

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2020

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday September 12	Confessions – 4:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. 4:30 p.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Litany Mass – 5:00 p.m. (+Don McKenzie)
Sunday	Confessions – 7:45 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. 8:00 a.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Litany Mass – 8:30 a.m. (+Jessica Case Smith) 11:45 a.m. -- Rosario Misa – 12:30 p.m. (For the People)
Monday	Mass – 8:00 a.m. (Virginia Anderson)
Tuesday	Mass – 8:00 a.m. (+Apolonia Lerma)
Wednesday	5:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Rosary Mass – 5:30 p.m. (+Ken Privett)
Thursday	11:30 a.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Rosary Mass – 12:15 p.m. (+Juan Sanchez)
Friday	Mass – 8:00 a.m. (+Judy Willoughby)
Saturday September 19	Confessions – 4:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. 4:30 p.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Litany Mass – 5:00 p.m. (+David Wilkes)
Sunday	Confessions – 7:45 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. 8:00 a.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Litany Mass – 8:30 a.m. (For the People) 11:45 a.m. -- Rosario Misa – 12:30 a.m. (+Abel Juarez)

Prince of Peace Collections

September 5th & 6th:
Regular
\$4,232.54

Building Fund
\$634.00

Mass Attendance

Saturday
64

Sunday
54

Sunday
20

Flowers on the altar this weekend
are in loving memory of
+Jessica Case Smith.
May she rest in peace.

URGENT INFORMATION New safe environment training required NOW for all volunteers

The Archdiocese new training, **Safe & Sacred**, for volunteers, staff members and clergy, will be required before working in the diocese's Catholic churches. **This replaces the old Safe Environment training. You must go to archokc.safeenvironment.org and register and complete the training as soon as possible.** You can do it on your computer or phone. Everyone that does any work in the church must have this done as soon as possible. If you have a question, call Judy.

580-482-3363

Live Streaming at popaltus.org

Religious Education

We will begin our Religious Education classes soon. If your child is going to be coming to RE, please come by the office and pick up an enrollment form so we can begin to plan our classrooms. You also can come by the piano and pick one up at any Mass from Judy. As soon as we know the start date, we will let everyone know.

RCIA: Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

Prince of Peace will begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquires and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical background.. Please contact Deacon Eulis at 482-3363.

Just a kind reminder: Please remember to wear your masks during our Masses.

It's a Baby Shower sponsored by Catholic Daughters

Who: For Life Services at Pathways

When: September 1 through September 30

Where: Drop off items at Church (in Gathering space at Mass times) or at office Tues. – Fri. 10:00 – 2:00.

Call and make sure Judy is there.

Please consider donating baby items or money during this month to help the clients at Pathways.

Life Services at Pathways exists to help women facing unplanned pregnancies. Many women choose abortion because they feel alone, lacking the relational support needed to choose life. Others choose abortion because of pressure from their partner, parents, friends or other people close to them.

Life Services is a safe place for them to come to process their fears and misgivings about their pregnancy. This organization shows them hope and empowers them to choose life. They provide medical services, parenting classes, and baby and maternity supplies.

If you are unable to drop off your donations, you can contact Carrie Dann for pickup at 580-471-6789

YOU CAN MAIL YOUR OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH AT:

1500 FALCON RD.

ALTUS, OK. 73521

OR

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A ONE TIME OFFERING THROUGH FAITH DIRECT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. YOU CAN SIGN IN ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE OR IF YOU NEED HELP USING FAITH DIRECT, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 580-482-3363 AND WE CAN HELP YOU.

Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

Today's responsorial psalm says, "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." Help Catholic Charities show kindness and compassion to those in the greatest need. By giving to Catholic Charities at givetocc.org or filling out the bangtail envelopes that are available from the ushers, you are also showing kindness and compassion to those less fortunate. We grateful of your support of Catholic Charities.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today I am asking you to consider a gift to Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City serves those in need, regardless of their faith or political party or race; it is their mission. They have been serving our community and making a difference for more than 108 years! The theme of this year's Catholic Charities Appeal is "Communion Connects Us. We Are One In Christ." For some time, we were unable to celebrate Mass and share in Communion together. I pray God graced you during this fast with a profound hunger for communion with Jesus and the members of his Body, the Church. Maybe now more than ever we can begin to understand the plight of the homeless who do not know where their next meal will come from or where they will find shelter for the night. We can work to help the hopeless, jobless, sick and underemployed with the small gift of hope. It is our time as Catholics to come together and show one another grace. Let us become "hope ambassadors" for our brothers and sisters who are struggling. Let us remind them what connects us all by remembering we are one in

Christ. Below is a story from Tonya, a young woman who Catholic Charities' was able to help because of your support.

