

SAINT MARY’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

January 17, 2021

Return to Ordinary Time

While some may like continue to celebrate the Christmas Season until the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, liturgically we put away the white and gold this week and bring back the green for ordinary time.

Historically, “Ordinary Time” used to be broken into two distinct seasons: this time after the Epiphany of the Lord until Lent, and the time after Pentecost.

To our ears, “ordinary” implies the opposite of “extraordinary.” Thus, we tend to fall into a trap of thinking these Sundays are somehow less important than other Sundays of the year, e.g. Easter, Pentecost, Christ the King, etc. But while those holidays are important and clearly deserve special attention, remember that every Sunday is a memorial of the Lord’s day. Every Sunday is important.

In fact, when we use the word “ordinary,” we don’t mean that this time of the year is not extraordinary, or any other synonym that might be associated with that meaning of ordinary. Instead, “Ordinary Time” refers to the fact that it is arranged using the “ordinal numbers,” (first, second, third, etc.).

We pray in the preface, “For you laid the foundations of the world and have arranged for the changing of times and seasons; you have formed man in your own image and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and forever praise you in your mighty works.”

We might consider, therefore, “Ordinary Time” as a time for us to cooperate with God’s power. Having reflected on the mysteries of the other seasons, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc., we take the graces we have received, and incorporate them into our lives in an ordered way.

May these weeks leading up to Lent beginning in a month, with Ash Wednesday on February 17, be a time of personal and spiritual growth as we prepare to once again celebrate the Paschal Mystery at Easter.

Fr. Zak

Weekly Income Report January 10, 2021	
Weekly Collection:	\$ 8,831.00
Faith Direct:	\$ 8,275.64



MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021	
12:10pm	†Stan Wheeler/Joe & Carolyn Dempewolf
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021	
12:10pm	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021	
8:20am	†Mike Lee/Patrick Hill
School Masses are NOT open to the public due to COVID-19	
6:00pm	NO MASS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021	
9:30am	†Jerry Vap/Jeff & Cathy Koenke (Newkirk)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021	
7:00am	†Abbie Woody/Don & Tudy Lockwood
12:10pm	†Jeanette Vassar/Glenda Richardson
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021	
9:00am	Spec. Int. of the Addicted & Homeless
5:00pm	In Thanksgiving/Michel Gray
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021	
8:00am	†Fr. Michalicka/Fr. Zak
9:30am	Pro Populo (Newkirk)
11:00am	†Fr. Dowdell/Fr. Carson
1:00pm	Spanish Mass/ Pro Populo
7:00pm	Spec. Int. of Joan Slovacek/Mary Vannest
Unless specified- ALL Masses will be in the CHURCH	

THE WEEK AHEAD January 18-24, 2021		
Monday	6:30pm	LADDER OF ASCENT, McGurk Room
Tuesday	11:30am	BIBLE TIMELINE , McGurk Room
	7:00pm	RCIA, McGurk Room
Wednesday	11:30pm	FINANCE COUNCIL, McGurk Room
	6:30pm	YOUTH GROUP, Gym
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
Sunday	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church


Rest in Peace: Please pray for the souls of Abbie Woody, mother of Johnny Woody and for Pablo Tabares, Jr., son of Pablo and Maria Elena Tabares. May God grant him eternal peace.


SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

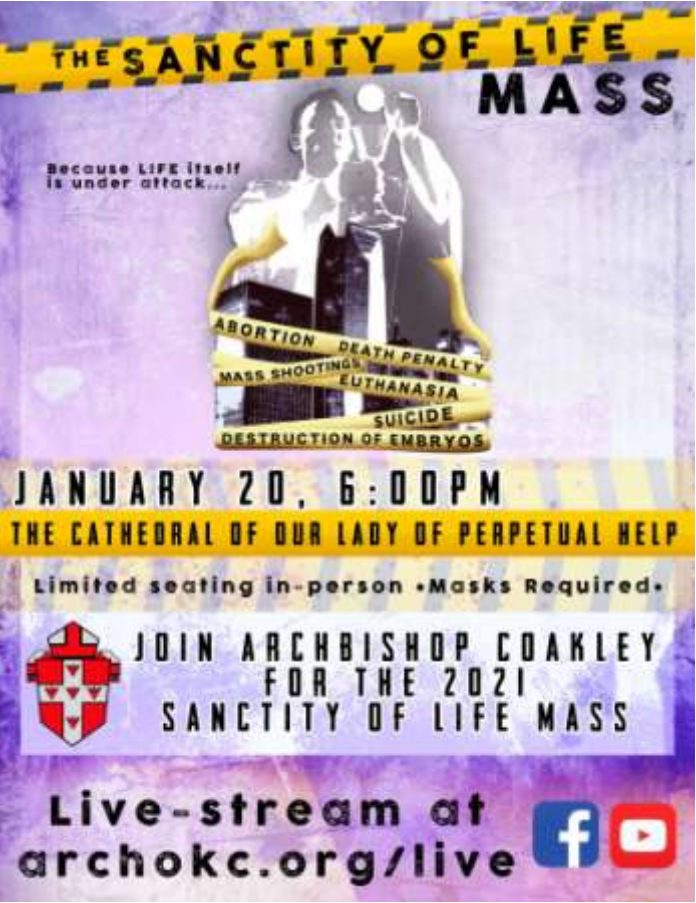
Adoration Opening: We are looking for someone to share/fill-in at the 5:30pm to 6:00pm Adoration time slot. Please contact Genesta King (580-718-0838) if you can help.

Please Pray For those who need prayers: Charlotte Meyer, Charlene Vap, Dora Behar, Cindy Wardlow, Colleen Schiltz, Jeanne Glaser, Patsy Hastings, Eileen Spellman, Linda Courtney, Martha Begwin, Donna Schlitz, Joe Badley, Sandy Hudack, David Courtney, Sr. Mary Clare, Sallie Williams, Mike Kemmerer, Ed O’Neill, Pat Boyd, Jillian Willem, Susan Kothe, Doug Revard, Mike Hammer, Sue Rice, Keith Behara, Sherry Burgell, Kerry Mauntel, Dana Stahl, Pamela Cline, Kim Maxson, Joyce Reutter, Allan Bechtel, Jarrett Auschwitz, George Rahme

 All 7-12th grade teens are invited to youth group this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM. Please wear a mask and meet us in the gym!


FAITH FORMATION
Zoom check-in 7:00pm Wednesday!
Jump onto Zoom and check-in with your friends. We’ll see you from 7:00pm–7:30pm.


Can you believe it’s been 20 years!?
The time capsule filled and buried by SMCS students in 2001 is going to be opened Sunday, Jan 31st, following the 11am Mass. The event will be held in the parking lot by the SMCS sign and a video will be posted afterwards on SMCS Facebook for those unable to attend.



Where’s the Holy Water?



Many have been asking how they get holy water in the Church or the Chapel, to fill their bottles for their homes.
In the Church, the font is located in the Baptismal alcove.
In the Chapel, the font is located in the corner of the waiting room outside the chapel.



Catholic Charities would like to thank everyone at St. Mary and St. Francis for your generous support of Catholic Charities’ 2020 Annual Appeal. By exceeding your parish goal, you all have helped us provide help and hope to more than 1,100 people in need in North central Oklahoma. We are blessed to have your support and know your support (prayerfully and finically) is felt every day. Thank you! **Brian Smith** Director of Parish Engagement Catholic Charities • Archdiocese of Oklahoma City