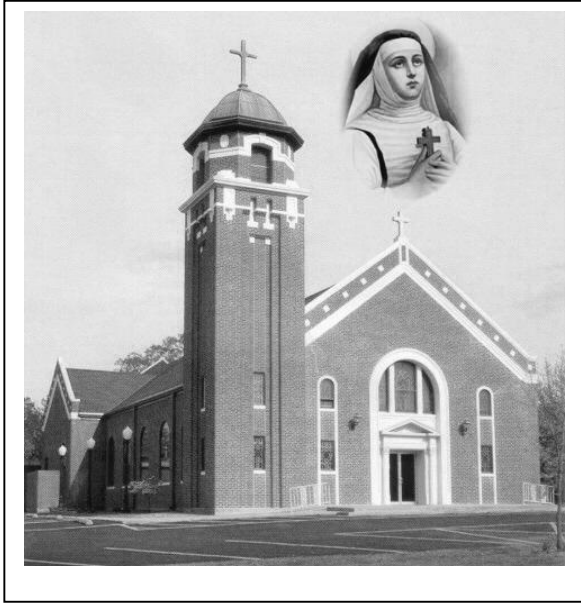


# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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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  
**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  
**Inquiry Sessions** ~ The 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00 pm.  
**SVDP Food Bank** open Mondays 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

# May 8, 2016 – The Ascension of the Lord

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 07 4:00 pm</b> + Nancy Montalvo (by Doug & Kristi Kretchmar)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 08 7:30 am</b> + Adeline Jorski (by Knights of Columbus) <b>9:00 am</b> + Auda Marie Thomas (by Barbara Dull)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 09 No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 11 6:15 pm</b> The Brunsman Family (by Ken Brunsman)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 13 8:00 am</b> + Auda Marie Thomas (by St Teresa Choir)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 14 4:00 pm</b> + Adeline Jorski (by Backhus Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 15 7:30 am</b> + Auda Marie Thomas (by Gary & Linda Ferrell) <b>9:00 am</b> + Josephine Reason (by Carolyn Miles)

### Readings for : May 9 to May 15

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2—3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1-17-23; or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Mt 28:19a, 20b

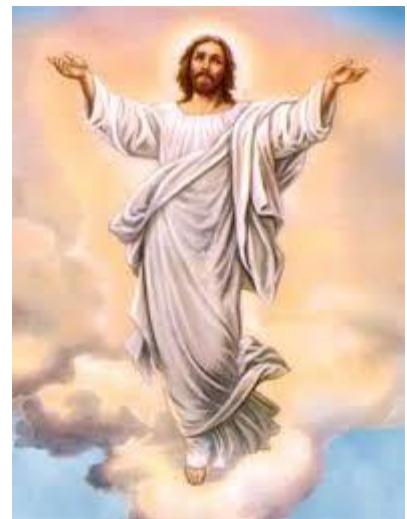
**Collection—Apr 24** 103 Adult Envelopes: \$6527.63 12 Children Envelopes: \$16.25 Total: \$6604.88

**Special Collections:** Catholic Home Missions: \$61.00

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

### **The Ascension of the Lord**

At the last Supper, when Jesus told the apostles that he was leaving, they were deeply disturbed. Yet after the Ascension they were filled with joy. The apostles' sadness gave way to joy because of two promises Jesus had made to them: that he would be with them always and that after returning to his Father's house, he would prepare a place for them. Jesus has ascended to heaven, and through his Spirit, he is preparing us for the day when he comes again in glory. When Jesus ascended, he made all the angels subject to him. This means that even the fallen angels, Jesus has the power to restrain them and protect us, as he taught us to pray "deliver us from the evil one". When Jesus ascended into heaven he is our advocate before the Father, Jesus is always going to the Father on our behalf, whether we are doing well or not so well. When Jesus ascended into heaven God made him "head over all things" Including "the church". This means, no matter how bleak things look, Jesus is In heaven. He is interceding for us. He has overcome even the demons. He is supreme over all creation. And best of all, he will never, ever abandon us.



### Mothers Day Mass Remembrance

There are special envelopes at the back of the church to fill out and place in the collection basket. They will be placed on the altar and remembered at all the Masses during the month of May.