As a young child, I had very little stability. My mother abandoned me, and my grandparents (who were my full-time caregivers) died when I was 13 years old. Homeless and scared, I began living with my boyfriend's mother and was pregnant by the age of 16. The relationship dissolved after the birth of the baby and my daughter was taken into foster care as I was unable to provide for her. Several broken relationships and three children later, I found myself scared, alone and a battered woman. I entered a domestic violence shelter at the age of 30 with my three children, ages 1, 9 and 10 years old. I thought what I was experiencing was a big shameful secret. I realize now what I did was brave, and I don't need to be embarrassed, but at the time I was terrified. We were all living at Salvation Army in Oklahoma when I heard of Catholic Charities' Holy Family Home (HFH). They had a home in Midwest City for us to stay in together while I finished school and got a decent job. While at HFH, they treated us like family. For 10 months, we lived there, and my children learned routines such as snack time, study hall, dinner time, time management and normalcy. I had never experienced any of these things growing up as a child, so I was learning too. HFH made us feel like we had a REAL home life. I was able to get a job as a cook at the Salvation Army and have had several promotions. I am now the Supervisor/Head Cook and manage eight to 10 employees every day. I am currently attending Platt College Culinary Arts Program in the hope of someday opening my own restaurant. We continue counseling twice a week because it is my goal to educate myself and break the cycle of abuse once and for all. I want my children to learn to love, to never give up, and to surround themselves with positive people like the people from Catholic Charities. Thank you for your compassion, for your donations, and for your faith in me. Tonya

To directly help those in need like Tonya, please consider a gift to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Please pray for me and know I will pray for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Paul S. Coakley

Para la colecta anual este año, tenemos videos de testimonios de clientes, que son las ligas de YouTube abajo. Un video es de una mujer que fue atendida en nuestro Santuario de Mujeres en OKC y el otro, es un joven que fue atendido a través de nuestro centro de Consejería de San José. Ambos videos no son más de 5 minutos en duración incluyendo el mensaje del Arzobispo Coakley al termino de cada video. ¿Ustedes pueden compartir esto a través de correos electrónicos que ustedes mandan a los parroquianos, el sitio de internet de Santa Catalina y su página de Facebook? También abajo es un ejemplo de texto que pueden usar para correo electrónico, cualquier sitio de internet y/o publicaciones en las redes sociales para las próximas tres fines de semanas: la fin de semana de introducción, la fin de semana de compromiso y la fin de semana de seguimiento.

Una donación a Caridades Católicas sirve los más necesitados. Sean conectados con sus hermanos y hermanas en Cristo quienes son desafortunados o viven en los márgenes. La comunión nos conecta. Somos uno con Cristo. [Presione aquí para donar.](#)

Por favor considera una donación para la Colecta Anual 2020-2021 de Caridades Católicas. Caridades Católicas de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City sirve a los necesitados, independientemente de sus creencias o partido político o raza; es nuestra misión como Católicos, quienes han estado sirviendo nuestra comunidad y haciendo una diferencia por más de 108 años.

Durante esta fin de semana de introducción, familiarizarse con el impacto que Caridades Católicas tiene en las vidas en nuestra comunidad evidenciado en la historia conmovedora de Emmanuel y su supervivencia de trauma después del tornado en Moore, Oklahoma en 2013

Por favor considera devotamente una donación a Caridades Católicas. Hay muchos más testimonios positivos como esta en cada de los 14 programas, que sirven todos de los 46 condados a través de la Arquidiócesis. En estos tiempos difíciles, cada donación hace una diferencia. Para hacer una donación a Caridades Católicas, ve al sitio givetocc.org (por favor escribe el nombre de la parroquia en los comentarios) o ponga sus datos y donaciones en el sobre adjunto al folleto ubicado en la Iglesia.

