

Advent





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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm
8:30 am, 11:15 am, & 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Main Church

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Good Shepherd Chapel

THE HOLY ROSARY

Prayed 30 minutes before all daily and weekend Masses except the 5:00 pm Sunday

HELPFUL INFORMATION

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30-4:45 pm and 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass, or by appointment.

WEDDINGS

A notice of at least 6 months is required. For additional information, please visit the parish website.

NEWCOMERS

To register as a parishioner, please use the form on our website. Click on "I'm New" and complete the information or pick up a registration form & other information under the monitor located in the Commons.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please inform the parish office if you have a family member in the hospital or homebound.

CHANGES

If you are moving or changing contact information, please notify the parish office.

ANointING OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one are seriously ill, please contact Fr. Jack or Fr. Shane, as soon as possible, for the Anointing of the Sick.

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Flocknote: to join the parish Flocknote, text SBTULSA to 84576 or sign up on the home page of our website

BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY BY NOON

Please email submissions to

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 18-24, 2023

Monday:

8:30 am, +Mark Meussner by Cathy Meussner

Tuesday:

8:30 am, +Korben Nelson & + Betty Jo Lambert by Rose Truong

Wednesday:

8:30 am, +Caroline Campbell by Dcn. Richard Campbell

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius

8:30 am, +Mike Male by the Parish

Friday:

8:30 am, +Irene Orwat by Dcn. Richard Campbell

Saturday: St. John of Kanty

8:30 am, +Elaine Hoffmann by Manje & Vin Roman

5:00 pm, +Sharon Crandell by M/M Michael Ashley

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Christmas Eve

4:00 pm, +Edmund & Irene Orwat by M/M Michael Ashley

6:00 pm, +James Cordell Ramsey by Webber Family

To request a Mass, please call the Parish Office at (918) 299-9406.

What's Happening

DECEMBER

22—Adoration & Parish Office Closes

23—Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

24—Christmas Pageant

24/25—Retired Priest Fund Collection

JANUARY

2—Adoration Resumes/Office Reopens

4—*Who Am I to Judge?* Study Begins

7—RE Classes Resume

7—First Holy Comm. Parents Meeting

9—*Holy is His Name* Study Begins

9—Preschool Resumes

9—*Spiritual Warfare* Study Begins

14—First Holy Comm. Solemn Inscription

18—Senior Luncheon

Religious Education

Sharon Lechtenberg, Director

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

RE classes are in session today and this evening. Classes will be out for Christmas break on December 24th & 31st. All classes resume on January 7, 2024.

RE CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

Plans for the Christmas Pageant are underway. Practice is next Saturday, Dec. 23, at 10:00 am. All children from age 3 –6 are invited to be lambs in the pageant.

Students who have parts in the pageant and have received a phone call or text will meet in room D-12 for costumes, etc. on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 10:00 am for the rehearsal. Lambs will meet in room D-14.

We may still need a couple of actors if your child was not called and still wants to participate. Please call Sharon at 918-381-7869.

The Christmas Pageant is next Sunday, Dec. 24th, at 3:30 pm. **Participants will report to rooms D-12 and D-14 at 3:00 pm.**

Sunday, December 24th & 31st

No classes meet. Classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion preparation starts in the 2nd grade classes as soon as we return after the Christmas break. Parents will meet with Fr. Jack in the Good Shepherd Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 9:45 am while the children are in their classes.

There is a Solemn Inscription for the children and their parents the next week on Sunday, Jan. 14, in the Church during class time at 9:45 am.

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"
Matthew 19:14

Special Note from Father Jack

As we approach the holidays, please be mindful of all the messages you receive across the variety of digital platforms that you use (email and text messages especially). **Fr. Jack, Fr. Shane, our deacons, or any staff member of the parish will never request donations or gift cards via email or text from you. This is also true for the Bishop and the personnel from our diocesan offices.**

If you receive an email with a request for assistance, try to report it as "phishing" so that the sender gets flagged and shut down. If you receive a text, report it as "junk" and delete it. The people behind these scams are getting more sophisticated in the ways they contact their intended victims. Please be aware of this. Thank you.

