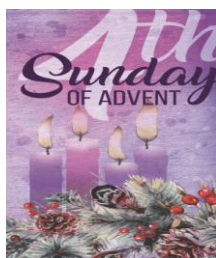


**December 24, 2017**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Fr. Brian Buettner**  
Pastor



**Sunday December 24**

**8:30 a.m.** For the people of the Parish

**11:00 a.m.** Intention of Fr. Brian Buettner

By Sandy Reyes

(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

**5:00 p.m.** +Jacqueline Endaya by Ernie Endaya

**10:00 p.m.** For the people of the Parish

(The Nativity of the Lord)

**Monday December 25**

**10:00 a.m.** Intention of discerners and seminarians of the  
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

(Christmas Day)

**Tuesday December 26 No Mass**

(St. Stephen)

**Wednesday December 27**

**7:15 a.m.** Morning Prayer

**7:30 a.m.** +Ke Nguyen by Anh Walker

(St. John)

**Thursday December 28**

**7:30 a.m.** +Fr. James Stafford by the K of C Council #1287  
and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly

(The Holy Innocents)

**Friday December 29**

**7:30 a.m.** +Mary Alice Kauanui by her Family  
(Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)

**Saturday December 30**

**7:30 a.m.** +Gerald Hampton by Rose Bryan  
(Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)

**5:00 p.m.** +Manual Gonzales by K of C 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Assembly #0850

(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

**2017 Christmas Mass Schedule**

*Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*5 pm – Christmas Vigil Mass\**

*9:30 pm – Christmas Carols*

*10 pm – Christmas Mass at Night*

*Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*10 am – Christmas Morning Mass\**

*Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>*

*10 am – Mass of the Solemnity of Holy Mary,  
Mother of God\**

*\*Parish nursery is available.*

**The Church office will be closed Dec 25 thru Jan 1  
and normal hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan 2.**

**St Vincent de Paul collection will be following each  
Mass next weekend...**Please remember Jesus and the  
poor with your prayers and monthly donation.  
Your contribution stays in Lawton helping  
our neighbors in need.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. We hope you accept this as your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back. We've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you. Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. First, recognize that your Heavenly Father yearns for you to come home to his Church. Then, go to Confession with me or another priest and consider discussing any concerns or questions you may have about returning home. Welcome home!

This is also a good time of the year to remember Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and St. Mary's Catholic School as you prepare to wrap up charitable giving for 2017. Your tax-deductible gifts ensure that we are able to continue serving this community with an ever great vibrancy, as we spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Thank you for supporting us in our important mission to save souls!

If you are a registered parishioner, you received a Christmas card from me last week. I am very happy to share with you that this year's Christmas gift to the parish is a one year subscription to [formed.org](http://formed.org). The site is packed with authentically Catholic movies, programming, Bible studies, and children's programming. It is kind of like Catholic Netflix. If you did not receive a Christmas card, it is because you are not registered or your mailing address is not correct in our system. Please call our parish secretary, Zari Conway, to register your family or update your information. She will also be able to give you the access code for [formed.org](http://formed.org).

From all of us at Blessed Sacrament and St. Mary's Catholic School, Merry Christmas!



**Merry Christmas from the Thrift Shop**

The Thrift Shop will be closed Dec 18 thru  
Jan 1, 2018 and reopen Wed, Jan 3, 2018

**RE classes** resume January 10, 2018. Classes meet Wednesday  
evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**RCIA classes** resume January 4, 2018. This class is for those who  
want to learn more about the Catholic faith.



**Family Promise of Lawton**

Our parish will host at Aldersgate United  
Methodist Church, **Dec 31-Jan 7**. Volunteers are  
needed to spend the night and/or prepare a dinner for the  
families. Please contact Charles Benke at 351-9649 if you are  
available to volunteer. Family Promise of Lawton assists  
homeless families with children achieve sustainable  
independence. [www.familypromiseoflawton.org](http://www.familypromiseoflawton.org)

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

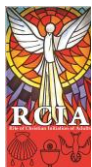
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**Rosary...**Join in praying the rosary, every Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. in the church

**Rosario...**Todos están invitados a rezar

el rosario, cada miércoles a las 6:30 p.m. en la iglesia



RCIA Doctrinal instruction for Catechumens and Candidates will be on Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Parishioners wanting to continue their study of the mysteries of our Catholic faith (mystagogy) are

always welcome. Contact is Deacon Bob Quinnett, (580) 583-0271, or [robert.quinnett@icloud.com](mailto:robert.quinnett@icloud.com).

RCIA Breaking Open the Word will meet Sundays during the 8:30 AM Mass immediately after the homily till the end of Mass. Contact is Al Sandoval, (580) 678-3501.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**January 26-28, 2018, Oklahoma City's Catholic Pastoral Center –“Repeat the Sounding Joy”...**of the early days of your marriage. Apply today for the Marriage Encounter Weekend at <http://meoklahoma.org>, to see how you can keep your marriage vibrant!. For more information, contact Rick & Bev Feller at 405-323-9119 or [rbfeller@gmail.com](mailto:rbfeller@gmail.com) Apply by January 1 to receive 25% off your \$100 application fee (promo code: EarlyJan).

### Position for a part-time custodian is now open.

The custodian maintains a clean working environment for all staff and visitors, ensuring all areas are safe. Provides cleaning services for the Church, Parish Hall, Annex, and St. Mary's School Buildings. Safe Environment Training is required. If you are interested in applying, please contact the parish office or email your resume directly to [blessedsacramentlawton@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentlawton@gmail.com) beginning Wed, Dec 27, during the hours of 10:00 am-1200 pm & 1:00-3:30 pm, M-F.



And the angel said to her in reply,  
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
and the power of the Most High will  
overshadow you. Therefore the child  
to be born will be called holy, the Son  
of God." - Lk 1:35

### St Mary's Catholic School

Substitute teachers are needed. Safe Environment Training is required plus three references. Apply at 611 SW A Ave or call [355-5288](tel:355-5288) for more information.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Please look at your food packages and save your box tops, and send them to St. Mary's or put them in the box on the bookcase in the vestibule of the church. This past year St. Mary's received approx \$664.00. Let's keep up the good work this year!

Classes resume on Wednesday, Jan 3, 2018

**Mark your calendar for Jan 13**, when our church will host a **"10 Great Ways to be an Evangelist"** workshop led by St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE). SPSE is a grassroots, Catholic lay apostolate whose mission is to share the Good News about Jesus and the beauty and truth of the Catholic Church that Jesus founded. The workshop will be held at the Parish Hall starting at 1:30 and is **free**. Watch for upcoming bulletin announcements with further details.

### Sacred Music in Season Christmas Carols

Presented by St. Ann Catholic Church, Elgin, OK. Come and rest in the peace and tranquility of the season as we join our voices in song to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thursday, December 28, 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Followed by fellowship in the parish hall.

### Welcome to Blessed Sacrament!

We invite you to complete a parish registration form. Forms are available on our parish website, in the vestibule of the church, or come by the parish office during office hours.

Visit online at [www.blessedsacramentlawton.org](http://www.blessedsacramentlawton.org)



### "Save Time and Donate Online!"

WeShare, is an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit [blessedsacramentlawton.weshareonline.org](http://blessedsacramentlawton.weshareonline.org). If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at 355-2054.

### Our Weekend Mass Attendance and Offerings

December 17, 2017	Mass attendance 673
General Fund	\$5,240.50
St. Mary's School Fund	\$1,779.53

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" — "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." — that the promise finds fulfillment. See Luke 1:38

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**