

Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

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"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few"

Luke 10:2

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025

Today's Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14 ~ Galatians 6:14-18 ~ Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Faith Question: How have you shared your faith with others this past week? What were the risks for you?

Next Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 ~ Colossians 1:15-20 ~ Luke 10:25-37



Welcome Fr. Vic Luong!

See the back page of the bulletin to read Fr. Vic's ordination story from the *Sooner Catholic Newspaper* dated **June 24, 2018**.

Three Days Added for Our Parish Photo Directory

Just for having your photo taken you receive a **FREE** Photo Session, a **FREE** 8x10 photo, and a **FREE** Directory!

Our photo days are **Thursday, July 24, Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26.**

It is easy to sign up!

Visit www.ucdir.com, or call 1-888-742-5823.

Code is **OK227** ~ Password is **photos**

Blessing and Bunco

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fast-paced dice rolling. Open to all Epiphany adults! **Saturday, July 12** after the 5:30 pm Mass in the patio room. RSVP by **Thursday, July 10** to Keri Warren at 405-474-4389. Bring a snack to share. Tea and water will be provided.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and share how God is blessing you in your life. No experience needed, we will teach you how to play.

Childcare can be provided, but you must sign up your child when you RSVP.



This event is sponsored by the Epiphany Hospitality Committee.

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Mass Schedule**Saturday:** Vigil, 5:30pm**Sunday:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:30pm**Monday - Friday:** 8:00am**Holy Days of Obligation:** 6:30am, 11:30am, 6:30pm**Sacraments****Reconciliation:** Saturday, 6:30pm
and by appointment**Baptism:** Contact Parish Office
during pregnancy**Matrimony:** Contact Pastor at least
6-12 months in advance**Letters of Good Standing/Sacramental Records**

Request must be made a minimum of 14 days in advance.

Contact Geof Archer, 405-722-2110 ext. 110 for a
letter of reference, to be a sponsor or godparent.Contact Cara Koenig, 405-722-2110 ext. 128 or
sacraments@epiphanyokc.org to request a sacra-
mental record. The request for records for anyone 18
and older must be made by the person themselves.**Mass Intentions for the Week****Sunday 10:00am, July 6**

✠Deacon Rich Fahy.....Judy Boismier

Monday, July 7

✠Paul Eugene Marti.....Trang Quach Marti

Tuesday, July 8

✠Peter Lam V. Nguyen.....Hoang & Hoa Tran

Wednesday, July 9

✠Barbra Ann Smith.....Claudia J. Verstraete

Thursday, July 10

✠Maria Do.....Ann Mai

Friday, July 11

✠Jenny FennerEpiphany Staff

Saturday, July 12

✠Oilda Cisnero.....Osmara Melendez

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Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioners **Glee Harrison, Joanne Nicholas, Daniel Bohmann, and David Rogers.**

Thank You Epiphany!



Your recent blood drive went swimmingly! Your donations in the past have saved 9,276 lives, and your last drive saved 87 lives! Thank you to all who donated!

We will have a drive again in September. Watch the bulletin, the Epiphany website, and social media for more details.

Men's Club Meeting

Men's Club will meet in the Patio Room **Monday, July 14**, at 7:00pm (enter through gym doors). Meeting followed by pizza. For more information contact Jim Fitzpatrick at 405-250-4075 or mensclub@epiphanyokc.org.

Grief Support Group

If you have lost a loved one and are feeling alone and lost, Epiphany offers a Grief Support Group. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, July 15**, at 10:30am in Room 2. For more information call Marianne Stich at 918-698-9646 or David Brambrink at 405-659-7625.

Fr. Bala's Contact Information



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Looking Ahead in Our Parish

Sunday, July 6

9:00am	Breaking Open the Word
11:15am	I Believe
3:00pm	Divine Mercy
6:30pm	Evening Prayer
6:30pm	High School Night

Monday, July 7

7:00pm	"Encounter Jesus"
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Tuesday, July 8

6:00pm	Faith Discussion Sessions
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Wednesday, July 9

10:00am	Senior Walk
10:00am	Sewing Buddies

Thursday July 10

9:00am	Woodcarvers
4:00pm	Youth Scripture Study
6:00pm	Young Adults

Friday, July 11

10:00am	Jesus & Jewish Roots of Mary Video Study
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*Save the Date:
The Parish Picnic will be
Sunday, September 28!*

Renewal of Wedding Vows

The renewal of vows for all July celebrants will be next weekend, **July 12 and 13**, at all Masses.



