Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

Love God ~ Serve Others ~ Go Make Disciples

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"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:27



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

Today's Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18 ~ Philemon 9-10, 12-17 ~ Luke 14:25-33

Faith Question: Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" Next Week's Readings: Numbers 21:4-9 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ John 3:13-17

Parish Work Day

Come join us as we work to spruce up Epiphany, *next Saturday, September 13*, at 8:00am. No experience needed, just a willingness to lend a hand!



THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

will be celebrated at 3:00pm *this Sunday, September 7* in the Chapel.



Classics Monthly Lunch is BACK!

Join the Epiphany Classics (55 years and up) *this Wednesday, September 10,* at 11:30am in Bryce Hall. The theme is the State Fair! Wear red and white. The speaker will be Father Vic.

Bring: A-M: side dish; N-Z: salad to share (enough for 8-10 people). Fried chicken and rolls will be provided. For more information contact Judy



Larzalere at 405-831-3437 or classics@epiphanyokc.org.

Parish Staff

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Lord Jesus,

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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)

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Please Pray For...

Marcia Brejda, Mary Ann Reherman, Gerald Duke, Lenny Ortiz, Audrey, Michael, and Penny Antkowiak, Bernice Koscielniak, Kemsley Sigala, Michael Micaletti, Nancy Williams, Sylvia Flemming, Mike Peller, Jayden Ercles, Donna Zalonka, Diane Starkey, Debra Zietler, Cameron Grell, Melva Carney, Willam Shannon, Don D. Wolfkill, Brenda G. Reinecke, Jennie Marviel Meléndez, Mike Moxley, Joanna LaPorte, Dovie Kaspar, John Green, Mike Stich, Emmie Walkup, Agnes Scholl, Lee Hledik, Deacon Bob Heskamp, Glinda Parmley, Alex Davis, Sophie Miye, Emmanuel Tsiambom, Brian Campbell.

Mass Schedule

Vigil, 5:30pm **Saturday:**

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:30pm **Sunday:**

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

Contact Pastor at least **Matrimony:**

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 sacramental 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, September 7	7
₽Tom Boeckman	by family
Monday, September 8	
�Paul Eugene Marti	Trang Quach Marti
Tuesday, September 9	
♣Deacon Rich FahyBaltazar	and Evelina Morales
Wednesday, September 10	
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₱Jim Brown.....Barbara Rolling

Thursday, September 11

Deacon Rich Fahy......Jim & Carolyn Lyon

Friday, September 12

₱Millie FarmerSuzanne Clem

Saturday, September 13

₱Jim, Josie, Jay, & Diana Magerl.....by family

Epiphany Boards Chairpersons

Parish Council	Phyliss Bennett	405-550-8143
Finance	David Brambrink	405-659-7625
Liturgy	Cheryl Childers	217-213-7267
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Cub Scout Popcorn

The Cub Scout Popcorn Fundraiser will be *next weekend September 13 and 14* after all Masses. With your support the troop gets to participate in scouting activities throughout the year.

(Plus, you get popcorn!)



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: rice, instant mashed potatoes, canned corn, canned green beans, canned peas, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce and pasta, cookies, saltine crackers, pancake mix and syrup.

All donations are appreciated.

Special Collection for Gaza

Next weekend, September 13 and 14 the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called for a special collection for Gaza famine.

This collection is to benefit those most directly affected by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. The violence there has resulted in dire conditions for many innocent victims, including children. You may put your donation in an envelope marked "Gaza" and place it in the collection plate.

Sunday to Sunday Bible Study

Since reading the Scriptures can be tough, this interactive class provides great tools for anyone looking to go deeper into the Word. Join us Wednesdays at 9:00am in the Patio Room. (Enter through the gym entrance.) For more information, call John Norberto, 405-412-7079.

Second Collection

The Second Collection for this week, **September 6 and 7,** is for the Epiphany Buildings and Grounds.

Looking Ahead in Our Parish

Sunday, September 7

9:00am Breaking Open the Word 11:15am Faith Formation (PK4-5th) 11:15am I Believe

11:15am Inquiry Session
11:15am Journey of Faith
3:00pm Divine Mercy
6:30pm Evening Prayer
6:30pm High School Night

Monday, September 8

6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Men's Club

Tuesday, September 9

9:30am Tai Chi Session

Wednesday, September 10

9:00am Sunday to Sunday Bible Study

10:00am Senior Walk 11:30am Classics Lunch

5:45pm Middle School Faith Formation

and Youth Group (6-8th)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 11

9:00am Woodcarvers 9:30am Tai Chi Session 4:00pm Youth Scripture Study 6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm Women's Video Study

Saturday, September 13

Renewal of September Wedding Vows after Masses Cub Scout Popcorn Sale after Mass

8:00am Parish Work Day

Sunday, September 14

Renewal of September Wedding Vows at all Masses Cub Scout Popcorn Sale after all Mass

Saturday, September 20

5:30pm Confirmation Mass

Sacrificial Giving General Support Report Sunday Envelopes: \$11,153.00

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

Do you like to make music?

