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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m. (English)  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. (English)  
12:10 p.m. (Spanish)  
6:00 p.m. (Spanish)

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. (English)  
Church Chapel  
Monday -Friday 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

## HOLY DAY

Vigil 7:00 p.m. (English)  
Holy Day Mass 8:30 a.m. (English)  
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

## ADORATION

Tuesday-Friday 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Tuesday 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. - Fri. 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
11:30 - 12:00 p.m.  
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

## BAPTISM/RCIA

For information about Baptism or RCIA contact Owen  
or Karen Campbell at 835-4798 or 520-6005.



Sundays 10:45—12 noon

**The Adult Study Group will have one more meeting this year on Sunday, December 21 where they will explore the common misunderstandings of Catholicism regarding Confession.**

**The first meeting next year will be on Sunday, January 4, when the subject will be Mary part I**

## **.ADVENT DAY by DAY**

Life is hectic. We are frantic to get everything done before Christmas.

Advent is the Lord's call to "come away by yourself and rest awhile." Daily meditations, based on the Scripture readings for each day of Advent will help calm your soul and direct your mind to what is truly important.



## **LITURGICAL ROLES**

December 20th and 21st

### **Lectors**

5:00 p.m. M. Stieferman and S. Kepper  
9:30 a.m. Youth

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. A. Wallick, M. Steiferman, D. Dismang  
9:30 a.m. P. Hardesty, B. Brann, J. Stanley

### **Altar Servers**

5:00 p.m. Not Available  
9:30 a.m. Not Available

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Well we are close now to the great Feast of Christmas and hopefully anticipating celebrating it with our families and friends. I pray that the good Lord will be born in each of you anew. Our Masses for Christmas are as follows: December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 p.m. in Spanish. December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in English and at 12:10 p.m. in Spanish. There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 26<sup>th</sup>. I hope that these days will be very Merry for each of you and that during the Octave of Christmas you will make every attempt to come to daily Mass either in the morning at 8:30 a.m. or in the evening at 7:00 p.m. The Octave extends from Christmas to New Years. Mass in English on New Years' Day will be at 9:30 a.m. There will be a Spanish Mass on New Years' Eve at 7:00 p.m. and on New Years' Day at 7:00 p.m. Christmas and New Years are both days of obligation.

On this Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> following the Mass at 6:00 p.m. we will have a "posada" here at the parish. We will pray the rosary first in the Church and then process together to the cafeteria. Anyone is welcomed to join us for this joyous celebration. The "posadas" are a way of praying a Christmas Novena to prepare our hearts to "make room" for Jesus to be born anew. The search for a place to stay in Bethlehem of Mary and Joseph reminds us to welcome the stranger and see him or her as Christ Himself. May our lives be truly open to Christ as He comes this Christmastime.

God's blessings to each of you!!

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

Father Timothy Davison

Got plans for the future? As I read today's gospel, I wonder what plans Mary had. It seems she would have planned to marry Joseph and start a family. In general that is what happened, but the details were much different from what she expected.

When Mary said her yes to God ("Let it be done to me...") she was willing to throw out all her plans to do what God wanted. Out of that willingness, God gave her more than she ever expected. She and Joseph did start a family, but her son was the Son of God. She would suffer much as she watched her son die on the cross, but she would be the first to share the resurrection into glory with her son. All because she said yes to God.

How willing are we to put our future in the hands of God? Doing so is both easier and harder than it seems. The easy part is that we can still make plans for the future. Trusting God does not mean we are irresponsible; we can't throw away our calendars and say God will take care of tomorrow. The difficult part might be keeping God in mind as we make those plans. How often do I pray for guidance? Do I make plans for selfish reasons only? And do I keep focused on the Kingdom as I make my plans? Let us ask for the grace to trust, to put our lives in God's hands, and to follow where he leads.

**A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP...**

On Christmas Day there will be a second collection for the Priest Retirement Fund in all parishes of the diocese. The collected donations will be added to the existing Priest Retirement Fund and used to secure the livelihood of the priests of the Diocese of Tulsa when they reach their retirement years. Right now the Priest Retirement Fund is underfunded.