This Week's Second Collection

The Second Collection for this week is
Epiphany Buildings and Grounds.

Sacrificial Giving General Support Report

Sunday Envelopes: \$11,465.00

Faith Direct: \$24,360.62

Sign up for auto payments with Faith Direct at
membership.faithdirect.net/OK806

Food Pantry Donations Needed



The Frank Kopp Food Pantry is in need of the items listed below. We have calls *every day* for food support. Leave all donations in designated wooden bins in the foyer.

Pantry Needs: canned potatoes, cereal, canned fruit, tuna helper, hamburger helper, pancake mix, syrup, baked beans, and toilet paper.

Enrollment for CDO is now OPEN!

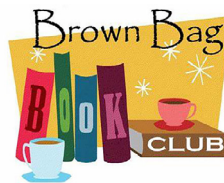
Our Summer Program is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am-2:30pm, **July 1-31**. We will have indoor and outdoor fun - from bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and sand digs to crafting, fizzing and sliming! Ages 1 year to kindergarten are welcome.

Our Fall Program is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am-2:30pm, starting **September 2**.

Contact Bernadette Tilton at 405-722-2110 ext. 129 or e-mail cdodirector@epiphanyokc.com for more information. Scan the QR code to enroll!



You're Invited to the Brown Bag Book Club



BBBC meets the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30am.

The book for July 16 is **A World of Curiosities**

by Louise Penny

The book for August 20 is

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

REMINDER!





All users in the Safe & Sacred training portal will expire on

JULY 31

The next training course will be available on Aug. 1 and the training will need to be completed by

AUG. 30



Blessed Stanley Rother

FEAST DAY WEEK SCHEDULE



SATURDAY, JULY 26

Carmen Lind Pettersen Art Exhibit 9 AM
Puppet Show in Theatre Room 11 AM

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Marian Procession 4:30 PM
Mass at 5 PM
Live Music, Games, and Guatemalan Dancers

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Masses 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 6 PM
Book Signing After 9 AM Mass



More Information at
ROTHERSHRINE.ORG/FEAST

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Minister Schedule for 12 and 13

5:30PM MASS MINISTERS

Altar Servers - Vayda Cardenas, Joy Dulaney,
Jessica Pham

Communion Ministers - James Novak (WW), Tom
Bombardier (W), Judy Hilovsky (WC), Mike
Boeckman (EC), Barbara Bauer (E), Keri Warren (B)

Greeters - Tom Bombardier, Martha Bombardier,
Judy Santillie

Lectors - Melanie Corbett, Sean Corbett

Ushers - Bob Hlubin, Gerald Krausz, Tom Suppa,
Nigin Varughese

Mass Coordinators - Sean Corbett, Keir Warren

8:00AM MASS MINISTERS

Altar Servers - Cheryl Childers, Preston Austin,
Fedor Posa

Communion Ministers - Penny Stansberry (WW),
Carol Brooks (W), Melena Keeth (WC), Shainy Jacob
(EC), Jacob Devasia (E), Nancy Annett* (B)

Greeters - Nancy Fitzpatrick, Denise Crowley

Lectors - Janet Damaska, Terri Headrick

Ushers - Ellis Annett, Gary Brooks,
Harley Hintergardt, Martin Storozszyn

10:00AM MASS MINISTERS

Altar Servers - Ellie Brinkley, Antonio Ortiz,
Boston Tilton

Communion Ministers - Cheryl Fennell (WW), Ruth
Deneen (W), Judy Fisher (WC), Terry Stuart (WC),
Jeremy Tilton (EC), Jennifer Vardaro (EC), Eric Acton
(E), Sandy Acton (EE), Teresa Larson* (B)

Greeters - Kim Anderson, Pat Anderson,
Phyliss Bennett, Carol Haggard

Lectors - Lenny Ortiz, Alex Ortiz

Ushers - Eric Meador, Norma Meador, Pat Petersen,
Athen Rosales

12:30PM MASS MINISTERS

Altar Servers - Michael Abawonse,
Patrick Cunningham, Bernard Miye

Communion Ministers - Ronny Lewis (W), Teresa
Lewis (WC), Peggy Marlar (EC), Lisa Fleming (E),
Adolfo Pena (B)

Greeters - Aleena Poulo, Anjali Poulo

Lectors - Alan Mani, Marianne Stich

Ushers - George Fulco, Shaji Poulo, Luis Torres*

WELCOME TABLE

Men's Club

MONEY COUNTERS

9:00am - John Norberto, Rich Roman

*Mass Coordinator

“Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary” Video Study

This three-part video study, led by Dr. Brant Pitre, explores how the Bible, through the lens of Old Testament and Ancient Judaism, supports Catholic beliefs about Mary as the new Eve, the Mother of God, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, and the Ark of the Covenant. Study sessions will be held on **Fridays, July 11, 18, and 25**, at 10:00 am in Room 3/4. A related book, “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary,” is optional and available on Amazon. For more information, contact Tammy Jacobs at 405-229-2553.

