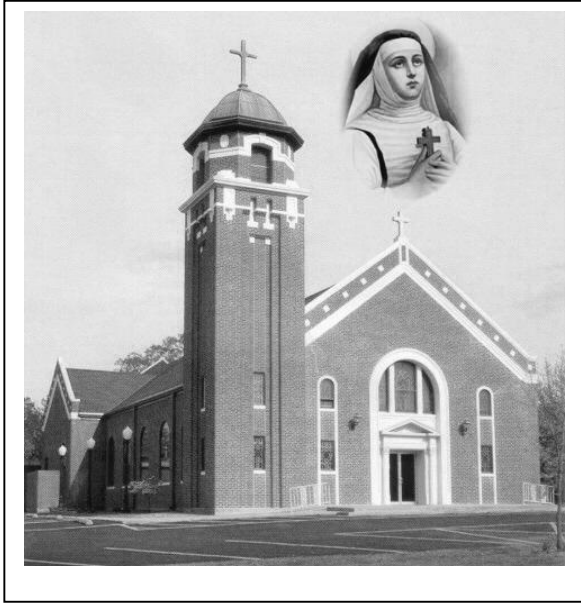


# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley*

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Kathleen Bauman, Secretary

Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL: (405) 824-2304

## Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 7:30 am  
9:00 am

## **Weekdays:**

Monday No Mass  
Tuesday McLoud 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Harrah 6:15 pm  
Thursday McLoud 8:30 am  
Friday Harrah 8:00 am

**Adoration: First Fridays** 8:00am – 6:00pm

**Holy Days:** As announced in the bulletin

**Confessions:** Saturday – 3:00-3:45 pm  
Sunday – 7:00-7:20 am

**Baptism:** Contact Parish Office for Appointment.

**Marriage:** See pastor six months prior to wedding.

(Please contact the parish office for questions.)

## Parish phone listing

**Office:** (405) 454-2819  
**Office Fax:** (405) 454-0981  
**St. Teresa Parish Hall:** (405) 454-6076  
**St. Teresa Cemetery:** (405) 620-1981  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** (405) 343-2938  
**Religious Education Center:** (405) 454-9440

## Organizations & Meeting times:

**Altar Society** ~ the first Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm (Sep-May)  
**Catholic Daughters** ~ the first Sunday of the month 7:00pm  
**Adult Education** classes on Tuesday 7:00 pm  
**Knights of Columbus** ~ the first Sunday of the month 7:00pm  
**Parish Council** – Meetings as announced  
**St. Vincent de Paul** ~ Monday (bi-weekly), 6:00 pm (Sept 14)  
**Religious Education Classes** ~Wednesdays, 7:00 pm  
**Prayer Group** ~ Tuesdays in the church at 6:00 pm  
**RCIA Classes** ~ Mondays, 7 pm in the Family Center  
**Youth Group** Grades 6-12 Wednesday, 7:00- 8:30 pm Jun 6- Jul 29  
**High School Group** ~ Sunday, 6: 00 to 7:30 pm in Youth Center  
**Jr Catholic Daughters** ~ First Wed of month, 6:00 pm, RE Bldg  
**Evangelization Committee** ~ The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month  
**SVDP Food Bank** open Mondays 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

**March 6, 2016 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

## Mass Intentions

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| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Mar 5 4:00 pm + Auda Marie Thomas</b> (by the Choir)  |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>Mar 6 7:30 am + Adeline Jorski</b> (by the Backhus Family)<br><b>9:00 am + John Thompson</b> (by the Backhus Family)    |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Mar 7 No Mass</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>Mar 8 8:00 am + Wayne Miles</b> (by Carolyn Miles)  |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Mar 11 7:00 pm The Branscum Family</b> (by Ken Branscum)  |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Mar 12 4:00 pm Living &amp; Deceased Altar Society Members</b> (by the Altar Society)                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>Mar 13 7:30 am + Adeline Jorski</b> (by Paul and Charlotte Nickel)<br><b>9:00 am + Auda Marie Thomas</b> (by the Choir) |

### Readings for : Mar 7 to Mar 13

Monday • Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday • Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday • Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday • Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday • Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday • Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12  
Sunday • 1Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph5:8-14; Jn 8-12

**Collection—Feb 28** 122 Adult Envelopes: \$4887.00 8 Children Envelopes: \$10.75 Total: \$4932.75

**Special Collections:** Ash Wednesday: \$35.00

**Building Fund:** Total Assets: \$4369.00

Oh most merciful God! Prostrate at your feet, I implore your forgiveness. I sincerely desire to leave my evil ways and to confess my sins with all sincerity to you and to your priest. I Am a sinner, have mercy on me, Oh Lord. Give me a lively faith and a firm hope in the Passion of my Redeemer. Give me, for your mercy's sake, a sorrow for having offended so good a God. Mary, my mother, refuge of sinners, pray for me that I may make a good confession. Amen.



### Penance Rites for Lent

The Penance Rite for Lent for RE will be held Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 pm.