Preschool

Tara Sudler, Director

In keeping with the true meaning of Christmas, we had a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" celebration and pizza party on Tuesday. Students brought books to exchange with classmates in the spirit of giving. Our Christmas Program performance was a success and enjoyed by all! We are closed for Christmas Break and will return to school on January 9th, 2024. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Eucharistic Adoration

Did you know that one (1) hour is just .6% of your whole week? Please call the Parish Office at (918) 299-9406 if you are able to take an Adoration hour!

Mondays

11:00 am-12:00 pm

4:00-5:00 pm

6:00-7:00 pm

Wednesdays

10:00-11:00 am

1:00-2:00 pm

6:00-7:00 pm

7:00-8:00 pm

Thursdays

11:00 am-12:00 pm

4:00-5:00 pm

Fridays

2:00-3:00 pm

3:00-4:00 pm

7:00-8:00 pm

Faith & Family

Deacon Tim Sullivan

THAT WOMAN YOU GAVE US

God could have sent Jesus to us any way He wanted, but He chose to send the Savior of humanity to earth through the womb of a woman. During this Christmas season, it's worth reflecting on why God chose this woman to play a major role in His plan of salvation.

After Adam and Eve sinned, God confronted Adam, asking for an explanation of what went wrong. Adam excused his own behavior by saying to God "That woman you gave me, she gave me the fruit, so I ate it." Adam is saying it's not just Eve's fault; it's God's fault for giving Eve to Adam in the first place.

Someone has to atone for Eve's role in the first sin, which is why God chose the spotless virgin, Mary, to be the New Eve. Mary is the woman God gave us, as evidenced by the words of Elizabeth when Mary went to visit her: "How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

At this time of year, it's a great idea to prayerfully ask the mother of our Lord to come to us, to lead us into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

"God sent his Son, born of a woman...so that we might receive adoption." Galatians 4:4

FORMED.ORG

Take your faith to a deeper level this Advent season! Visit **FORMED.ORG** to sign up for a free membership, courtesy of the parish! To sign up, just search for our parish, add your name and email, and enjoy!

Outreach Ministries

2024 MEALS TO THE HOMELESS

There's still an open slot on Sept. 22, 2024. We need a ministry, family, or group of friends to sponsor this meal! If interested in helping, please contact Kathy Sands at lukent007@yahoo.com.

Mass Assignments

Hannah Schilling, Director

WEEKEND OF DEC. 23/24, 2023

For the most current schedule, please check MSP! If you have forgotten how to log into MSP, please contact the Parish Office.

Saturday — 5:00 pm

Servers: **2 Servers Needed**

Readers: Curt Andrews, Mary Doerpinghaus

EMHCs: Marcia and John Kapura, Flor Bendana, Margaret Hingey, Brad Walker, Kathy Sands

Ushers: Team D-1 (Bob Potwora, Phil Doerpinghaus, Edward Yob, Randall Young, **1 Usher Needed**)

Sunday — 10:00 am

Servers: **2 Servers Needed**

Readers: Charlotte Richert, **1 Reader Needed**

EMHCs: Okja Chung, **5 EMHCs Needed**

Ushers: Annie Jones, **4 Ushers Needed**

Thank you all for serving the Lord & us!

HOSPITALITY & MASS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES!

We are looking for volunteers to welcome newcomers to our Christmas Masses! This is a great opportunity for families, couples, and individuals.

We also need volunteers to serve in various Mass Ministries for the Christmas Masses. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Hannah at parishlife@stbernardstulsa.org or 918-417-2003.

BAGEL, COFFEE, DONUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPRING!

We need volunteers to help with our Sunday morning receptions in the Spring! This is a fun way to meet new people and help build community in our parish. To sign up, email Hannah at parishlife@stbernardstulsa.org.