Tuesday Faith Discussion Sessions

We will listen to and discuss the podcast, Jesus and the Jubilee - The Biblical Roots of the Year of God's Favor by Dr. John Bergsma. The book is optional and can be found on Amazon. We will meet **Tuesdays, July 1 - August 12** from 6:00pm -7:30pm in the Patio Room. For more information call Chris Rolling 405-503-3596.

Lord Jesus,

We lift these people up to you: The healer of the sick, who raised the dead to life. We praise you for the faith you give us to keep on hoping and praying for those who are ill. Amen.

(adapted from: Living Faith)

Please Pray For...

Marcia Brejda, Mary Ann Reheman, Gerald Duke, Lenny Ortiz, James Fitzgerald, Audrey, Michael, and Penny Antkowiak, Jack & Carmen Jackson, Jeremy McGinley, Bernice Koscielniak, Joanna LaPorte, Dovie Kaspar, Val Manzo, Kristie Williams, Mary Carlton, Joey Schell, Penn Pumah, Marie Chafor, Divine Pumah, Kemsley Sigala, Bill Naifeh, Alice O'Brien, Michael Micaletti, Rory Paxton, Robert Schwarz, Jennie Mariel Melendez, Anna Alexander, Emmie Walkup, Nancy Williams, Sylvia Flemming, Mike Peller, Glinda Parmely, Alex Davis, Jayden Ercles, Donna Zalonka, Luis Lopez, Daniel Bohman, Larry Todaro, Diane Starkey, Debra Zietler, Cameron Grell, Janet Martin, Fred Jackson.

Abuse of Minors and Vulnerable Adults

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City through its programs, organizations and events, has numerous daily contacts with many minors and vulnerable adults. It is, therefore, important that all Archdiocesan Personnel, clergy, seminarians, religious, employees and volunteers, protect the rights of children and vulnerable adults and be alert to the possibility for child abuse and abuse of vulnerable adults.

Under Oklahoma State law, all individuals **MUST** report an incident or suspicion of sexual abuse of a minor (person under 18 years of age) to the civil authorities immediately.

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services has established a statewide abuse hot line for reporting: **1-800-522-3511**. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you have reason to believe a child is in immedi-

ate danger of harm call **911**.

For the safety of children and vulnerable adults and the healing of victims, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City provides an Abuse of Minors and Vulnerable Adults Pastoral Response Hot line for reporting the abuse of minors and vulnerable adults (in the past or presently) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel: **1-405-720-9878**.

The Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, a licensed professional counselor, will respond to calls to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Response Hot line. A report to the Archdiocese does not relieve the individual of the duty to report child abuse to civil authorities as required by Oklahoma State Law. *In Oklahoma, failure to report child abuse is a misdemeanor punishable by law.*



Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting

The third-party reporting service is responsible for receiving allegations of sexual abuse against current or retired bishops in the United States.

The hotline does not replace the requirement to contact law enforcement. Allegations can be made to the toll-free number **1-800-276-1562** or online at reportbishopabuse.org. The reporting party can choose to remain anonymous.

For more information, go online to archokc.org/clergyabuse. To report abuse by clergy, volunteers or church and school employees, call **405-720-9878**. If a child is in immediate danger, call **911**.

Se lanza Servicio para Informar sobre Abusos de Obispos Católicos

El servicio de informes de terceras partes es responsable de recibir denuncias de abuso sexual contra obispos actuales o retirados en los Estados Unidos. Se pueden realizar denuncias al número gratuito **1-800-276-1562** o en línea en reportbishopabuse.org. La parte informante puede optar por permanecer en el anonimato.

Para obtener más información, vaya en línea a archokc.org/clergyabuse. Para denunciar el abuso por parte del clero, voluntarios o empleados de la iglesia y la escuela, llame al **405-720-9878**. Si un niño está en peligro inmediato, llame al **911**.

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation

Almighty and most loving God, through your Son your compassion brought healing to many.

