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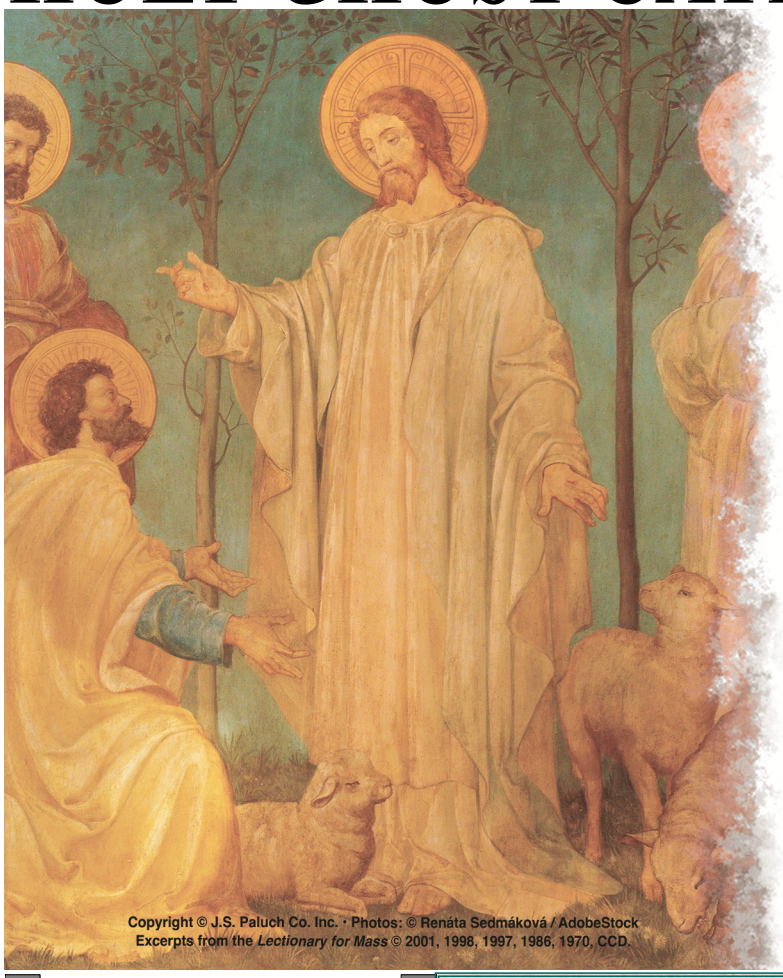

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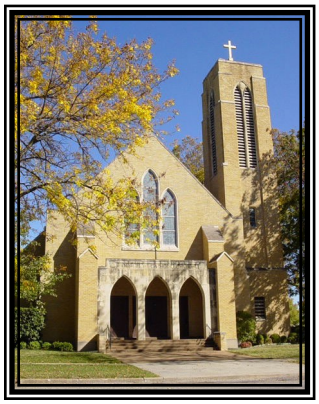
John 21:17

THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

HOLY GHOST, VINITA



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Wednesday 6:00 pm

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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, May 1	**8:00 am**	**St. Ann**	**3rd Sunday of Easter**
Sunday, May 1	**10:00 am**	**Vinita**	**3rd Sunday of Easter**
Wednesday, May 4	**6:00 pm**	**Vinita**	**3rd Sunday of Easter**
Sunday, May 8	**8:00 am**	**St. Ann**	**4th Sunday of Easter**
Sunday, May 8	**10:00 am**	**Vinita**	**4th Sunday of Easter**
Wednesday, May 11	**6:00 pm**	**Vinita**	**4th Sunday of Easter**

Wednesday night Mass is a socially-distanced Sunday Mass alternative

Today's Readings

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

Continuing our Easter celebration, we hear accounts of the period following the Resurrection. The Sanhedrin forbade the apostles to preach in the Lord's name, but they took the reprimand as a badge of honor. The visionary John saw angels and elders praise and worship the Lamb. Before ascending to the Father, Jesus appeared again to his disciples and called upon Peter to care for his flock. Let us hear the wonder and joy in the words of those who had seen the risen Lord.

- 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

It is Easter, and we are the people of the light. In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday "blackouts," perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.

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Prayer LIST

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

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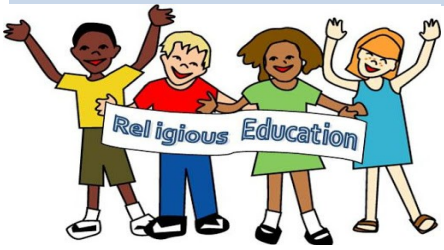

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Stephen Miller, CRE

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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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

Evening Prayer

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

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Athanasius
Tuesday: Ss. Philip and James
Thursday: National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

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CHURCH

The Easter season provides us an opportunity to reflect upon who we are as Church, in light of the first experiences of Jesus' followers. From today's Gospel, we realize that all we do is founded on our friendship with and trust in Jesus, as witnessed in Jesus' dialogue with Peter. From Revelation, in the image of Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb, we can anticipate suffering for the sake of love for God and for others. From the apostles' bold speech in Acts, we remember that when we stay true to the Gospel, even at great cost, we must always embody God's forgiveness toward those who resist God's invitation. The early Church struggled to understand how to live the way of Jesus, and we can expect no less struggle for ourselves. And like them, we may also know the joy of growing friendship with God along the way.

