

HOLY TRINITY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

**FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT**

February 14, 2016



SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor.

Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.

—St. Louise de Marillac

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

If you are unable to reach the Parish Office please call...

- ◆ Deacon Max at 263-4760;
- ◆ Fr. Francis T. Nguyen, Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Kingfisher at 375-4581;
- ◆ Fr. Mark Mason, Sacred Heart Church, El Reno at 262-1405.

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OKARCHE, OKLAHOMA**

*Rev. John Peter Swaminathan: 263-7930
Deacon Max Schwarz – 263-4760 or 708-3105
Religious Education Office: 263-7475
Bonnye Mueggenborg, DRE
Holy Trinity School Office: 263-4422
Website: www.holytrinityok.org*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

A full schedule can be found inside the bulletin.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Or by appointment

ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Kimberly Annuschat, Regent

Halli Ford, Vice-Regent

Holy Trinity Altar Society

Theresa Schulte, President

Catholic Order of Foresters

James Wittrock, Chief Ranger

Knights of Columbus

B.J. Waeger, Grand Knight

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

Father Stanley Rother Assembly

Gerald Knecht, Faithful Navigator

PARISH COUNCIL

Joe Wittrock, Chairman

Stephen Jeffrey, Vice-Chair

Marian Rother, Secretary

Joel Frisby

Cindy Shelley

Pat Brueggen

Sue Keyser

Karla Eischen

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

P.O. Box 485, Okarche, OK 73762

Tammy Jacobs, Principal

263-4422

Kathleen Vogt, Admin. Asst.

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School Advisory Council

Nikki Buck

Roger Gann

Jana McDaniel

Lance Schneiter

Brooke Brady

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“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.”

— Romans 10:8

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 13	5:00 p.m.
	+Louis Rother	
Sunday	February 14	10:30 a.m.
	People of the Parish	
Monday	February 15	8:00 a.m.
	Communion Service	
Tuesday	February 16	8:00 a.m.
	+Abe Naberhaus	
Wednesday	February 17	8:30 a.m.
	+Judith Klinnert	
Thursday	February 18	8:00 a.m.
	+Pat Williams	
Friday	February 19	6:00 p.m.
	+George & Mary Gray	
Saturday	February 20	5:00 p.m.
	People of the Parish	
Sunday	February 21	10:30 a.m.
	+Ruth Knecht	

Daily Mass Server: Will Johnson

Fast and Abstinence—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Fridays during Lenten: Friday Evening Mass, Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross—Prayer is one of the three pillars of Lenten practice. Through prayer, we raise our hearts and minds to God in thanksgiving and praise. During Lent, we place special emphasis on prayer and contemplation on the Passion and Death of our Lord through expressions of popular piety such as the Stations of the Cross and veneration of the Crucified Christ. In order to encourage more people to participate in the Lenten Fridays, I would be most willing to have the Friday Masses only during Lent at 6 p.m. in the Church, and immediately after the Mass we will have a soup supper served in the Parish Hall by parish organizations, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the Church. I am sure that this will allow many people to participate in all the events. Please make use of this opportunity to fulfill your inner desire to participate in the sufferings of Christ on Fridays.

COLLECTION AMOUNT

February 7, 2016: \$12,620.02

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DUES—Knights of Columbus members are reminded to pay their \$25 dues. They may be sent to David Krittenbrink, P.O. Box 581, Okarche, OK 73762.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 14

9:00 a.m. K-6 Religious Education Classes (LRS)
After Mass RCIA/Video Series “Symbolon” (LRS)

Monday, February 15

NO CLASSES AT HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Wednesday, February 17

8:30 a.m. School Mass—Grade 8
6:00 p.m. Confirmation & Youth Group (PH)

Friday, February 19

2:30 p.m. Stations with the Students (Church)
6:00 p.m. Mass—No Morning Mass today
6:30 p.m. Lenten Meal
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20

10:30 a.m. First Reconciliation (Meet in PH)

