HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS SAID:

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.
For every tree is known by its own fruit."

~ Luke 6:43 – 44

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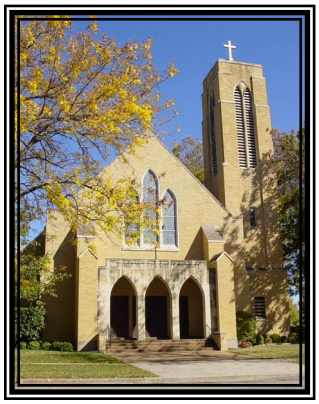

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Wednesday 6:00 pm

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TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEK

All ministries temporarily suspended due to coronavirus pandemic.

RCIA
A Journey In Faith

If you, a family member, or a friend is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please speak with Fr. Cashen.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: By appointment only during pandemic. Call Father Cashen at 918.256.2281.

BAPTISM: Contact Father several weeks in advance if you have a child or a relative to be baptized.

MARRIAGE: Contact Father six (6) months prior to the wedding. Do not schedule a wedding date prior to talking to Father.

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Schedule of Masses

Sunday, Feb. 27	**8:00 am**	**St. Ann**	**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sunday, Feb. 27	**10:00 am**	**Vinita**	**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wednesday, Mar. 2	**8:00 am**	**St. Ann**	**Ash Wednesday ***
Wednesday, Mar. 2	**6:00 pm**	**Vinita**	**Ash Wednesday ***
Sunday, Mar. 6	**8:00 am**	**St. Ann**	**1st Sunday of Lent**
Sunday, Mar. 6	**10:00 am**	**Vinita**	**1st Sunday of Lent**
Wednesday, Mar. 9	**6:00 pm**	**Vinita**	**1st Sunday of Lent**

Wednesday night Mass is a socially distanced Sunday Mass alternative

**** Note: Ash Wednesday is not a Sunday Mass alternative***

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks *(Sirach 27:4-7).*

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you *(Psalm 92).*

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain *(1 Corinthians 15:54-59).*

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart *(Luke 6:39-45).*

Jesus the teacher presents lessons as insightful today as they were when he taught his disciples 2,000 years ago. In a few days we will begin the season of Lent, when we are reminded of the lessons Jesus taught us as he anticipated his eventual death. Today we hear Jesus in the course of his ministry teaching everyday wisdom for ordinary times in our lives. As we transition from Ordinary Time to Lent, let us relearn the lessons that guide us at any time of the year. *- Pastoral Patterns*

- Socially distanced seating options:
  1. **10 am Sunday**: Front section to the left of the center aisle (pews in front of the Lector podium) is reserved for social distancing.
  2. **6 pm Wednesday**: All socially distanced and/or assigned seating.
- Holy Ghost Masses: Enter through west door; exit at both doors.
- Sanitizing procedures in Church occur before each Mass. Hand sanitizing stations are located in each entrance.
- The wearing of masks is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory.
- Bulletins and other handouts will not be used.
- The collection basket will remain near the entrance, or donations may be mailed to: 120 W. Sequoyah Ave., Vinita, OK 74301.
- Take home any prayer aids, and please do not leave items in pews.
- Rosary, choir, religious education and lay ministries remain suspended at this time.

Thank you for your cooperation!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or schemes, to gain money or favor. At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: The body of Christ. On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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Prayer LIST

Ann Geyer, Jim Burckhalter, Sherry & Dewayne Cornwall, Desiree & Noah Curry, Mae Davis & family, Nancy Keene, Donna & Micah Koon, Alice Nolen-Walston, Debbie Page, Kevin Pemberton, Jimmie Sooter, Jimmy Sweeney, Steve Willy

HEARTSWORTH ASSISTED LIVING

Ramona Thornton

HEARTSWORTH NURSING CENTER

Donna Hebda

CCD postponed at this time.

Stephen Miller, CRE

Weekly Mass at Heartsworth Nursing Center remains suspended due to the coronavirus.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Navy

Jason Williams, Reserve, Mayport Naval Station, Jacksonville, FL

Air Force

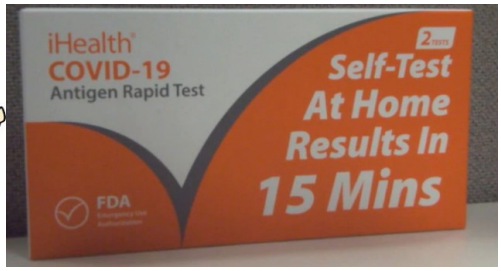
Zerek Albarez, Tiffany Calabasa, Sgt. Adam Crane, Cale Schumacher

Michael Ecterhoff, Afghanistan

Eric Wilks, Reserve, Tinker, OK

Marines

Lance Cpl. Gage Gardner, South Korea



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- Orders will ship free

Parishioner Donna Koon is a Medicare Coordinator with Grand Gateway who has also offered assistance. Contact Donna Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm at 918.244.0920.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: Mardi Gras Day; Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel

Friday: St. Casimir; First Friday; Abstinence; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: First Saturday

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Nocturne: Furnace
1879/80
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American, 1834–1903
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Sirach 27:5

As the test of what the potter molds
is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022

PREPARING FOR LENT

As we approach the season of Lent, Paul's first letter to the Corinthians gives us a sneak peek of Easter, waiting for us on the other side: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" Paul's conclusion, telling us to remain steadfast and devoted to the Lord's work, could serve as a Lenten motto. The reading from Sirach provides a series of adages regarding discipline of the tongue, and of our speech. Maybe not a bad Lenten practice to observe. Even Jesus in Luke's Gospel gets into the act, encouraging a cleansing of the heart ("A clean heart create for me, God" we will sing in Psalm 51 during Lent), so that from the goodness of our heart we will bring good into the world. Of course, these insights from Sirach, Paul, and Luke serve us quite well year-round. What we truly do "in the Lord" is never done in vain.