The second collection is not optional. This Christmas Day collection is urgent. Prepare for it and please be generous.

This should not be confused with the national collection held in all parishes of all diocese of the country on the Second Sunday of Advent.

**Contributions Dec. 13th and 14th**

Envelopes and checks	4379.00
Cash	2315.35
Christmas	75.00
Solemnity of Mary	25.00
Immaculate Conception	131.00
All Saints	20.00
Total	6945.35

Education Endowment Fund	30.00
Capital Improvement Fund	107.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	92.00
Flowers	5.00
Diocesan Seminarians	10.00
Seminarians	10.00
Retired Fund for Religious	349.40
Year-to-date	119,445.32

## THOUGHTS ON THE LITURGY



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 21**

**First Reading** *2 Samuel 7:1—5, 8-11, 16.* We read how King David had hoped to build a house, a temple, for God. But he is informed that it is God who will build a house, a dynasty for him.

**Second Reading** *Romans 16: 25-27.* God's plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles has come to fulfillment in Christ. The good news must be broadcast everywhere.

**Gospel** *Luke 1: 26 –38* Mary give her consent to become the mother of the Redeemer, though she does not fully understand what is being asked of her.

December 22nd—22th

Mon	8:30 a.m.	Fran Forrester
Tue	8:30 a.m.	Extension Society
Wed	8:30 a.m.	Diane Alvarez +
Fri	8:30 a.m.	Ronald and Mary Ferguson
Sat	5:30 a.m.	Tony Jordan +

### COMMUNION REFLECTION

The first crib...

The appearance of the crib in our churches is a sure sign that Christmas is at the doorstep. St. Francis of Assisi assembled the first crib in a cave on an Italian hillside in 1223. His aim was to make the Christmas story come alive for the shepherds and farmers of the locality.

On Christmas eve the friars and the people assembled with candles and torches to illuminate the night. Then St. Francis arrived and was very happy when he saw the preparations they had made.

The crib was put in place. The hay was brought in. The ox and the donkey were led forward. The woods rang with their prayers. The rocks echoed with their hymns. St. Francis spoke to them about God's Son coming among us to help us to realize our splendid dignity as sons and daughters of the same Father.

At the end of the vigil they all returned to their homes, full of peace and joy, feeling very close to God and to one another.

### Oklahoma Catholic Women

Oklahoma Catholic women are invited to spend a day of reflection, healing and renewal at the Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference in January. The Conference will be held on Saturday, January 24, at the Clarion Conference Center at I-40 and Meridian in Oklahoma City.

Four sessions featuring both local and out-of-state speakers have been scheduled, and vendors have contracted to set up booths selling books, clothing and religious items. Participants will also be able to participate in Adoration and Reconciliation.

Through January 9, the registration fee is \$40, and \$30 for students. A box lunch and drink may be purchased for \$10. After January 9, the registration fee is \$50. Registrations can be submitted on the conference web site using Pay Pal, or by mailing in a registration form. Special room rates of \$69 are available at the Clarion by calling 1-800-784-7830. Reservations should be made by December 24.

the conference will begin with check-in at 8:00 a.m. and conclude with Mass at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by Archbishop Eusebius Beltran.

For registration and more information, visit the conference web site at [www.OCWC.com](http://www.OCWC.com).

Speakers are;  
Johnette S. Benkovich  
Sheila Liaugminas  
Father Shane Tharp

Over 900 women attended the conference held in January of 2008.



