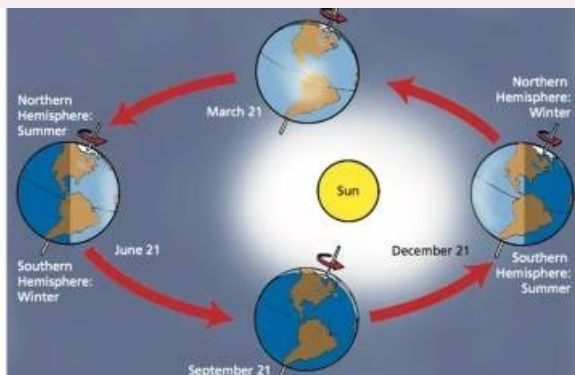


WINTER DAYS



Harsher winter days are expected this weekend. We thank God for the changes in the seasons and pray for his help to overcome the challenges of each season. Because of the frigid weather that will be experienced this weekend and the following days or weeks, Christian charity calls on us to remember the elderly and those who live alone—whether they are family members or friends or the homeless. Check on them to be sure they are safe through the period.

CLERGY EDUCATION DAYS



The clergy of the Diocese of Tulsa will begin their annual Clergy Education Days from Monday, January 15 to 16 at Holy Family Cathedral. Fr. Jo will be attending the event; hence, we will not have the 5:30pm Mass on Tuesday. Wednesday Mass at noon will hold as well as the rest of the Masses for the next week. Fr. Jo will also take a few days off from January 22nd to 26th and visit family toward the end of February and early March.

ASH WEDNESDAY 2024



Ash Wednesday comes early this year—February 14th—marking the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is a special season of penance leading to the feasts of our salvation—the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. This year's Lent should be celebrated with more intensity, given the uncertainties and spread of unbelief around the world and in the Church. Let us pray and make reparations for the sins of the entire humanity redeemed by the Precious Blood of Christ.

PICTORIAL HISTORY OF TULSA DIOCESE



To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Tulsa, the diocese has produced a pictorial history, detailing the processes of growth and maturation of the diocese up to our time. The parish has purchased copies for every family, which you can pick up at the foyer of the Church. Each family gets a copy as a form of gratitude for the support you have given to the parish and the diocese.

IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES IN 2024

Note these important and liturgical dates of 2024.

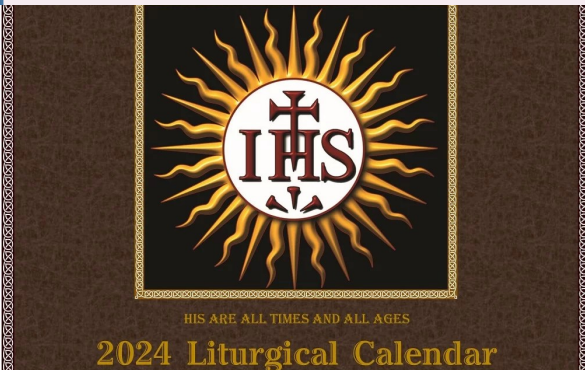
Ash Wednesday — February 14

Palm Sunday — March 24

Easter Sunday — March 31

Annunciation of the Lord — April 8 (transferred from March 25)

Immaculate Conception — December 9 (transferred from December 8)



RURAL MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The parish will be hosting this year's Diocese of Tulsa Rural Marriage Conference on January 27th, 2024. The event will begin with a Mass at 9:00am celebrated with Bishop Konderla. Following Mass, there will be a light breakfast, and then the conference at the parish hall. Speakers are Robert and Diane Schwind, who are experts in marriage counseling. You are invited to join other couples in this engaging activity to strengthen Christian marriages and love between spouses.



ORDER YOUR PARISH SHIRT

We have parish sweatshirts remaining, which individuals or families can order for themselves or for family members elsewhere. You may order some for your children living out of town or for a friend or acquaintance. The shirt comes in two colors, gray and burgundy. The cost is \$25 for kids and youth, and \$30 for the adult sizes. Call the parish office to place your order. Those who haven't picked up their orders yet are encouraged to visit the office—Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm to request them.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

As we enter a new calendar year 2024, we wish to thank all parishioners who have supported the parish financially and otherwise all through 2023. It was quite a tough year financially with inflationary rise in the cost of running the parish as well as the projects we completed, or are underway. Yet, through your support we made it alright. We continue to request your support this year to continue the work of evangelization. The finance council will publish a summary of 2023 finances at the end of January 2024.





THURSDAY FAITH ENRICHMENT MEETINGS

Our Thursday Faith Enrichment meeting will hold this Thursday, January 18th. We will continue and conclude our discussions on the new declaration by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith (DDF) on the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings – **Fiducia Supplicans**. Bring your questions and concerns. We meet at the parish hall between 6:30 and 8:30pm. Please join us.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 2024

The National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Indianapolis, from July 17–21, 2024 will be a transformative moment for the Church in the USA. It will be the high point of the Eucharistic Revival. You can be part of this historic event, as Catholics from around the country gather for this weeklong grace-filled event. If you're interested in attending, call the office or talk to our parish point person, Kelly Drusen, for details.