IS THIS ON THE TEST?

Today's reading from Sirach reminds us not to praise others before they speak, "for it is then that people are tested." Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, takes it a step further, reminding us that we are also known by the fruit borne in our lives. It doesn't take long to think of a person or group of people who speak beautiful, praiseworthy words, and yet their lives are unfruitful, or their lives outright contradict their speech. This is the class of people we call "hypocrites," and it's clear in all the Gospels that Jesus has no time for them. Our speech does test us, but the test is really to demonstrate that there is a connection between what we say and how we live. Expressed another way, this is the age-old discussion about faith and works. A truly deep-rooted faith will bear fruit in the works, in the actions of our lives. As happens so often in discipleship, we are dealing with the both/and, not either/or.

TALKING HEARTS

As disciples who follow Jesus, we believe that we are following God's very Word-made-Flesh. The theological term for this is In-carn-ation, the "in-flesh-made" second person of the Trinity. As followers of the Word, our words are truly important. Our hearts and mouths are wired together, as Jesus tells us today: "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." This is yet another echo of the wisdom of Sirach: "Speech discloses the bent of a person's heart." Eventually, our words—and the other actions of our lives—will convey what is truly in our hearts. Perhaps the ultimate test of our discipleship is not merely our words, or even our actions, but on a deeper level the test is whether or not others will find in us God's word "in-flesh-made." Our mission is to be the Word-made-flesh, in the flesh again in our own place and time.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:4–7
Psalm 92:2–3, 13–14, 15–16
1 Corinthians 15:54–58
Luke 6:39–45

What is Lent?

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - Thursday, April 14, 2022

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

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In our 2021 Faith & Works Annual Appeal, we raised over $2.2 million dollars for our shared ministries. One of those ministries, is our Vocations Office.

Through your support, we can continue to help young people find the call to the priesthood, married life, or even enter religious life. And through God's grace some of these seeking the call will become the very hands that baptize our next generation of Catholics in Eastern Oklahoma.

In our 2022 Faith & Works Annual Appeal, you are invited to continue to build up the next generation of priests in eastern Oklahoma through a gift to the 2022 Faith & Works Annual Appeal.

You can donate online at **www.dioceseoftulsa.org/annualappeal**, or speak to your parish office about a mail-in pledge card.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Beginning January 2: Summer Camp Rother Registration Now Open!

The Diocese of Tulsa Catholic Summer Camp - Camp Rother - will be hosted at Sequoyah State Park and Lake Wister Group Camps. We are excited to offer more weeks of camp this summer for more ages (grades 4-12). Registration details online at: https://dioceseoftulsayouth.org/camp-rother.

February 2-April 13: Diocesan Women's Bible Study

The ladies of Eastern Oklahoma are invited to a Study of Revelation, The Passion & Resurrection Narratives to be held at Church of the Madalene in Tulsa. Fee is $25. Contact Mary Hall to register (mnhall74@gmail.com).

March 4-6: Catholic Engaged Encounter

The next Engaged Encounter will be held at Holy Family Cathedral for couples preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony. Register online at https://tulsacee.org/find-a-weekend/.

March 5: Junior Catholic Youth Conference

The Junior Catholic Youth Conference will be held at Church of St. Benedict, Broken Arrow, from 9 am - 5 pm with guest speaker Maggie Craig. Registration is available online at dioceseoftulsayouth.org/jcyc. Cost $15. Contact: marlena.esparza@dioceseoftulsa.org.

March 5: Shamrock the 'Ville

Shamrock the 'Ville is a St. Patrick's Day celebration in Bartlesville. Festivities include a 5K race, 1 mi. Fun Run, prizes and great costumes. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities' Mary Martha Outreach. Free T-shirts for volunteers! More information, entry and registration forms are available at: www.shamrocktheville.com.

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March 18-20: Spanish Marriage Encounter

The next Spanish Marriage Encounter will be held at Courtyard by Marriott Tulsa Woodland Hills. Contact Samuel Lara at 918.637.7813 or Dolores Lara at 918.637.7823 for more information.

April 1-3: Catholic Engaged Encounter

The next Catholic Engaged Encounter will be held at Holy Family Cathedral for couples preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony. Register online at: https://tulsacee.org/find-a-weekend/, or contact Audrey Stubblefield at: audrey.stubblefield@dioceseoftulsa.org.

April 8-18: Holy Week in Rome Pilgrimage

The Holy Week in Rome Pilgrimage for 16-29 year olds is on! Registration remains open at this time. Contact Marlena Esparza at: marlena.esparza@dioceseoftulsa.org for details.

April 23: CCW Day of Prayer & Reflection

The Council of Catholic Women will host the 3rd Biannual Day of Prayer & Reflection at the Church of St. Benedict in Broken Arrow. As we celebrate "Whispers of God's Love" plan to meet internationally acclaimed master storyteller, humorist, and Catholic speaker, Kelly Nieto. Kelly is a rare speaker who mixes inspiration, Catholicism, devotion and heartfelt humor into captivating talks...that change lives. More information and registration forms forthcoming.

Summer 2023: World Youth Day Lisbon Registration Now Open!

The Diocese of Tulsa will be leading a group of young adults (ages 18-35 years by July 2023) for an unforgettable experience and encounter with the universal Church July 25-August 7, 2023. E-mail hannah.truetken@dioceseoftulsa.org for details and registration forms.

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