

HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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and to save what was lost.”** Luke 19:10

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October 30, 2022

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



**120 W. Sequoyah Avenue
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Mass: Sunday 10:00 am
Wednesday 6:00 pm

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MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEK

All ministries temporarily suspended due to coronavirus pandemic.

COFFEE & DONUTS

TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDED



Schedule of Masses

Sunday, October 23	10:00 am	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday, Oct. 26	6:00 pm	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 30	10:00 am	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday, November 1	6:00 pm	All Saints Day
Wednesday, Nov. 2	-----	No Mass
Sunday, November 6	10:00 am	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>- Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>
Wednesday, Nov. 9	6:00 pm	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Wednesday night Mass is a socially-distanced Sunday Mass alternative</i>



New classes start soon! 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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Today's Readings

First Reading — LORD, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2).
Psalm — I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).
Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2).
Gospel — Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

In today's Gospel, Zacchaeus has to climb a tree in order to see Jesus. We likely had it much easier to come here today to encounter our Lord. We don't have to go up a tree; we experience Jesus' presence right here and now in the company of other believers, in the hearing of God's word, and in the Eucharist itself. At the end of the Gospel, Jesus tells the repentant Zacchaeus that salvation has come to his house. May the Lord's mercy bring salvation to this house as well.
- Pastoral Patterns



- Socially distanced seating options:
 1. **10 am Sunday:** Front section to the left of the center aisle (the pews in front of the ambo) is reserved for social distancing.
 2. **6 pm Wednesday:** All socially-distanced 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 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 Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

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Prayer LIST

Sherry & Dewayne Cornwall,
Jeanette Crowell, Gail Curley,
Desiree & Caleb Curry,
Mae Davis, Ann Geyer,
Karen Janssen, 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 SIGN-UP SHEETS

for 2022—2023 school year are in the entrances. Complete a form for each child in Grades K-12 or submit online at holymghostvinita.org.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Navy

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

Air Force

Zerek Alvarez, Tiffany Calabasa, Sgt. Adam Crane, Cale Schumacher Michael Ecterhoff, Afghanistan Eric Wilks, Reserve, Tinker, OK

Marines

Lance Cpl. Gage Gardner, South Korea



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

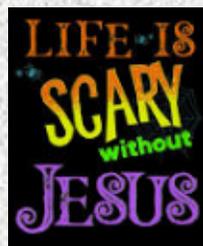


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Please mail or place in the collection basket the envelope for Catholic Charities' 2023 Annual Appeal.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** Halloween
Tuesday: All Saints Day
Wednesday: All Souls' Day
Thursday: St. Martin de Porres
Friday: St. Charles Borromeo; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

- Monday:** Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcd-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

The impact of your generosity in 2021

2,181 HOUSEHOLDS obtained financial assistance through our Emergency Assistance program

359 STUDENTS received the gift of Adult Education & **42 STUDENTS** earned their GED

303 ADULTS & CHILDREN received counseling services

801 AFGHAN REFUGEES now call Eastern Oklahoma home thanks to a community-wide effort led by Catholic Charities

13 MOMS & 12 BABIES were cared for at Madonna House

9 MOMS & 39 CHILDREN found a home at St. Elizabeth Lodge

MORE THAN 50%

of Oklahomas have no dental insurance

1,277 PATIENTS received dental care services worth **\$968,843**

238 PEOPLE received end-of-life care at Porta Caeli House

148 NEW BABIES BORN through our pregnancy care clinic

1,791 CASES were worked by Immigration Legal Services

26 PARTICIPANTS received support and healing after abortion through Rachel's Vineyard

1 IN 5

Oklahoma children don't get the food that they need

249,534 PACKAGES OF FOOD were given out in Tulsa alone, each with enough food to feed a family of four for a week

769,784 POUNDS OF FOOD were distributed through our Outreach locations

3,329 VOLUNTEERS

worked **111,343 HOURS** which is equal to **52 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES**



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GOD’S MERCY

It is difficult for us to comprehend God’s mercy. We are constrained by own experience of and often-limited willingness to be patient and forgiving. God loves all of creation and desires that we fulfill our call, glorifying our Lord in all we do. Yet we often fall short of this great purpose. We get lost in the pursuit of worldly things and lose sight of what really matters. Then, when we realize our failings, we falter, uncertain that we can really be forgiven. Today’s readings invite us to deepen our trust in God’s great kindness with the assurance that, as Jesus did with Zacchaeus, God waits with open arms when we turn away from our sinfulness. Let us grow in belief in Christ who came to seek and to save what was lost.

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR

Zacchaeus was a tax collector and a wealthy man; it is likely he had amassed his wealth by charging more taxes than were due. While materially wealthy, he was derided by his fellow Jews, known as a sinner, isolated from the company of his people. He had become curious about Jesus. So much so that he climbed a tree to see Jesus as he passed by. And from that vantage point, he saw his weaknesses and failings clearly. When Jesus called, he responded, a changed man. Are we ready to go up in a tree of prayer and reflection, peer into our hearts and lives, and grow in readiness to change?