We ask for your healing for all who have been profoundly wounded by abuse, especially those who have been hurt by your ministers.

In your mercy, we also ask for forgiveness. Words cannot express fully the sorrow we have for the great

harm done by those who were called to be trusted.

In your goodness, we ask for the grace to be a source of healing to all who have been abused and to be ever vigilant in protecting all your people.

Grant, we pray, our prayers for healing and forgiveness, for we ask them through your son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Abuso de Menores y Adultos Vulnerables

La Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City a través de sus programas, organizaciones y eventos, tiene numerosos contactos diarios con muchos menores y adultos vulnerables. Por lo tanto, es importante que todo el personal de la Arquidiócesis, el clero, los seminaristas, los religiosos, los empleados y los voluntarios, protejan los derechos de los niños y adultos vulnerables y estén alertas a la posibilidad de abuso infantil y abuso de adultos vulnerables.

Bajo la ley del Estado de Oklahoma, todas las personas **DEBEN** reportar un incidente o sospecha de abuso sexual de un menor (persona menor de 18 años) a las autoridades civiles de inmediato.

El Departamento de Servicios Humanos de Oklahoma ha establecido una línea directa de abuso en todo el estado para informar: **1-800-522-3511**. Este número está disponible las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana. Si tiene razones para creer que un niño está en

peligro inmediato de daño, llame al **911**.

Para obtener información sobre la seguridad de los niños y adultos vulnerables y la curación de las víctimas, la Arquidiócesis de la Ciudad de Oklahoma ofrece una línea directa para reportar Abuso de Menores y Adultos Vulnerables (ya sea en el pasado o en la actualidad) por un miembro del clero u otro personal de la iglesia: **1-405-720-9878**.

El Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis, un consejero profesional con licencia responderá a las llamadas a la línea directa de Respuesta Pastoral Arquidiocesana. Un informe a la Arquidiócesis no exime a la persona del deber de denunciar el abuso infantil a las autoridades civiles como lo exige la Ley del Estado de Oklahoma. *En Oklahoma, el hecho de no denunciar el abuso infantil es un delito menor castigado por la ley.*

Lạm dụng trẻ vị thành niên và người lớn dễ bị tổn thương

Những tin tức về việc Trình Báo/Tổ Cáo những tệ nạn ngược đãi, hành hạ, đánh đập, vi phạm hay lạm dụng cơ thể các trẻ em và những người yếu thế và Điện Thoại Trả Lời Khẩn Cấp của Tổng Giáo Phận lúc nào cũng cần phải có sẵn. Xin nhớ kèm theo Bulletin Insert vô tờ Thông Tin của Giáo Xứ ít nhất là 3 tháng một lần. Những bản sao của Bulletin Insert và Archdiocesan Brochure cũng cần phải có sẵn và trưng bày rõ ràng trong giáo xứ.

Tổng Giáo Phận Archdiocese of Oklahoma City thường xuyên liên hệ, tiếp xúc với các em và những người trẻ dưới tuổi vị thành niên qua những hoạt động hàng ngày trong các chương trình, cơ quan và tổ chức. Chính vì thế, điều tất yếu và quan trọng là giới tu sĩ, các công chức, chủng sinh, nhân viên và những người làm việc thiện nguyện thuộc Archdiocesan Personnel cần phải bảo vệ quyền lợi của các trẻ em và cảnh giác, đề phòng những trường hợp ngược đãi, hành hạ, đánh đập, vi phạm và lạm dụng đến các em.

Theo Luật của Tiểu Bang Oklahoma, mỗi cá nhân CẦN PHẢI trình báo/tổ cáo với cơ quan pháp lý của chính quyền về bất cứ những hành vi nào đã xảy ra hoặc những hành động khả nghi về sự vi phạm và lạm dụng cơ thể, quấy nhiễu tình dục các trẻ em (những người dưới 18 tuổi). Cơ Quan Bảo Vệ Nhân Quyền của Oklahoma (The Oklahoma Department of Human Services) đã thiết lập đường dây liên lạc khẩn cấp **1-800-522-3511** trong toàn

tiểu bang, chuyên dùng để trình báo/tổ cáo các trường hợp trên. Đường dây điện thoại này hoạt động 24/7. Gọi ngay cho **911** nếu quý vị biết em nào đó đang bị hại trong tình trạng nguy hiểm.