### "Come & See" Inquiry Sessions

Do you know any non-Catholic who has questions about the Catholic Church or anyone who may be a "fallen away" Catholic that wants to come home? We are having "come and see" inquiry sessions on Monday nights. It is very informal, no registration or commitments – just questions answered about Catholicism and free coffee. Each session is different and it is not a program or class. Participants can come to any session and there is no commitment to return. This is simply to give people an opportunity to look into the Church and have questions answered. We have sessions the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

### Charismatic Catholic Prayer Meeting

A Charismatic Catholic prayer meeting will be at 7 p.m. May 19, at the Catholic Pastoral Center, C-1 and C-2, 7501 Northwest Expressway. Contact Toni Calvey at (405) 630-0539, tonicalvey1900@gmail.com or visit [www.SpiritOKC.org](http://www.SpiritOKC.org). A children's ministry is available for families with small children.

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

“The meaning of Christ’s Ascension,” wrote Pope Benedict XVI, “expresses our belief that in Christ the humanity that we all share has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God.” It would be a mistake to interpret the Ascension as “the temporary absence of Christ from the world.” Rather, “we go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him.” Heaven is a person: “Jesus himself is what we call ‘heaven.’”



*Have A Happy & Blessed Mother's Day!*

### **Presentation On The Sacrament of Confession**

Father will be giving a presentation on the Sacrament of Confession, followed by a question and answer session, on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Family Center. Come and learn more about your Catholic faith, and the sacred gifts God has given to us.

### **Birth Choice Collection**

There is a second collection this weekend, May 8, for Birth Choice. Please be generous.

### **Cursillos In Christianity**

The 2016 fall Cursillos will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Norman. Men's weekend is September 15-18. Women's weekend is September 29-October 2.

Please contact Doug or Kristi Kretchmar at 391-2728 for information.

### **Knights of Columbus Birthchoice Ultrasound Support/Baby Item Collection**

*The Knights of Columbus will be accepting monetary donations during the month of May in support of the ultrasound program for Birth Choice. These funds are a separate need for Birth Choice that are not connected with the funds being collected at Mass as the general second collection on May 8. The Knights are also collecting Layette items needed all year long. Items would include: **Newborn Onesies, Small Toys, Pacifiers, Receiving Blankets, Stuffed Animals, Baby Wash, Heavy Blankets, Bibs, Baby Wipes, Rattles, Bottles, and Newborn Diapers.** These items can be dropped off in the foyer of the family center at St Teresa's and a location will be designated at Saint Vincent De Paul in McLoud. Thank You for your Support.*

### **Playground Equipment for the Kids**

The parish council has discovered there is no opportunity for children ages 4-9 to have a place to play. They have researched this issue and gathered bids for a play ground for children ages 4-9. This costs \$20,000 including fence and ground cover. Any parishioner who would like to donate to this cause financially, would be greatly appreciated. Please contact any parish council members or the church office. Thank you in advance for all your support, in helping the youth of our parish.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Looking for a fun filled week of bible stories and adventures for you kids to do June 6-10. Sign them up for Vacation Bible School and travel around the world in 5 days and learn about Faith, Hope, and Love. Registration forms available in the foyer. Questions? Please contact Sandra SUMAZA @501-605-3420.

### **Camp OLOG Registration Assistance**

St. Teresa Parish is offering assistance of \$100 toward the registration fee of campers at the Archdiocesan youth camp. In order to be awarded this registration assistance, please follow the procedures outlined below. Deadline for assistance is May 31, 2016. Sessions fill up quickly, so please secure your child's place with a deposit. Registration and associated forms may be found on the Archdiocese web site, [www.archokc.org](http://www.archokc.org). If you have questions, please contact the parish office (454-3819) or Kelly Trice (570-2003).

## RCYC- Regional Catholic Youth Conference

The pilgrimage to the Regional Catholic Youth Conference, Nov. 18-20, will be in Beaumont, Texas. Cost is \$325 per person. Fee includes bus, transportation, hotel, registration and T-shirt. Registration materials available in May.

## Rescheduled Catholic Day with the Dodgers

Join Archbishop Coakley for Catholic Day with the OKC Dodgers, Sunday, May 15, at 2:05 p.m. Tickets are \$13 each and include field seats, free Dodgers baseball hat, game program, face painting, inflatables, pre-game player autographs, post-game kids run the bases. Deadline Wednesday, May 11. Order tickets at [www.archokc.org/youth-and-young-adult-office](http://www.archokc.org/youth-and-young-adult-office) or contact Adam Jacquez at (405) 218-2155. If those who already purchased tickets cannot attend, please contact Adam.