Sunday, February 21

9-10:15 a.m. K-6 RE Classes (LRS)
After Mass RCIA Video Series “Symbolon” (LRS)

Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer—Starting from Ash Wednesday, we as a parish will be saying the Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee year of Mercy. It will be recited by the whole congregation on the weekend masses and also on the weekday masses. It will be recited directly after the reception of Holy Communion when the whole congregation is seated. In case there is a second collection on a particular weekend, the ushers will take up the second collection following the prayer. For the weekdays it will be directly after the reception of Holy Communion when the whole congregation is seated. The prayer cards will be available in your own pews. Please leave them there once you use them. This prayer will continue until November 20th, 2016.

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy and Our Response for the month of February

—Holy Trinity Catholic Church will embrace the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy by responding to the Corporal Works of Mercy. Holy Trinity Parish will focus for the month of February on “Feeding the Hungry” by bringing imperishable food items on the weekend of 27th & 28th and place in the boxes provide in the back of Church. All items will be taken to the Lord’s Harvest in El Reno. The Lord’s Harvest is a community based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Lord’s Harvest is guided by the teachings of Jesus to feed the hungry and take care of those in need. The Lord’s Harvest offers a selection of programs to help eliminate hunger in the community and provide for those in time of need.

IN THE FATHER’S FOOTSTEPS XX

Saturday, February 27, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center, 2501 Conference Dr., Noman, OK

—The day shared is rich in blessings. There are three (3) well known national speakers. Don’t forget to invite your family and friends. For registration questions, please contact Chris Borders at 285-1382. Registration fee is \$69.00 for information about the conference contact Ray Haelele at 501-1165. There are pamphlets in the back of church with additional information. Thank you for your continued support of the men’s conference!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Summer Camp has begun registration for the summer of 2016. You may download a registration form from their website at www.archoc.org under the Youth & Young Adult tab or register on-line to pay in full. New and returning campers are encouraged to register as early as possible. Sessions fill up quickly.

Sun. Feb. 14—K-6 RE classes, 9-10:15 a.m.

Wed. Feb. 17—Confirmation (6-8:30 p.m.)/Youth Group (6-7:30 p.m.)

Sat. Feb. 20—First Reconciliation service—Church, 10:30 a.m. *****YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM** for high school students, grades 9-12 at Gregory's University, Shawnee, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a \$20 fee per person which includes lunch and leadership materials. Topics are *Leadership *Why is leadership necessary *How to lead ourselves and others effectively* The program will be facilitated by the Buckley Team from St. Gregory's University. Contact Bonnye for registration forms. It would be a blessing if we could have two from each grade attend this training.

Sun. Feb. 21—K-6 RE Classes, 9-10:15 a.m.

Feb. 26-28—Linked Retreat: **Be Inspired—It's Not Over Yet.** This retreat is for 11th and 12 graders and is meant to give them an experience that will deepen their relationship with Christ. We will spend time discussing and reflecting upon the relationship between self, friends, family and God. For more information call Bonnye. Registrations due Feb. 19. Cost is \$50.

Sun. Feb. 28—K-6 RE Classes, 9-10:15 a.m. (LRS)

SAVE THE DATE—First Holy Communion Retreat will be on Saturday, April 9, from 9a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

"Mission Central 2016" - On March 1st, we will begin selling tickets for our Draw Down Raffle. Only 300 tickets will be sold with each ticket costing \$50. The raffle will be conducted on May 1st, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during our Pile on Dinner. The winners need not be present to win. Five prizes will be awarded: \$2,500; \$1,000; \$500; \$500 and \$500. More information in the upcoming weeks on where to buy your tickets.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

YOUTH CHOIR - Practices are on *Sundays at 4 p.m.* Our next scheduled Mass is *Sunday, February 14th, at 10:30 a.m.* Reminders of practices/masses are generally communicated on Facebook, so look us up under Holy Trinity YC.