Để bảo đảm sự an toàn của các trẻ em và để xoa dịu vết thương lòng của các nạn nhân, Tổng Giáo Phận Archdiocese of Oklahoma City cũng thiết lập một đường dây điện thoại khẩn cấp Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline (Điện Thoại Trả Lời Khẩn Cấp của Tổng Giáo Phận về những Tệ Nạn Ngược Đãi đối với Trẻ Em) **1-405-720-9878** để nhận những trình báo/tổ cáo và cũng như lắng nghe về bất cứ vấn đề nào có liên quan đến một trong những thành viên của giới tu sĩ hay nhân viên trong các giáo xứ mà có những hành vi bất chính, hành hạ, vi phạm, lạm dụng các trẻ em và những người yếu thế đã từng xảy ra trong quá khứ cũng như hiện tại. Chuyên Viên Tư Vấn của Tổng Giáo Phận Giúp Đỡ các Nạn Nhân (VAC), với bằng cấp chuyên môn, sẽ trả lời trực tiếp tất cả những ai gọi điện thoại tới đường dây Điện Thoại Trả Lời Khẩn Cấp của Tổng Giáo Phận – Archdiocesan Pastoral Response Hotline.

Tuy đã báo cho Tổng Giáo Phận Oklahoma rồi, cá nhân đó vẫn phải có trách nhiệm gọi cho cơ quan pháp lý của chính quyền theo Luật của Oklahoma. Tại Tiểu Bang Oklahoma, thiếu trách nhiệm trong việc trình báo/tổ cáo những hành vi ngược đãi, xúc phạm hay lạm dụng đến các trẻ em và những người yếu thế là vi phạm luật pháp.

Reprinted from the Sooner Catholic Newspaper June 24, 2018

New priest formed by family in Vietnam, Oklahoma

By Zachary Boazman
The Sooner Catholic

"The first time I thought about being a priest was in 2011," Deacon Vic Luong remembered, "it made me scared because I knew that it was hard to follow Jesus Christ."

Now, almost eight years after first considering priesthood, Vuong "Vic" Son Luong will be ordained a priest on June 30 (2018) at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City.

Deacon Vic was born on July 19, 1979, in Bien Hoa City, Vietnam. It was there he was raised and grew up in the Catholic faith.

"My father was the first catechist of mine," Deacon Vic said, "teaching me to worship and to love God with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind and all my strength."

In 2008, Luong came to the United States as an international student.

"My friend introduced me to Oklahoma. I went to Oklahoma City Community College and majored in education because I wanted to teach."

After moving to Oklahoma, Luong began going to the cathedral, where he quickly became friends with the associate pastor, Father Thanh Nguyen.

"I officially met with him in 2010 when I became a member of the Vietnamese choir at the cathedral,"



Fr. Vic Luong, serving as Deacon with Archbishops Coakley and Beltran.

he said. "He encouraged me to attend the 2011 'Come and See' trip to Conception Seminary. That trip changed my life remarkably."

In 2012, Luong was accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and went to southern Indiana to study at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. Luong spent all six of his years in formation at Saint Meinrad, graduating this past May with 21 other men who will be ordained priests for other dioceses around the country.

"My experience at Saint Meinrad has been great. I'm going to miss it; the classrooms, the chapel, the dining room and even the fish ponds where I had many great moments and memories for six years of formation."

During those years, Luong reported his call to the priesthood has strengthened. "God has confirmed my discernment by giving me his great gift of peace in Mass and prayer." But, it hasn't just been seminary that has formed him. The support of the community at Our Lady's Cathedral has been instrumental in fostering his vocation as well.

"I have been loved and cared for for many years by my parish community. Whenever I would come back to Oklahoma City from my seminary for a break, I was always welcomed warmly. In other words," Deacon Luong humorously added, "I have been fed well."

After ordination, Luong looks forward to celebrating Mass, hearing confessions and anointing the sick.

"I look forward to saying my first



Fr. Vic Luong. Insert photo Fr. Long as a child in Vietnam.

Mass, to pray for all of my ancestors who have passed away, especially for my paternal and maternal grandmothers who passed away in Vietnam."

And while practicing what he preaches is among his top priorities, Luong admits he is nervous about preparing homilies. "But I trust in Jesus, and submit myself to him with love and humility."

Luong's ordination is the occasion for another special moment in his life. "I am very happy about my father coming to my priestly ordination. This is his first time to the United States. I haven't seen or talked with him in person for 10 years!"

Deacon Vic's ordination is June 30 (2018) at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Boazman is a seminarian for the archdiocese and a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic. He recently was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate.