

March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

This week at Blessed Sacrament

Monday March 26 No Mass

10:00am – Thrift Shop open until 2pm

Tuesday March 27 No Mass

6:00pm – Choir Practice

Wednesday March 28

7:30am – Solemn Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (w/confessions)

8:30 am – Solemn Benediction

8:45am – Mass (For the needs of the children of St. Mary's School)

10:00am – Thrift Shop open until 2pm

6:30pm – Stations of the Cross in Spanish

6:30pm – Religious Education Classes

Thursday March 29 (Holy Thursday)

7:30am – No Mass

7:00pm – Mass (For the people of the parish)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass in the Parish Hall until midnight

Friday March 30 (Good Friday)

(Day to abstain from meat)

(Church office closed today)

Thrift Shop closed today

7:30 am – No Mass

3:00pm – Stations of the Cross

4:00pm – Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Christ

7:00pm – Good Friday Liturgy Service

Saturday March 31

7:30am – No Mass

11:00am – Blessing of food baskets

3:00 pm – Easter Vigil Rehearsal until 4:00pm

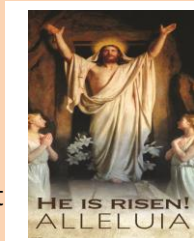
5:00pm – No Mass

8:30pm – Easter Vigil Mass (For the newly received into the Church)

Sunday April 1 (Easter Sunday)

8:30 am Mass (For the people of the parish)

11:00 am Mass (+For all the deceased clergy and religious who have served at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church)



Free supervised nursery during all weekend Masses

Stations of the Cross on Friday

Mar 30 at 3 PM

(No Lenten supper today)

Spanish Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Estación de la Cruz todos los miércoles de cuaresma.

Te invitamos a reflexionar en la pasión, muerte, y resurrección de Cristo Jesús.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we begin this Holy Week, I am acutely aware of how blessed we are at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church to have southwest Oklahoma's only Catholic School on our campus. For over 110 years, St. Mary's Catholic School, has gone out of its way to not only prepare young students to have a strong academic foundation, but also to prepare them to have a solid ethical lens in which to view the world and the need to care for their neighbors. We are only able to continue our mission into the future through the dedication of our teachers and support staff, but also through the active participation of the wider parish community. As we begin registration for the 2018-2019 school year, I would invite every family to begin praying for a successful year ahead, as well as share with your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors of the solid foundation that our students receive. We have openings for families of all faiths, in Pre-K through 8th grade, who are looking for a small, safe school where every child receives the attention they need to reach their potential. To schedule a tour of St. Mary's Catholic School, please call [\(580\) 355-5288](tel:5803555288). To check out our new website visit www.stmarys-ok.org.

We are still taking applications for a full-time maintenance/janitor for our campus. We are also announcing today an opening for a new Development and Communications Director for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and St. Mary's Catholic School. Applicants need to have some background with development work, media relations, marketing, and grant writing. If you, or someone you know, might be a good fit for one of these openings, please call the parish office at [\(580\) 355-2054](tel:5803552054).

There are many events in the week ahead. The highlights include the Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday at 7pm, Liturgy of Good Friday at 7pm, and the Easter Vigil at 8:30pm on Saturday night. This week is packed with meaning and I would invite every family to plan on attending these important and potentially life-changing liturgies that invite each of us to personally be drawn deeper into our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Brian

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 29

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (incense)

Adoration in Parish Hall following Mass until midnight

Good Friday, March 30

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by reflective silence;

4:00 pm Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Christ;

7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy Service

Holy Saturday, March 31

11:00 am Blessing of Food Baskets, 8:30 pm Easter Vigil (incense) (no confessions, no 5pm Mass)

Easter Vigil, April 1

8:30 am Mass (Low) (incense), 11:00 am Mass (High)



St Vincent de Paul Collection will be following each Mass this weekend. Please remember Jesus and the poor with your prayers and monthly donation. Your contribution stays in Lawton.



Join us for a 10 week small-group retreat that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*.

Learn about God's infinite mercy and how we can give Him joy and console His heart by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely. Discover how suffering can actually help us grow spiritually closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

When: Mondays 6:30pm-8pm, Apr 2nd to June 11th

Where: Parish Hall Conference Room

Please register by March 28th by contacting Kurt Lichtenstein at kurt.lichtenstein@gmail.com or the Parish office at 580-355-2054

Knights of Columbus Council 1287 Pancake Breakfast

Today, March 25, from 9 to 11 a.m., at their council hall, 911 Hilltop Drive. The menu will be scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, hot links, potato cakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice, donuts and brownies all for \$8.00 per adult, children under 8 years old eat free. Take-outs are available. Come and enjoy the good food and great people.

PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST

New Vision Lawton Central Mall 12

Special Showing for our Parish Sat, Apr 7, @ 7:20 pm, ticket is \$5.50 pp

Their faith challenged an empire. Their words changed the world.

It stars James Faulkner as Paul and Jim Caviezel as Luke and recounts the last days of Paul's life during the persecutions of Emperor Nero.

Parish Thrift Shop News

2017 was a very good year for the Parish Thrift Shop!!!! The Volunteers wish to thank everyone for their generous donations of clothing, linens, and small household items. Your donations made it possible for the Thrift Shop to assist 380 individuals with clothing. We also were able to make donations to the Parish Improvement Fund, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Broadcasting, Birth Choice, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Altar Society, Center for Family Love, Seminarian Educational Fund and the Religious Retirement Fund totaling **\$17,390**. As you are doing your spring cleaning please don't forget the Thrift Shop. Your donations are always appreciated.

South Region Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Woman

Come join us for fellowship, fun and camaraderie

When: Saturday, April 7th, 2018 at 9:30 am

Where: Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Lawton, OK

Activities include: Presentation of Award "Woman of Faith in Action"; Installation of new officers, and Praying the Rosary. Call (580)536-0313 and RSVP to Victoria.

Lunch count is needed and all women are welcome!



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. – Jn 20:8-9

St Mary's Catholic School (580)355-5288

- **April 14** - Spring Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo/Silent Auction Fundraiser
- Online Applications (new families) and Online Enrollment (everyone) is now open on the SMCS website (www.stmarys-ok.org) for the 2018-2019 school year. Grades Pre-K through 8th Grade are offered. Call (580)355-5288 to schedule a tour of the school.

Maintenance/Janitor Position

We are now accepting resumes to fill a full-time maintenance/janitor position to keep our parish and school operating well. If you are interested in applying, please contact the parish office or email your resume directly to blessedsacramentlawton@gmail.com

Next week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Service Collection (CRSC)**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Development/Communications Director

We are now accepting resumes to fill a full-time Development and Communications Director for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and St. Mary's Catholic School in order to ensure a solid future for our parish and school. This position would involve public relations, marketing, grant writing, and fundraising for the parish and school. If you are interested in applying, please contact the parish office at (580) 355-2054 or email your resume directly to blessedsacramentlawton@gmail.com.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, March 30th.

Our Weekend Mass Attendance and Offerings

March 18, 2018	Mass attendance	646
General Fund	\$5,558.75	
St. Mary's School	\$2,032.87	

"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.

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ — emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

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