Youth Ministry

Mary Poston, Director

High School Youth:

Dec. 16th WinterFest Ice Skating
Dec. 17th Hot Chocolate and Movie Night
Dec. 24th No HS Youth Group
Dec. 31st No HS Youth Group

Middle School Youth:

Dec. 20th Hot Chocolate and Movie Night
Dec. 27th No MS Youth Group
Jan. 3rd No MS Youth Group

Parish Life

Hannah Schilling, Director

SANTA BREAKFAST—THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in the Santa Breakfast this year! **Special thanks to the many incredible volunteers who made this event possible.** We pray that you and your family have a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas season!

Adult Faith Formation, Marriage, & Family Life

Dr. Christine Miller, Director
sbtulsa.flocknote.com/Update

Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits

Begins January 9th, 10 sessions on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 am in room G-8. Register at:
sbtulsa.flocknote.com/signup/148447
or email Christine at aff@stbernardstulsa.org.

Seekers of Truth: New study begins January 9 — Scott Hahn's book *Holy is His Name*. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm in room F-4. The study is 12-sessions long. Contact Sandra Waelder at 918-230-4779. The group is currently on break.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: New study begins January 4th! Edward Sri's *Who Am I to Judge*. The study is 8-sessions long. Thursdays, 9:15-11:15 am in room G-8. For more info or to join, email Sharon at slechtenberg@stbernardstulsa.org. The group is currently on break.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Walking with Purpose—Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, room G-8. Meets Dec. 19th and then is on break until Jan. 9th. Join us for a "Connect Coffee" on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, and check out the Bible Study. Contact Christine Miller for more information.

Sunday Readings Bible Study

Sunday mornings, 9:45 am, room G-8.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Moms' Ministry: Meet other moms with school-aged children. Contact Christine for more information at aff@stbernardstulsa.org. Join our Flocknote group:
sbtulsa.flocknote.com/moms

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or attended our Family Friendly Wednesday events! Special thanks to Linda Forth for organizing hospitality for many of our evenings and to Irene Mecionis for her leadership in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration! A new calendar of events is coming soon!

www.stbernardstulsa.org/family-life

CHILDCARE MINISTRY

Register and RSVP for events at:
www.stbernardstulsa.org/childcare-ministry

Questions about Childcare? Contact Meghan Cancinos, Childcare Coordinator at childcare@stbernardstulsa.org.

Around Our Parish

RETIRED PRIEST FUND

We will take up a second collection at all Christmas Masses that benefits the diocesan Retired Priest Fund.

This fund is the primary support given by the Diocese to our infirm and retired priests. Please consider making a generous donation to help care for the servants of God who have faithfully served His flock. Thank you!

CEREAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Please consider bringing cereal for the homeless shelter. Quantities have declined, but the need is ever-present. The shelter has requested that we do not donate Cheerios. Cereals high in protein and rich in nutrients are especially welcome! Thank you!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23rd

8:30 am Daily Mass

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th

No 8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent

No 11:15 am Mass

3:30 pm Christmas Pageant

4:00 pm Vigil Mass for Christmas—*Nursery open*

6:00 pm Vigil Mass for Christmas—*Nursery open*

10:00 pm Vigil Mass for Christmas

No Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25th

No 8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass for Christmas

No 11:15 am Mass

No 5:00 pm Mass

Dec. 30th & 31st - Regular Mass schedule for the Feast of the Holy Family

Jan. 1st - 8:30 am Mass only (*not a Holy Day of Obligation this year*)

Advent Confession Schedule

Confessions will be heard in the confessional and Marian Chapel

Saturdays, December 16th, 23rd

Two confessors, 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday, December 17th

Two confessors, 8:00-8:30 am & 10:30-11:15 am

Wednesday, December 20th

Two confessors, 5:00-6:00 pm

Parish Office & Adoration Schedule

The Parish Office closes at 11:30 am, and there is no Adoration starting Friday, Dec. 22nd until Tuesday, Jan. 2nd at 9:00 am.



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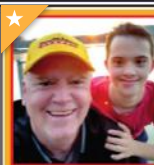
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