The Penance Rite for Lent for adult parishioners will be held Monday, March 14, at 6:30 pm.  
(Mass at McCloud will be at 8:30 am on March 9 and the Stations & Rosary will be at 6:30 pm.)

### Lenten Retreat

Who do you follow, will be the topic Fr. Don Wolf will be speaking about during the Lenten Retreat at the masses this Saturday and Sunday, and at 6:30 pm on Monday and Tuesday. Donations for Fr. Wolf will be taken up on Monday & Tuesday (please make your checks out to St. Teresa's Church). On Tuesday there will be a reception in the Family Center after the retreat. There will be no 8 am Mass on March 8. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

### Catholic Daughters Book Sale

The Catholic Daughters will have items from the St Thomas More Book store for Sale next weekend, March 6<sup>th</sup> after the Masses. Will have items for First Communion, RICA, Confirmation, etc. We will be going to St Thomas next week on Tuesday to pick out the items to bring back for the sale. If you are wanting to see some specific item to look at please contact Barbara Carpenter or Maria Baltazor. We can try to make sure we have it available for the sale. Must have Cash or Check. Will not be able to take Credit Cards.

### Daylight Savings Time

Time to "Spring Forward"! Turn your clocks forward one hour next Sunday.

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

- Saint Paul makes plain today's point: "God has reconciled us to himself through Christ.... We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.... Whoever is in Christ is a new creation." What is it that finally moves the prodigal son to return home? His hunger. In the experience of being without, he becomes aware of the "something more" that can save him: his father's house. Certain that his father will feed him just as he feeds any of his household servants, the son sets out to be saved. He goes hoping for scraps of manna, yet he is received like the Israelites into the Promised Land where he is set before a feast. The "hunger" of what remains unreconciled in us is what leads us back to the Father. Dressed in the effects of the Father's own authority, we "become the righteousness of God."
- God bestows mercy according to his own love, not according to our small sense of what is fitting. All pleas for help are heard by this merciful Father.



### **Daily Mass Times during Lent**

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| Harrah  | Tuesday    | 8:00 am                           |
|         | *Friday    | 7:00 pm (w/Stations of the Cross) |
| McCloud | *Wednesday | 6:00 pm (w/Stations of the Cross) |
|         | Thursday   | 8:30 am                           |

\*Lenten meal at McCloud will be served every other Wednesday after the Mass.

\*Soup Supper, hosted by the Choir, begins at 6:00 pm on Friday followed by Stations of the cross (led by the Choir) and Mass.

### **"Three Hours of Agony"**

Please join us on Good Friday at Noon to 3pm for "Tre Ore". The "Three Hours Agony" is a liturgical service to commemorate the Passion of Christ. Specifically, it refers to the three hours that Jesus hung on the cross and includes a series of homilies on the Seven Last Words of Christ by Bishop Robert Barron. Please join Fr. Prakash at 11:45 to repose the Blessed Sacrament, then join us for Tre Ore at noon and Stations of the Cross at 3pm on Good Friday. It should be a very enlightening and prayer filled afternoon.

### **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament during Lent**

At Harrah, every Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. A sign up sheet will be at the back of the church.

At McCloud, every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. A sign up sheet will be at the back of the church.

*(As Jesus has given All He has to us, can we give at least one hour of our week to thank Him.)*

### **Divine Mercy Presentation**

Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-3:00 pm, in St. Teresa Family Center. Come and learn more about Divine Mercy in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. This is a great way to begin preparing for our Feast of Divine Mercy Celebration which is Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Kristi Kretchmar for more information at 391-2728.

### **Cemetery Flowers**

All Christmas flowers will be removed from the cemetery around March 15 in preparation for spraying.

Christmas flowers that are serviceable will be collected, all others will be thrown away.

Please contact Kevin Terrell (620-1981) if you want me to save your flowers. Thank you.

### **Black and Indian Missions Collection**

On March 12 and 13, all parishes in the archdiocese are invited to participate in an archdiocesan collection for the annual National Black and Indian Missions Office Collection. Support for this collection helps build the Church in African American and American Indian communities from coast to coast. Through grant funds from the mission office, the archdiocese has been able to establish an Office of American Indian Catholic Outreach (AICO) and support evangelization programs throughout the archdiocese. In 2015, the archdiocese received mission office grants totaling more than 95 percent of the funds collected at the parish level in our archdiocese. In addition to supporting the AICO, the mission office grants were used to provide assistance for parish religious education serving American Indian youth, the Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Mass and Honor Dance, and for scholarships to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp. Please remember that parish religious education programs and archdiocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Help us invite more people to open the door of faith and begin the journey of a lifetime!

## **St Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry**

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell or contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Our food Pantry is open Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30, or have them call St. Vincent de Paul at 343-2938. Volunteers are still needed.

## **Prayer day for the Retired**

On March 9, the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life will host a prayer day for the retired at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Registration at 9:30 a.m.; Mass at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch. Confessions at 12:45 p.m. day ends by 3 p.m. Participants who cannot attend in OKC can videoconference at Prince of Peace, Altus; St. Mary, Ardmore; St. Mary, Clinton; St. Francis, Enid; St. Peter, Guymon; Holy Family, Lawton; and St. Peter, Woodward. To register, call (405) 721-5651, Ext. 158. Cost is \$7, includes lunch. If videoconferencing, register at parish or call (405) 721-5651, Ext. 131.