Epiphany is looking for you! We are in need of musicians to step forward and to be a part of the Music Ministry at Epiphany. We are looking for singers, instrumentalists (for all Masses), children who like to sing from kindergarten –5 grade, and handbell ringers.

We have choirs and ensembles at 5:30pm Saturday and 10:00am Sunday Masses. We are also in need of cantors. If you are bilingual, that is a plus!

For an instrumentalist, you need to be fairly proficient to handle the level of difficulty of the music used at Mass. No previous experience is needed if you want to

Quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em (QÔB&ACE) có thích ca hát không? Nhà Thờ Chúa Hiển Linh đang tìm kiếm những người thích ca hát như QÔB&ACE. Nhà Thờ Chúa Hiển Linh rất cần các nhạc sĩ tham gia và trở thành thành viên của Ban Âm Nhạc Giáo Xứ. Nhà Thờ Chúa Hiển Linh đang tìm kiếm các ca viên, các nhạc công cho tất cả các Thánh Lễ, các em thiếu nhi thích ca hát (ít nhất là lớp 5), và những người rung chuông trong các Thánh Lễ.

Các Ca Đoàn Giáo Xứ sẽ hát Lễ lúc 5:30 chiều thứ 7 và 10 giờ sáng Chúa Nhật. Nhà Thờ Chúa Hiển Linh cũng rất cần các Cantor (ca viên hát độc diễn, hát hoặc xướng nhạc phụng vụ trong Thánh Lễ). Nếu QÔB&ACE hát được cả hai ngôn ngữ thì đó là một lợi thế.

Riêng các nhạc công thì cần phải khá chuyên nghiệp

sing or ring handbells. Reading music is helpful but not required.

If you would like to find out more, call Brent McWilliams, Director of Music, at 405-722-2110 ext. 115. He will get the right director in touch with you.

Those who make music on a regular basis live longer, are healthier, pray twice and have reserved seats for Mass. Join us for a great time of praising God and music making.

để xử lý các cấp độ khó về nhạc được dùng trong Thánh Lễ. Không đòi hỏi kinh nghiệm đối với QÔB&ACE muốn trở thành ca viên và người rung chuông. Đọc được nhạc thì càng tốt nhưng không bắt buôc.

Nếu QÔB&ACE muốn biết thêm chi tiết, xin vui lòng liên hệ Brent McWilliams, Trưởng Ban Âm Nhạc, vào số điện thoại 405-722-2110, nhấn thêm 115. Brent McWilliams sẽ trả lời mọi thắc mắc của OÔB&ACE.

Các ca viên thường xuyên đi hát Lễ sẽ sống lâu hơn, có sức khỏe nhiều hơn, hát Lễ là cầu nguyện hai lần và sẽ có chỗ ngồi dành riêng. Xin QÔB&ACE hãy tham gia Ca Đoàn Nhà Thờ Chúa Hiển Linh để dâng lời ca tiếng hát lên Thiên Chúa và để ngợi khen Ngài.

Parish Picnic

Join us on **Sunday, September 28** for our parish picnic!



The games and bounce houses start at 4:00pm. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs, sides, and fixings beginning at 5:00pm. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to eat outside.

Additional seating will be available in the Patio Room for senior citizens and disabled parishioners.

This is a great time to build community, see old friends, and make new ones!

Dã Ngoại Giáo Xứ

Nhà Thờ Chúa Hiển Linh xin trân trọng kính mời QÔB&ACE dân Chúa tham gia buổi Dã Ngoại Giáo Xứ vào Chúa Nhật ngày 28 tháng 9.

Giáo Xứ sẽ bắt đầu có các trò chơi và nhà nhún nảy cho các em nhỏ tuổi lúc 4 giờ chiều. Lúc 5 giờ chiều sẽ có hamburgers, hot dogs, và nhiều món ngon khác nữa. Xin QÔB&ACE hãy mang theo bạt dã ngoại và ghế ngồi để ăn ngoài trời. Tại phòng ngoài hiên của Giáo Xứ sẽ có thêm chỗ ngồi cho những ai lớn tuổi và khó đi lại. Xin QÔB&ACE dân chúa hãy bớt chút thì giờ tham gia buổi Dã Ngoại này để mọi người chúng ta có những giây phút tuyệt vời bên nhau, hàn huyên tâm sự, gặp lại bạn cũ và kết thêm bạn mới, trong tinh thần yêu thương và phát triển cộng đoàn Nhà Thờ Chúa Hiển Linh!

