. Of Death) by Vernon and Carol Hughes

30th DECEMBER: SUNDAY: HOLY FAMILY FEAST. Samuel.1:20-28. 1st John.3:1-2, 21-24. St. Luke. 2:41-52

8.45 A.M. Mass for: For the People

11.15 A.M. Mass for: For the People

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>
<u>29th DECEMBER</u> <u>SATURDAY</u> <u>5.00 P.M.</u>	1. Adrian Lewis 2. Lita De La Cruz	1. V. Hughes 2. A. Reynolds 3. C. Woodward 4. J. Stephens	1. Randy Trower 2. Alicia 3. Cristine Ceniza 4. Anne M Nguyen	1. Angela Poole 2. Mark Woodward 3. Fatina Brito 4. Tommy J Heanue
<u>30th DECEMBER</u> <u>8.45 A.M.</u>	1. Rich Blotuin 2. Mark Himes	1. J. Schrader 2. K. Habel 3. L. Powell	1. Jim Wright 2. Kathy Bolton 3. Larry Stotler 4. Anna Mae Stotler	1. Benny Contreras 2. Elsa Contreras 3. Jim Grace 4. Madeline
<u>11.15 A.M.</u>	1. Braden Walton 2. Bill Baumann	1. S. Ackerman 2. V. Ackerman 3. P. Baker 4. S. Stalford	1. Steve Monje 2. Mireya Monje 3. Joe Riedl 4. Vetoe Hentz	1. Mary Baumann 2. Mary Matthew 3. R J Magee 4. Kay Scott

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