IS IT TIME TO RESUME MASS?

August 26, 2020

by Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

As a teenager growing up in a Catholic home there never was any doubt about where I belonged on Sunday morning. If I ever dared complain about having to get up for Mass, my parents' response was predictable: "As long as you live under this roof, you will go to Mass on Sunday morning." This was simply something we did. Period. We were an ordinary Catholic family. Skipping Mass was simply not an option.

Times certainly have changed. In the past few decades, the number of Catholics in the United States who regularly attend Sunday Mass has declined dramatically. Fortunately, the wisdom of the Church on this matter has not changed and the precepts of the Church are as clear as ever. The precepts of the Church are intended to offer the necessary minimum guidelines for prayer, sacramental practice and moral commitment to ensure our continued growth in the love of God and love of neighbor. They remind us of what we need.

We need the Sunday Eucharist. It is the foundation of our lives as Catholics.

The Mass is the source of the divine life of grace and the summit of all Christian worship. The first precept of the Catholic Church therefore states: "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042).

And, then COVID-19 happened. In the face of a global pandemic, the bishops of the Church in practically every diocese around the world took the extraordinary, though not unprecedented, step of suspending public celebrations of Mass as well as the Sunday obligation to attend Mass on the Lord's Day.

For several months in our archdiocese, public in-person Masses were not possible due to the threat of infection and need to slow the spread of a deadly virus. Priests continued to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in empty

churches. These Masses often were live-streamed to the faithful, who were encouraged to make a spiritual communion since they were unable to receive Holy Communion sacramentally. Many of our priests have demonstrated extraordinary creativity to provide this ministry and other pastoral provisions for their people during this extraordinary time. Every Mass has infinite value even if only the priest is present since it is the renewal of the true sacrifice of Calvary for the salvation of the world.

In the meantime, we have continued to learn more about the virus and how it spreads. When we finally resumed the public celebration of Masses in late May, we did so with added precautions to keep people safe. Social distancing, sanitizing of hands, pews and surfaces have become routine for us. Limiting physical contact and even donning masks are part of our new normal for now. These steps are being taken to allow those who are well and not medically compromised to return to Mass safely and confidently.

People have responded differently to the risks posed by the pandemic. Some, denying that there is any real danger at all, cast caution to the wind and expose themselves and others to the risk of infection. Many others, while eager to regain some sense of normalcy in their lives, remain very cautious. This might be due to their own vulnerability or the vulnerability of someone they care for or live with. Others are prudently resuming many of the rhythms of life while taking reasonable precautions to protect public and personal health.

The guidelines that we have put in place for public worship in the archdiocese are designed to promote public health and personal safety for those who participate in Mass. Many are returning to Mass. Many have not yet returned. My concern is that some have not yet returned simply because they have gotten out of the habit of Mass-going. Perhaps watching a live-streamed Mass from the sofa while sipping coffee has become the new Sunday morning routine. Some may not be returning because of an unreasonable fear of infection when there is probably more risk of exposure simply by going to a restaurant.

Unless someone has a legitimate reason not to attend Sunday Mass (personal health or the health of someone they care for), they should not excuse themselves from Mass simply because the obligation has been temporarily lifted. We need the Mass. We need the Sacraments.

Sunday is the Lord's Day. As the Day of the Resurrection, it is different from the other days of the week and ought to be treated so. This includes, of course, the serious duty to participate in the Mass.

Our participation in Sunday Mass bears witness to our belonging to and being faithful to Christ and to his Church. Because of the importance of the Sunday Eucharist in terms of our duty toward God as well as love of neighbor and our

own spiritual wellbeing, those who do not participate without serious reason such as illness or the demands of charity are accountable to God.

Our secular culture has lost its sense of the sacredness of Sunday. It treats Sunday as any other business day. One of the dogmas of the secular creed seems to be: Time is money. The Catholic view is different. Time is sacred.

God has hallowed time through his work of Creation and Redemption.

Keeping the Lord's Day holy acknowledges this truth. Sunday is the primary holy day. It is up to us as Christians, and as Christian families and the Church, to reclaim the special reverence due to the Lord's Day. Let's go to Mass.