## The Jews of John's Gospel *Continued*

Hank & Luella Lahmeyer - Woodland Terrace  
Mike Rohlman - Manor Care - S. Memorial  
Jane Gonyea - Rolling Hills, Catoosa  
Myrtle Dibble - Rolling Hills - Catoosa  
Mr. Emil Wagrzyn - Franciscan Villa  
Joan Westbrook - Frances Strietel Villa  
Joyce Wilson, Jody Burns , Jeanette Kendall,  
Lelia Romine—Franciscan Villa

### **Members who are ill and/or homebound are:**

Al Alvarez, Jim Highland, Norma Hayes, Juanita Gagat,  
Eudell Conner, Jan Brunk, Helen Kuharski, Lola Giroux,  
Scott Schockemoehl, , Pedro Samuel Villegas, Dorothy  
Hendricks, Billy Benjamin, Marcia Martin, Angie Sutton,  
Betty Mc Whirt, Taylor Sturtevant, Ruby Mosier, Dee  
Lowman, Colleen Young, Jodi Raczkowski, Owen Camp-  
bell, Helen Cates, Bernice Millender.

To make changes to this list, please call Gayle at the rec-  
tory 836-2596.

Learn a safe, healthy, effective, and low-cost way to  
plan your family that is also in harmony with church  
teaching. Natural Family Planning class will be of-  
fered on Sunday, January 25th at St. Francis Hospi-  
tal from 1:30—4:00 p.m. Call Gregory and Laura  
Ford at 712-8459 or David and Anna Niles at 449-  
8765 for information and to register for the series of  
three classes. Couples who are planning a June  
wedding are recommended to attend the January  
series, bur another series will begin in March. Cou-  
ples seeking pregnancy or looking for a holistic ap-  
porach to their fertilityu are encouraged to attend.

## STEWARDSHIP of TALENT

Your talents are gifts from God who instilled them in  
you before you were born for His purpose.

Make a list of all your God given talents, then decide  
how best to use these special gifts to give to Him  
and others. Honor God everyday as you use your  
talents.

*For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for  
the good works that God has prepared in advance,  
that we should live in them.*

Among those who knew him, thousands thought his  
teachings were very interesting and followed him at least  
for parts of his life. Only a *very* small group of the four or  
five million Jews were involved in persecuting him.  
John's Gospel, though, is not clear on this point, *see Jn*  
*7:1*. Thus, the crowd in Matthew's Gospel who cried, His  
blood be upon us and upon our children, *Mt 27:25*, did  
not speak for all Jews, only for themselves.

Why would John, and perhaps Matthew also, write that  
way. We think that their communities-probably them-  
selves deeply routed in Judaism-had been excluded from  
their home synagogues by Jews who did not approve of  
their mixing Jewish and Christian perspectives.

It was an intensely painful process in which these Chris-  
tians lost their business connections, their neighbors, their  
friends and even their family ties. When writing their  
Gospel, the Johannine community couldn't help but write  
that experience-even though this was years later-back into  
Jesus' life.

Move the clock up 2,000 years and we can see that many-  
Catholics included-have used these kinds of passages to  
justify violence against Jews of later ages. The culmina-  
tion of this in the last century was the murder of six mil-  
lion Jews, ironically by people who claimed to be follow-  
ers of Jesus the Jew.

By way of contrast, Catholics are taught by Vatican II's  
*Nostra Aetate* in a key passage: In her rejection of every  
persecution against any person, the Church, mindful of  
the inheritance she shares with the Jews and moved by the  
Gospel's spiritual love, decries, hatred, persecutions, and  
displays of Anti-Semitism against Jews at any time and  
by anyone *NA 4*. It could not be clearer.

### **Jesus, An Observant Jew**

In one way or another, all the Gospels seek to portray Je-  
sus as a Jew. His parents were observant Jews who had  
him circumcised and then went to the Temple themselves  
for purification rites, making the offering of the poor. "a  
pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons" *Lk. 2:21-24*.

Jesus clearly knew the Law and the Scriptures sacred to  
the Jews. In Matthew, within the first four statements of  
his public ministry, Jesus. Countering Satan's effort to  
tempt him, quoted Deuteronomy three times *Mt 4:21-24*..  
In Luke, in the only passage in which Jesus reads, he unrolled  
a scroll and proclaimed a passage from the Book of Isaiah, which  
he interpreted as applying directly to himself *LK 4:16-21*.  
Father J. Patrick Mullen, PH.D, S.T.L.