This week please pray for our Faith Formation teachers.
Look upon them oh Lord.
Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

New Women's Video Study

"The Catholic Table" is a women's video study from the St. Paul Center and is based on the book "The Catholic Table: Finding Joy Where Food and Faith Meet." In this study we will discover a theology of food through the wisdom of Scripture, the Saints, and more. The video study was recorded with the author Emily Stimpson Chapman. The book is not required.

This study will be Thursday nights from *September 4*, *2025* to *January 15*, *2026* from 6:00-8:00pm in Room 10, except for the third Thursday of the month when the group attends Summit at the Cathedral. For more information contact Teresa Larson at 405-570-3963.



Inquiry Sessions

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

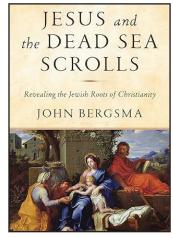
Inquiry sessions are designed to help answer questions about Catholicism. These sessions are held *every Sunday* at 11:15am in Room 2. For more information contact Deborah West at 405-722-0051 or faithformation@epiphanyokc.org.

Order of Christian Initiation

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) is the process of formation that leads to becoming a Catholic. You are invited to start this process by attending Inquiry sessions each Sunday following the 10:00am Mass in Room 2. This Sunday, September 7, we will begin our Catholic Catechism sessions from 11:15am to 12:15pm in the Patio Room with Dismissal beginning a few weeks later during the 10:00 am Mass. For more information contact Deborah West at 405-722-0051 or faithformation@epiphanyokc.org.

Faith Video and Discussion Series Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls

In this video series biblical scholar Dr. John Bergsma and Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, discuss the history and mysteries of the Dead Sea Scrolls, what they reveal about Jesus Christ, the sacraments, and the early Church, and why they matter to believers and non-believers today.



Tuesdays, September 16 - November 4 from 6:00pm -7:30pm Room 3/4 (new room). Contact Chris Rolling 405-503-3596. Fridays, September 19 - November 7 from 10:00am -11:30am Room 3/4. Contact Tammy Jacobs 405-229-2553.

High School Nights

(Grades 9th - 12th)

Sundays from 6:30-8:00pm

Enter through the Mary Garden between the rectory and the office doors on the east side of the church.

High School Scripture Study

(Grades 9th - 12th)

Thursdays at 4:00pm in the Youth Room. Join as we read and discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass.

Contact Sarah Holt at 405-721-1137 or youth@epiphanyokc.org.

Young Adults of Epiphany

(Ages 18-35 years)

The Young Adults will meet

Thursday, September 11 at 6:30pm in the Youth
Room. They will be meeting monthly, on the

second Thursday of the month. For more
information contact Sarah Holt at 405-721-1137

or youth@epiphanyokc.org.

Minister Schedule for September 13 and 14 5:30PM MASS MINISTERS

Altar Servers - Vayda Cardenas, Dee Jae Enarsao, Jessica Pham

Communion Ministers - Mary Beth Goldberger (WW), Ray Janik (W), Judy Hilovsky (WC), Melanie Corbett (EC), Mary Fahy (E), Greg Clyde (B)

Greeters - Greg Clyde, Ellen Janik

Lectors - George Bradley, Terri Headrick

Ushers - Bob Hlubin, Gerald Krausz, Ken Sullivan, Nigin Varughese

Mass Coordinator - Keri Warren

8:00AM MASS MINISTERS

Altar Servers - Fedor Posa, Emmanuel Tsiambom, Jayden Tsiambom

Communion Ministers - Vickie Rivas (WW), Jim Michaelis (W), Hilda Sconzo (WC), JoAnn Schlegel (EC), David Perez (E), Sister Sona Mathai (B)

Greeters - Nancy Fitzpatrick, Glenda Manley

Lectors - Nancy Annett*, Janet Damaska

Ushers - Ellis Annett, Gary Brooks, Jim Fitzpatrick, Harley Hintergardt

10:00AM MASS MINISTERS

Altar Servers - Aubree Miller, Claire Nayaga, Arianna Shirallie

Communion Ministers - Joanne Stafford (WW), Elena McVey (W), Sandy Acton (WC), Jennifer Vardaro (WC), Micah Krausz (EC), Judy Larzalere(EC), Jodie McKleroy (E), John McKleroy (EE), Teresa Larson* (B)

Greeters - Michiko Dowling, Carol Haggard, Michelle Krausz, Janice Kusbel

Lectors - Cindy Gray, Carol Wenzl

Ushers - Eric Meador, Norma Meador, Stephen Muth, Athen Rosales

12:30PM MASS MINISTERS

Altar Servers - Michael Abawonse, Patrick Cunningham, Pat Petersen

Communion Ministers - Lisa Fleming (W), Audrey Antkowiak (WC), Teresa Lewis (EC), Judy Boismier (E), Ronny Lewis (B)

Greeters - Aleena Poulo, Anjali Poulo

Lectors - Ninivet Anaya, Christian Stephens

Ushers - George Fulco, Shaji Poulo, Luis Torres*, Wendell Shannon

WELCOME TABLE

Women's Club

MONEY COUNTERS

9:00am - Brad Riddle, Gary Brooks *Mass Coordinator

Renewal of Wedding Vows

The renewal of vows for all September celebrants will be next weekend. September 13 and 14, at all Masses.

