



# ST. FRANCIS

## OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Francis of Assisi Church nourishes our parishioners in their relationship with Jesus Christ through reverent liturgy, intentional discipleship, and service to others.

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### Sunday, November 3 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt. 6:2-6; Ps. 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb. 7:23-28; Mk. 12:28b-34

8:30 a.m. The People of St. Francis

11:00 a.m. +Tao Pham (Ha and Anthony Pham)

### Monday, November 4 - Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil. 2:1-4; Ps. 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk. 14:12-14

7:30 a.m. +Hien Thi Hoang (Jennie Hoang)

### Tuesday, November 5 - Weekday

Phil. 2:5-11; Ps. 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk. 14:15-24

7:30 a.m. +Charles Rohacik, Jr. (Rohacik Family)

### Wednesday, November 6 - Weekday

Phil. 2:12-18; Ps. 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk. 14:25-33

7:30 a.m. +Parents and Grandparents of Lan Vu

9:15 a.m. +Jerry Fent (Gail & Carlos Luna)

### Thursday, November 7 - Weekday

Phil. 3:3-8a; Ps. 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk. 15:1-10

7:30 a.m. The Family of Michael Roselle

### Friday, November 8 - Weekday

Phil. 3:17-4:1; Ps. 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk. 16:1-8

7:30 a.m. +Leslie Woosley (Carol Bernasky and Amy Reynolds)

### Saturday, November 9 - Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps. 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor. 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn. 2:13-22

8:30 a.m. +Thang Nguyễn (Lan Vu)

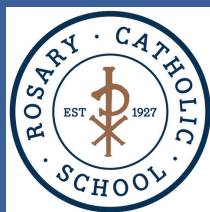
5:00 p.m. The People of St. Francis

### Sunday, November 10 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs. 17:10-16; Ps. 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb. 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

8:30 a.m. +Hung Ngo (Bich Nguyễn)

11:00 a.m. +Bob Reid (Angela Reid)



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Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time -  
November 3, 2024

### Pastor's Column

This week, as every year in the first full week of November, we mark National Vocations Awareness Week throughout our country. It is a week in which we are reminded not only of our universal call to holiness received in our baptism, but also the unique ways in which God calls us to live out our lives in service of him and our neighbor. Particularly, we pray this week for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life.

As you know, our archdiocese, much like the rest of the country, is experiencing a shortage in priests. When 50 years ago, we were able to have pastors even in small towns in rural areas, we now have two, three, or sometimes even four parishes served by one or two priests. I spent two years in the Panhandle of Oklahoma, where two out of three weeks, I drove an hour to celebrate Sunday Mass. It is a joy to have been a part of those communities, but it hardly provided us opportunities like we have here in the city for Confessions, Adoration, etc.

Even here, we sometimes feel the strain, as our lack of priests requires me to have three other assignments in the Archdiocese on top of my assignment here as pastor. Traveling, spending days at the Pastoral Center, and other duties mean that there are things I would love to do here in the parish that have to be set aside and placed on the back burner. One day, I truly desire that we get to a place where St. Francis can have a full-time pastor with no other duties. In order for this desire to become a reality, we need men to respond generously to the call of Jesus to the priesthood!

It is truly a joyful life, even in the struggles. I wouldn't change a thing were I given a chance at a do-over. It is truly what the Lord created me to be and to do. And he has done the same with men in our parish. Pray for them, that they may know with clarity and respond with generosity to God's call. And encourage them along the way, as well.

### Support St. Francis



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### This Week at St. Francis

#### Monday, November 4

7:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FLC

#### Tuesday, November 5

6:00 a.m. Ministry to Men - PH  
7:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
7:00 p.m. Catholics in Recovery - MH/LB  
7:00 p.m. Women's Choir - MH/CR  
7:30 p.m. Worship and Wine - PH

#### Wednesday, November 6

7:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
3:30 p.m. Youth Choir - MH/CR  
6:30 p.m. OCIA - PH  
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group - FLC  
7:00 p.m. Parish Choir - MH/CR

#### Thursday, November 7

7:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
4:00 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - FLC  
6:00-10:00 p.m. Adoration - CH  
6:30 p.m. KofC Planning Meeting - MH/ 3rd FL  
7:00 p.m. KofC Council Meeting - MH/ 3rd FL  
7:00 p.m. AA Group - MH/KR  
10:00 p.m. Benediction - CH

#### Friday, November 8

7:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration - CH  
4:00 p.m. Benediction - CH  
7:00 p.m. Mass - CH

#### Saturday, November 9

8:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
9:00 a.m. Baptism Seminar - MH/KR  
3:00 p.m. Confessions - CH  
5:00 p.m. Mass - CH

#### Sunday, November 10

7:55 a.m. Chaplet/Rosary - CH  
8:30 a.m. Mass - CH  
9:45 a.m. Coffee & Donuts - PH  
9:45 a.m. RE Classes - RS  
9:45 a.m. Ministry to Men - FLC Seminar Room  
11:00 a.m. Mass - CH

CH=Church, MH=Meerschaert House, FLC=Family Life Center, KR=Kelley Room, YR=Youth Room, RS=Rosary School, PH=Parish Hall, CR=Choir Room, Bl. Stanley Rother Rm=RR, LB=Meerschaert House Library

### Sunday Coffee & Donuts

Join us for Coffee and Donuts after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

Host: Nov. 10 - Buz.

Nov. 17 - Pickens/Justus

## Sunday Collection - October 27

Parish General Collection

Loose Cash \$904.01

Envelopes \$5,110.00

Online Giving (We Share) \$10,344.00

Building Fund

Envelopes \$15.00

Online Giving (We Share) \$255.00

Tuition Assistance \$90.00

Poor Box \$285.00

Mass Attendance - 679

## Welcome New Parishioners

Thank you for joining us today for Mass. We would love for you to join our parish. Please take a minute to register online at [www.stfrancisokc.com](http://www.stfrancisokc.com) or fill out a green registration card in the vestibule of the church and turn it into the collection basket. Welcome to our parish.

## Follow St. Francis on Social Media

Stay up-to-date on all that is happening at St. Francis by following us on Facebook ([facebook.com/StfrancisOKC](https://facebook.com/StfrancisOKC)) and Instagram (StfrancisOKC).

## Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

Married and engaged couples are invited to the third annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on November 9, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. Scholarships are available upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. For more info, visit [togetherinholiness.org/oklahomacity](http://togetherinholiness.org/oklahomacity).

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul uses your food and poor box contributions to aid those in our community experiencing shelter, utility and food insecurity. **Our pantry currently needs Chef Boyardee, mac & cheese, Tuna and Chicken Helper, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, and laundry detergent.**

Our next meeting is Sunday, Nov. 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the FLC. Please scan the QR code for more ways to help.



## Substitutes Needed

Rosary Catholic School is looking for substitute teachers. Call the school office at 405-525-9272 or email [secretary@rosaryschool.com](mailto:secretary@rosaryschool.com) for more details!

## Worship and Wine

If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with other women who are working on finding a place for their faith in our busy lives, please come join Worship and Wine. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, coming up next on November 5. This is for all adult women. We often focus on motherhood, families, careers, and most certainly our faith.

## Baptism Seminar

A Baptism Seminar will be held in the Kelley Room of the Meerschaert House on Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m.. No RSVP is needed. Email Kim Young at [kyoung@stfrancisokc.com](mailto:kyoung@stfrancisokc.com) for the required baptism forms and any questions. Parents requesting the baptism of their children must be registered at St. Francis, attending Mass and actively practicing their faith. Godparents need to be actively practicing Catholics, registered in their parish, attending Mass each weekend, be Confirmed, over 18 years of age, and, if married, married in the Catholic Church. Godparents are invited to attend the seminar but it is not a requirement for baptisms scheduled at St. Francis Church.



## Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Church

## Adoration

Thursday from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Friday following the 7:30 a.m. Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Benediction will follow.

*Please enter the north side copper doors as the main doors will be locked.*

**To sign up to be a "Guardian" go to:**