\*To be continued in future bulletins\*

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### Horario de Misas

Lunes -Viernes 7:00 PM Capillita  
Domingo 12:10 PM  
6:00 PM

### Santísimo

Martes-Viernes 3:00-7:00 PM

### Confesiones

Martes 3:00-7:00 PM  
Miércoles-Viernes 3:00-5:00 PM  
6:30-7:00 PM

### Preparación Pre-Matrimonial:

Domingo, Krafft Hut 10:30-11:30 AM  
Llame a Miguel & Matilde de la Torre 660-2871

### Clase Pre-Bautismal

Primer & Tercer Domingo del Mes,  
Salón Madre Teresa, 1:00-3:30 PM  
Llame a Gilberto y Margarita González  
289-0299

### Quinceañeras

Sábado, Salón Madre Teresa, 4:00-5:00 PM  
Llame a Carolina Gutierrez 835-7617

### Catecismo para Niños

Domingo, Clases de escuela, 10:30-12:00 PM

### RICA para Adultos

Jueves, Salón Sister Jamesetta 8:00-9:00 PM  
Llame a Claudia Davila 409-9934

## Del Pastor

Bueno, estamos cerca ahora a la gran Fiesta de la Natividad y ojala que vamos a celebrarla con nuestras familias y amigos. Rezo que el Señor nazca nuevamente en cada uno de ustedes. El horario para las Misas Navideñas es lo siguiente; el 24 de diciembre a las 10:00 p.m. en español. El 25 de diciembre a las 9:30 a.m. en inglés y a las 12:10 p.m. en español. No habrá adoración del Santísimo el 24, 25 ni el 26 de diciembre. Espero que estos días serán muy alegres para cada uno de ustedes y que durante el Octavo de Navidad harán todo esfuerzo para asistir a la Misa cada día por la mañana a las 8:30 a.m. o por la noche a las 7:00 p.m. El Octavo va de la Navidad hasta el Día del Año Nuevo. Habrá Misa en inglés el 1 de enero a las 9:30 a.m. y en español el 31 de diciembre a las 7:00 p.m. y el 1 de enero también a las 7:00 p.m. El Día de Navidad y el 1 de enero ambos son Días de Precepto.

Este domingo, el 21 de diciembre, después de la Misa de las 6:00 p.m. vamos a tener una posada aquí en la parroquia. Primero rezaremos el rosario en la Iglesia y luego tendremos una procesión a la Cafetería. Todos están invitados a reunir con nosotros para esta celebración. Las posadas son una manera de rezar la Novena Navideña para preparar nuestros corazones para hacer cupo para que Jesús nazca de nuevo. La búsqueda de Maria y José por un lugar para quedarse en Belén nos recuerda a dar la bienvenida al extranjero y a ver a él o a ella como a Cristo Mismo. Que nuestras vidas sean verdaderamente abiertas a Cristo mientras El viene esta Navidad.

!Las bendiciones del Señor a cada uno de ustedes!

Sinceramente en Jesús y Maria,

Padre Timothy Davison.

*!Feliz  
Navidad!*

### Del Vicario

De visita en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, hice mi parada en la antigua iglesia de los indios, donde según la tradición, el indio Juan Diego habitó para cuidar de la imagen que milagrosamente apareció en su tilma.

Lo poderoso de la experiencia es la humildad de aquel hombre, que una vez privilegiado con la presencia de la madre de Dios, en vez de engrairse por gozar de tal predilección, decide gastar su vida al servicio de los demás.

El milagro de Guadalupe en Juan Diego no consistió en una simple aparición que automáticamente lo hiciera santo y digno de la gracia de Dios. El milagro para Juan Diego consistió en el rápido aprendizaje de las virtudes de María, la cual después de la visita del ángel corre por los montes de Judea a servir a su prima Isabel. De igual forma, Juan Diego encarna las actitudes de María. Se lanza a un proceso de imitación de la madre que inexorablemente se remite a la vida perfecta de su Hijo Jesús.