COME DOWN QUICKLY

“Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” Jesus’ call to Zacchaeus was likely as surprising to Zacchaeus as it was to those who watched this encounter. The Gospel story is not only about Zacchaeus’ change of heart. It is also about Jesus’ eagerness to bring Zacchaeus into the fold, to show him mercy and forgiveness, to “seek and to save what was lost.” Jesus calls us out of our sinfulness, too. He is ready to forgive and to stay with us, to be near to us as we embrace new life as his disciples. Zacchaeus claimed his sinfulness and named what he would do to repair his relationship with God and others. This is what we do in the sacrament of Reconciliation—we name our sins, make a promise to do penance, repair our relationship with God and others, and receive forgiveness, restored in our relationship with Christ. Reflect on Zacchaeus’ example: what failings and sinfulness to you need to claim? Are you ready to hear Jesus’ call to you? Come down quickly. Receive the mercy of the Lord and know that salvation can be yours.

TODAY’S READINGS

Wis 11:22 — 12:2
Psalm 145:1–2, 8–9, 10–11, 13, 14
2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2
Luke 19:1–10

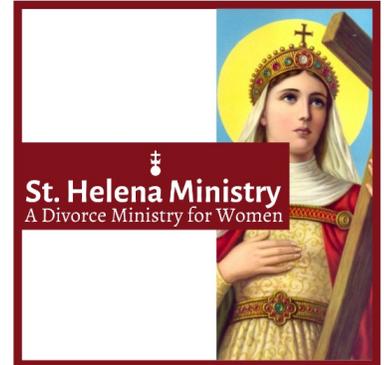
UPCOMING EVENTS



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September 28, 2022 - May, 2023: **St. Helena, A Divorce Ministry for Women**

The experience of a broken marriage can leave one feeling in need of both spiritual and peer-to-peer support. The Parish of Christ the King is offering a new healing ministry that will launch on Wednesday, September 28 in Fletcher Hall on the church campus. Meetings will be held once or twice monthly through May, 2023 and childcare is provided. This ministry will provide support in a confidential setting for divorcees. Using the Ascension Press program titled "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", the ministry will help participants find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Designed for women newly separated and divorced, and those still struggling with issues many years later. Cost is \$20 for the book, but financial assistance may apply. Contact the parish office in Tulsa at 918-584-4788 x200 to register.

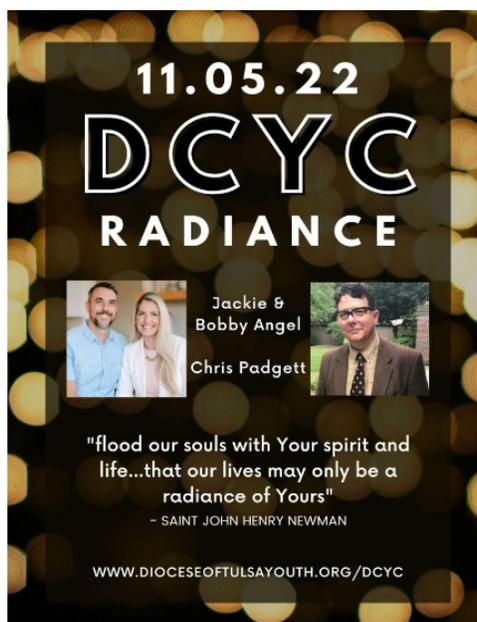


September 28-November 6: **40 Days for Life Campaign**

Demonstrate your pro-life commitment by praying at the Garden of Hope, across from Tulsa Women's Clinic. Your testimony to the sanctity of life has the power, by God's generous grace, to change minds and save lives! Details at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/tulsa> or e-mail: hannah.truetken@dioceseoftulsa.org.

November 5: **Discipleship Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) (Tulsa, OK)**

The 2022 Discipleship Catholic Youth Conference is an annual day-long experience of faith, fun and fellowship for high school youth at the Cox Business Center in Tulsa. Registration fee is \$49/person; confirmation candidates \$19/person. Details available at <https://dioceseoftulsayouth.org/dcyc>.



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November 12: **Days of Reflection at St. Gregory's Abbey** (Shawnee, OK)

People tend to see Advent as a "countdown" to Christmas. While it is that, it is much more. In the season of Advent, we await the coming of Christ on all the levels in which we experience time: In the past - as a babe in the stable of Bethlehem; in the present - as grace in our souls; and in the future - as the Judge at the end of time. **"Advent..Resetting the Clock"** will focus on these three actions of Christ's coming and how we might use this time of preparation to deepen our awareness of them. Register at St. Gregory's Abbey by calling (405) 878-5656, by e-mail to: retreats@monksok.org or visit our website at monksok.org. Lunch is included and pre-registration is required. Cost is \$30 (if prepaid) or \$35 at the door. The day begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. in the Abbey church and ends around 3:00 p.m.



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GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR FAMILY

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