Script Program for HTCS *Buy Scrip* by contacting **Annye Bomhoff (368-7228 or annyep@pldi.net)**

School Endowment Fund Tickets—Thank you for your support of our School Endowment Fund. Congratulations to our weekly winner, **Anne Coffey.**

Catholic Foundation Scholarships Available—The 2016-17 Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma scholarship applications are now available. The CFO offers a \$6,000 scholarship to students attending a non-Catholic college or University and a \$12,000 scholarship to students attending a Catholic college or university. Additional scholarships may be available to a University of Oklahoma medical student, a nursing student at the school of their choice, students studying pastoral music, and a student attending St. Gregory's University. If interested, go online to www.cfook.org, contact 405721-4115, or cfoinfo@archoc.org. **Completed applications are due by April 6.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sara Wittrock, Cindy Leblanc, Leona Hau, Tom Yost, Wendy Gray Olmstead, Eric Hufnagel, Lynn Sturgeon, Frank Kuehn, Janey Kretchmar, Joli Schroeder, Joe Farrell, Lucille Howard, Emma Elliot, John Bomhoff, Elaine Lakey, Christine Kuelzer, Bill Patterson, Joan Stone, Steve Knecht, Diane Eischen, Ken Reding, Aggie Daniel, Mandi Griffin, Jaqueline Irion, Braden Nicholson, David Doll, Cliff Koski, Terry Reese Kerri K. Moran, Ray Spomer, Steve Winters, Chelce Garms, Sandy Raupe, Leo Meyer, Bobbie Ottis and Bill Rund.

To add or delete names to the prayer list, call Theresa Liebl (263-7324). She is required to contact the person's family to insure their privacy if they do not wish their name to be published.

I am most grateful to Theresa Liebl for streamlining the lists of names of prayer for the sick persons and letting us know who is in need of our prayers. She has made personal telephone calls and updated the lists. All these names of the sick will remain in the bulletin for the next three months and please call her once again to renew your name to be on the prayers lists. Thank you.

Our Parish is in need of New Black Roman Cassocks and White Surplice for the Altar servers:

Our Parish is blessed to have around 61 students from 40 families who actively participate in this Altar Server Ministry. We wish to recognize them and thank them sincerely for the interest that these children manifest. Being an altar Server is an important ministry of the church and it is from these that many choose to become Priests and Religious. Many of the Priests in the church today were altar servers earlier in their respective parishes. The current dress code for the altar servers is white albs and cincture. The old albs and the cincture that these altar servers wear look very old, served their purpose for many years, worn out and battered. And many times the altar servers do not know how to dress themselves with them. It is time to replace them. And so we are in the process of replacing them with new black Roman Cassocks (65% polyester and 35% cotton) and white surplice. Many of the churches have them and they look very good on the altar servers. I am sure that many of you would like the black cassock and white surplice more than the old albs and cinctures that we currently use. I am looking to see if some of you would want to donate money to buy them for the church. It will be a lasting gift to the parish and for the altar servers as well. I will have some volunteers do the washing once in a while and keep them clean and tidy. Initially I am looking to purchase 25 new sets with different sizes (7 small; 7 medium, 7 large and 4 extra large). These sizes should accommodate all the children. Find below the estimate for each of the items. You can donate the money to Holy Trinity Church and I will have a bulk order placed for the parish.

Roman Black Cassock	White Surplice	Total
Small—\$51.00	Small—\$27.00	\$78.00
Medium—\$56.00	Medium—\$30.00	\$86.00
Large—\$60.00	Large—\$32.00	\$92.00
Ex. Large—\$64.00	Ex. Large—\$32.00	\$96.00

Please note that I am most grateful to you for any donation that you make for the good of this ministry. The altar servers stand close to the altar of God next to the Priest in the Sanctuary and we would want them to look elegant and happy. Please call the parish @ 263-7930 if you wish to donate.

—Rev. John Peter Swaminathan.