Juan Diego es el ejemplo perfecto del que se deja permear por la gracia de Dios e imita lo que es bueno y verdadero. Juan Diego es santo porque no solo es testigo de una aparición, sino que se deja penetrar por los ojos de María quien asume una tez morena en el cerro del Tepeyac. La misma María que nota que falta vino en las bodas de Cana, la que busca desesperadamente a su hijo en el templo, o la que permanece sufriendo al pie de la cruz. La misma María que viaja al Nuevo Mundo a socorrer al pueblo oprimido y devela para ellos una esperanza incólume en su Hijo el Mesías. Esta María que pacientemente enseña al indio Juan Diego a amar, servir, y seguir siendo humilde en el intento es la misma que vuelve a recordarnos que en tiempos de sequía la esperanza cuenta, y que en tiempos de abundancia la generosidad obliga. Que en este tiempo de Adviento podamos nosotros ver a los ojos tiernos de la madre del Tepeyac y descubrir en ella lo mismo que Juan Diego: una vocación firme a la humildad de corazón.

### Ceremonia para Acostar y Arrullar al Niño Dios

Preside el Papá o la Mamá.

En el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amen.

**Papá:** Para prepararnos a recibir a Dios, que se hizo hombre para salvarnos, reconozcamos que somos pecadores y que necesitamos su salvación.

**Todos:** Yo confieso ante Dios todopoderoso y ante ustedes hermanos, que he pecado mucho de mi pensamiento, palabra, obra y omisión. Por mi culpa, por mi culpa, por mi gran culpa. Por eso ruego a Santa María, siempre Virgen, a los ángeles, a los santos y a ustedes hermanos que interceden por mí ante Dios, nuestro Señor.

**Papá o Mamá:** Recordemos lo que pasó aquella bendita noche hace dos mil años. Leer Evangelio de San Lucas 2, 1-14.

**Todos:** Te alabamos Señor.

**Papá:** Antes de colocar al Niño Jesús en el Nacimiento, (el más pequeño de la familia (va a dárselo a besar. Ya que todos lo hayan besado, colocará al Niño Jesús en el pesebre.

**Villancico:** se canta o escucha mientras se besa al Niño. Al acabar se hacen las peticiones.

Los pastores a Belén

corren presurosos

llevan de tanto correr los zapatos rotos

Ay ay ay

que alegres van

Ay, ay, ay

Si volverán

Con la pan pan pan

Con la de de de

Con la pan con la de

Con la pandereta

Y las castañuelas.

**Peticiones:**

**Papá:** Pidámosle al Niño Dios, que así como es el centro de este nacimiento hoy, sea todos los días el centro de nuestra vida.

**Todos:** Te lo pedimos, Señor.

**Papá:** Que Jesús, que pudiendo haber nacido rico quiso nacer pobre, nos enseñe a ser agradecidos por lo que tenemos, y luchar cada día con alegría.

**Todos:** Te lo pedimos, Señor.

**Papá:** Que Jesús, que vino a perdonarnos, nos enseñe a no ser rencorosos con los demás.

**Todos:** Te lo pedimos, Señor.

**Papá:** Que El, que vino a fundar la mejor familia del mundo, haga que en la nuestra reine siempre el amor, la unión, y el deseo de ayudarnos mutuamente y a las demás familias.

**Todos:** Te lo pedimos, señor.

**Villancico final.**

Un pastor se tropezó

A media vereda

Y un borreguito grito:

!Este aquí se queda!

Ay ay ay

Que alegres van

Ay ay ay

Si volverán.

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### **MINISTROS**

**21 de Diciembre**

**Misa de las 12:10 p.m.**

**Misa de las 6:00 p.m.**

Primera Matilde de la Torre

Raymundo Fierro

Salmo Lupita Velasco

Silvia Muñoz

Segunda Rafael Ávila

Mari Rivera

**Ministros:** Rafael A. y Lorena O.

**Contadores:** Raymundo

**Monaguillos**

Gabriela de la Torre

Brayan y Talia

Paola Moreno

Oscar Rodríguez

Evelyn y Alejandro

Miguel Muñoz