## **St. Patrick’s Day Mass and dinner**

A memorial Mass in honor of St. Patrick will be celebrated March 17 at Noon at St. Joseph Old Cathedral, 307 N.W. 4, in Oklahoma City. The O’klahoma Irish Heritage Society will host a reception following Mass. All are welcome. The society also will host a dinner on March 17 at Cattlemen’s Special Event Center in Oklahoma City. Reservations required by March 14. Contact Peg Malloy at (405) 919-6949 or [mmalloy2@cox.net](mailto:mmalloy2@cox.net).

## **Catholic Day with the Dodgers**

Catholic Day with the OKC Dodgers will be Sunday, April 17, at 2:05 p.m. Tickets include field seats, free Dodgers baseball hat, game program, face painting, inflatables, pre-game player autographs, post-game kids run the bases. Deadline Friday, March 25. Contact Jazmin Cogburn at (405) 721-9220, [JCogburn@ArchOKC.org](mailto:JCogburn@ArchOKC.org).

## **Charismatic Catholic Prayer Meeting**

A Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting will be at 7 p.m. March 17 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, C-2, 7501 Northwest Expressway. Contact Toni Calvey at (405) 630-0539, [tonicalvey1900@gmail.com](mailto:tonicalvey1900@gmail.com) or visit [www.SpiritOKC.org](http://www.SpiritOKC.org). A children’s ministry is now available for families with small children.

### **Ministry Schedule for March**

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| <b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b><br>4:00 Mark & Robbie Garland, Mary Sweeney<br>7:30 Kevin Terrell, Stan DeLong, Kelly Trice<br>9:00 Marilyn Tytanic, Vicki Waldrip, Neal Baltazor,<br>Anita Craiger, Ken Brunsmann | <b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b><br>4:00 Denniece Knapp, Karen Manwell, Linda Parker<br>7:30 Steve Gorczyca, Brigitte Heath, Cindy Newby<br>9:00 Barbara & George Davenport, Tracy Hartley,<br>Doug & Kristi Kretchmar |
| <b>Lectors:</b><br>4:00 Joe Zawisza<br>7:30 Bernadette Klimkowski<br>9:00 (open)   | <b>Lectors:</b><br>4:00 Karen Manwell<br>7:30 Greg Nowakowski<br>Steve Stramski, Ken Brunsmann  |
| <b>Ushers:</b><br>4:00 Scott Dull, Sammy Martin, Dewain Manek, Martin House<br>7:30 Gerald Visnieski, Mike Sweeney, Steve Gorczyca, Tony Nickel<br>9:00 Frank Ssaxton, Denver Saxton, Glen Nead, TJ Nead               | <b>Ushers</b><br>4:00 Nucgaek Visnieski, Ralph Jones, Scott Manwell, John Cook<br>7:30 Felix Magott, Michael Nickel, Reick Nickel, Kevin Terrell<br>Ed Freeman, Dan Lay , Neil Baltazor, “open”                           |
| <b>Altar Servers:</b><br>4:00 Wylie & Kambel Medich<br>7:30 Grace & Ali Brzozowski<br>9:00 TJ Nead, Brittany Baltazor, Alex Boyd   | <b>Altar Servers</b><br>4:00 Casey & Kelsie Jones_<br>7:30 Connor Lay, Alex Harke<br>9:00 Debbie Coleman, Nicole Herzog, Devin Birdsong-Williams  |

## **St. Teresa’s Prayer Chain**

Our Parish has a prayer chain for our parish family concerns. You may call for prayer requests to either Kristi Kretchmar at 391-2728 or Debra Birdsong at 454-2167. The prayer list is updated every three month. Please contact us if a name should be relisted.

### **Please pray for the Intentions Of...**

Eric Atkison, Sally & Joe Balkenbush, Vickey Boorshes, Anita Brimm, Sally Bugg, Brett Cleveland, David Davenport, Al Dilis, John & Virginia Drew, Simone Galvin, Bill Grannan, Marilyn Gravitt, Kimmie Holbrook, Janet Holder, Martha Hopcus, Alana Jansen, Ann Jones, Blythe Jones, Betsy & Jerry Jorski, Adrianna Limon, Susan Laughlin, Jean Maddox, Rev. Eugene Marshall O.S.B., Rosalie Marino, Beverly Mayhew, Sue Nickel, Charlotte Nowakowski, Geneale Nowakowski, Don Ross, Carol Rudek, Carolyn Rudek, Evelyn Saxton, Juanita Shaffer, Jo Sims, Tom & Aline Smith, Logan Stephens, Shirley Thompson, Henry Villarma, Irene Watkins, Carolyn Werchan, Chelsey Werchan, Vickie Wilson, Kim Wright, Dorothy Wyskup, Louise Wyskup,