OBEYING GOD

In the first chapters of Acts, the apostles venture out energetically, soon after Pentecost, to proclaim the risen Jesus. Today's reading shows the Sanhedrin, the formal religious body that had condemned Jesus shortly before, now threatening the apostles. The Sanhedrin likely feared that Jesus' followers would, in vengeance for the Crucifixion, stir up a riot or even a violent revolt. The apostles, consistent with Jesus' own dealings with the authorities, proclaim Jesus' message of God's forgiveness of everyone, and refuse to incite violence.

It is a great challenge, as Peter said, to "obey God rather than man." Throughout history, when groups of God's people, inspired by God's dream for a just and free world, have spoken out non-violently against injustice and oppression, they have sought to obey God's summons. We the Church, while always mindful of the dangers of self-deception, are similarly called to discern and obey God in our own time and place.

REPEATED QUESTIONS

In today's Gospel, John sets the scene for Jesus' encounter with Peter, sitting by a "charcoal fire." There is just one other mention of a charcoal fire in John's Gospel: when Peter warms himself while awaiting Jesus' trial, and Peter goes on to deny knowing Jesus, three times. The evangelist directly links Jesus' three questions of Peter, "do you love me?", to Peter's three denials. Through his repeated questioning, Jesus helps Peter to face his actions fully, and to accept forgiveness fully as well.

When God invites us into prayer, we may be invited to enter into deep conversation with God about our lives. God can pose the same questions to us, again and again over time, to face what we might prefer to avoid: Can you forgive someone who has hurt you? Can you be more generous? Can you let go of obstacles to becoming more loving? And even: Do you love me? Jesus' encounter with Peter suggests that we can face such questions with deep trust in God.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12a, 13b
Revelation 5:11–14
John 21:1–19 [1–14]

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Beginning January 2: Summer Camp Rother Registration Open!

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

May 6-8: Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is opportunity for couples to rediscover themselves and their spouses in a loving marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program, call 405-443-3541, email: 2034@retrouvaille.org or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

May 25 - June 4: Totus Tuus Missionary Training (in Okmulgee)

The Youth Office is hiring missionaries to accommodate the many parish requests. Totus Tuus missionaries will be traveling throughout the states of Oklahoma and Texas to share The Luminous Mysteries and the Our Father with children and youth in grades 1 through 12. Qualified candidates are practicing the Catholic faith and have a heart to proclaim the Gospel! For more details, see https://dioceseoftulsayouth.org/missionary-details.

May 27-29: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (in Spanish)

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats provide an opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. This weekend is designed to help bring support, healing and hope and includes discussion, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a memorial service and a Mass of resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information about this retreat for women and men, go to http://rachelsvineyard.org/, call (918) 508-7142, or email: rachel@cceok.org. All inquiries are confidential.

June 2-5 and June 23-26: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Level 1, Part 2

These formation classes are for adults desiring to share the faith to children 3-6 years old. Registration fee is $300 for new enrollees, and the classes will be held at Marquette School Atrium. For more information, contact Joan Boyne at goodshepherdneok@gmail.com.

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June 10-12: Catholic Family Camp-Out

Registration is open! The Catholic Family Camp-Out weekend will be at Robber's Cave State Park with opportunities to grow in faith, fellowship and fun. Registration and details are found at https://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/catholic-family-weekend. Deadline to register is June 1, 2022.

June 26: Marriage Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral

All who are celebrating their milestone wedding anniversaries are invited to the Marriage Anniversary Mass with Bishop at Holy Family Cathedral on Sunday, June 26 at 2:30 p.m. If you or someone you know has celebrated their 25th, 40th, 50th or more than 50 years of marital bliss, please email: religiousformation@dioceseoftulsa.org with their names, anniversary date, and contact information by June 1, 2022.

August 27: Faith Formation Conference

Save the date for this year's Faith Formation Conference at the Renaissance Hotel. Details to be released in May at https://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/faith-formation-conference.

January 21, 2023: Oklahoma March for Life

The next Oklahoma March for Life will be held January 21, 2023 in Oklahoma City. A family rally will precede the March on January 20. Details forthcoming this fall.

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. Email: hannah.truetken@dioceseoftulsa.org for details and registration forms.

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