## Calling all Golfers

Register today for the Catholic Foundation's 15th Annual Golf Classic, presented by Charles and Jaimee Zorio. The event benefits Catholic schools and Catholic education endowments. Monday, June 6, shotgun start, 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., Gaillardia Country Club, OKC. Call (405) 721-4115 or register online at [www.cfook.org](http://www.cfook.org).

## Youth animators wanted

Region 10 seeks energetic Catholic youth to apply to be animators at the conference. Download application at [www.archokc.org/youth-and-young-adult-office/conferences](http://www.archokc.org/youth-and-young-adult-office/conferences) and submit to the archdiocesan youth office by Monday, May 9. Fax, e-mail or mail completed applications. Call (405) 721-9220.

### Ministry Schedule for May

### Ministry Schedule for June

<u>Ministers of Holy Communion:</u>	<u>Ministers of Holy Communion:</u>
4:00 Suzanne Strmski, Mary Sweeney, Carol Rudek	4:00 Pat Bacon, Robbie Garland, Mark Garland
7:30 Kent Spaeth, Kevin Terrell, Kelly Trice	7:30 Stan DeLong, Rachel Espolt, Steve Garsicka
9:00 Nancy Limon, David McCorkel, Troy Rausch, Evelyn Saxton, Dean Schirf	9:00 Mark Seikel, Philip Stramski, Jackie Stafford, Marilyn Tytanic, Vicki Waldrip
<u>Lectors:</u>	<u>Lectors:</u>
4:00 Joe Zawisza	4:00 Scott Dull
7:30 Patty Lay	7:30 Kelly Trice
9:00 Phillip Stramski, Amelia Stramski	9:00 Dave McCorkle, Mark Seikel
<u>Ushers:</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
4:00 Russell Dull, Tom Jorski, Terrence Visnieski, Charlie Werchan	4:00 Sam Wyskup, John Bacon, Joe Chicoine, Mark Hargrove
7:30 Steve Espolt, Daniel Lay, Devin Terrell, Kent Spaeth	7:30 Stan DeLong, Kevin Terrell, Kent Spaeth
9:00 Dan Block, Ken Brunzman, John Marshjall, Doug Kretchmar	9:00 George Visnieski, Joe Wierzbic, Steve Stramski, Stan Malaske
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 Wylie & Kambel Medich	4:00 Casey & Kelsie Jones
7:30 Grace & Ali Brzozowski	7:30 Connor Lay, Alex Harke
9:00 Matthew Sloas, Brittany Baltazor, Jesse Baltazor	9:00 Adrianna Limon, 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 months. Please contact us if a name should be relisted.

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

Eric Atkison, Sally & Joe Balkenbush, Michael Beam, James Beam, Vickey Boorshes, Anita Brimm, Sally Bugg, Brett Cleveland, David Davenport, Al Dilis, John & Virginia Drew, Simone Galvin, Bill Grannan, Dan Gravitt, Marilyn Gravitt, Kimmie Holbrook, Janet Holder, Larry & Ann Henthorne, Martha Hopcus, Alana Jansen, Gloria Jennings, Ann Jones, Blythe Jones, Betsy & Jerry Jorski, Adrianna Limon, Susan Laughlin, Rev. Eugene Marshall O.S.B., Rosalie Marino, David & Ann Meed, Sue Nickel, Charlotte Nowakowski, Geneale Nowakowski, Linda Parker, Trisha Parker, Adilyn Quintero, Linda Raly, Odest Raly, Troy & Lovette Rausch, Fred Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Don Ross, Carol Rudek, Carolyn Rudek, Evelyn Saxton, Alom Self, Juanita Shaffer, Jo Sims, Tom & Aline Smith, Logan Stephens, Shirley Thompson, Henry Villarma, Blaize Volpe, Jean Walker, Irene Watkins, Charlene Wells, Charlie Werchan, Chelsey Werchan, Vickie Wilson, Bob Wood, Kim Wright, Barbara Wyskup, Dorothy Wyskup, Martin Wyskup, Louise Wyskup, Filex & Ann Zachare