Tai Chi Sessions Return September 9

Sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am - 10:30am, in the gym. Tai Chi is low-impact, slow motion, mind-body exercise for better balance that focuses on 8 movement forms which can be done seated or standing. People at any level of fitness can participate. For information call the parish office at 405-722-2110.



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Sunday Breaking Open the Word 9:00-10:00am in the West Meeting Room

Melanie Corbett

mcorbett76@gmail.com

11:15am-Noon I Believe

in the West Meeting Room

Melanie Corbett

mcorbett76@gmail.com

Faith Discussion Session Tuesday

6:00-7:00pm in Room 3/4

(Starting Sept. 16) Chris Rolling 405-503-3596

"Sunday-to-Sunday" **Wednesday**

9:00-10:00am **Bible Study**

in the Patio Room

John Norberto 405-412-7079

Thursday "The Catholic Table" 6:00-8:00pm Women's Video Study

in Classroom 10

Teresa Larson 405-570-3963

Second Thursday

6:30-8:30pm Young Adults of Epiphany (Ages 18-35)

in the Youth Room

Sarah Holt 405-721-1137



Calling All Readers!

Join us for fellowship and discussion at the Brown Bag Book Club

BBBC meets the *third Wednesday* of every month at 11:30am in the West Meeting Room and *is open to everyone in the parish.*

The book for September 17 is

He Leadeth Me

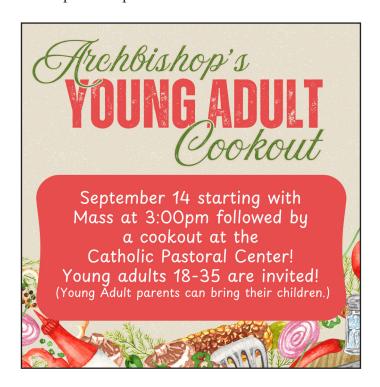
by Walter J. Ciszek, SJ and Daniel Flaherty, SJ

2025 Annual Appeal CATHOLIC CHARITIES ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY PROVIDING HELP - CREATING HOPE - SERVING ALL

Catholic Charities OKC brings the proclamation of the Good News to our brothers and sisters in need every day. Today, Christ teaches that whoever would be his disciple must take up his or her cross and

follow Him. Please help us aid our brothers and sisters in carrying their crosses by making a gift online at catholiccharitiesok.org/donate, by using the QR code or the envelope in the pew.





Register for the 2025 Milestone Anniversary Mass by September 19

Archbishop Coakley invites all married couples to attend the annual Anniversary Mass at 3:00pm, *Sunday, October 5,* at Our Lady's Cathedral.

Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25, 40, 50+) in 2025 will be honored. Register by *Friday, September 19* to receive a certificate. To register call Lisa at 405-709-2709 or Lcarrasco@archokc.org or Lesli at 405-438-0294 or Lguzman@archokc.org.

Around the Archdiocese

Mass of Remembrance

A Mass of Remembrance in memory of people <u>lost</u> to <u>suicide</u> will be held this *Friday, September 12* at 6:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1891 N.W. 18 St. in Oklahoma City.

This Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube @StFrancisOKC. For more information contact stfrancisokc.com or 506-528-0485.

Tulsa Catholic Women's Conference

The Tulsa Catholic Women's Conference is *September 26 and 27* at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa. Guests include Sr. Josephine Garrett, Lisa Cotter, Kate Capato and Jill Simons. Cost \$79. Register at tulsacatholicwomen.com.

Special Mass

The annual **Mass for Medical Professionals** is *next Saturday, September 13* at 5:00pm, with guest speaker Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. archokc.org/medicalmass

The annual **Blue Mass** for law enforcement officials and first responders on *Saturday*, *September 27* at 5:00pm. archokc.org/bluemass

The annual **Red Mass** for legal professionals is on *Thursday, October 30* at 6:00pm. archokc.org/redmass

All of these Masses are at Our Lady's Cathedral at 3214 N. Lake Ave, Oklahoma City, 73118.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of the Epiphany of the Lord Blood Drive

Sunday, September 21 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Join us in the Gym!

For more information, contact Keri Metoyer.

