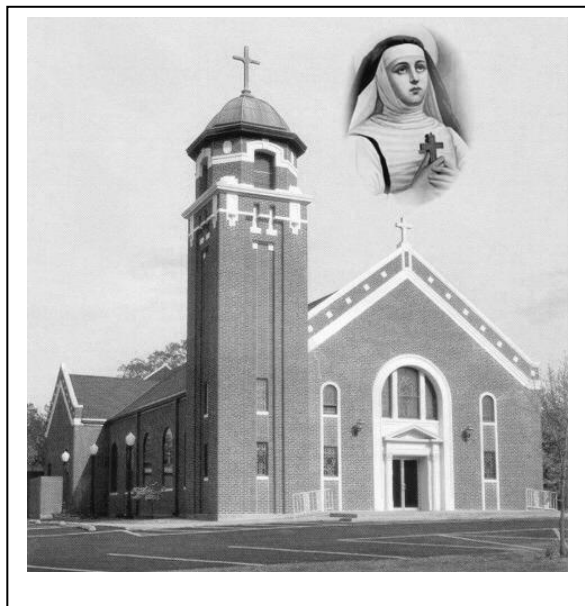


# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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Our Parish Web Site. [www.stteresaharrah.org](http://www.stteresaharrah.org)

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*Archbishop of Oklahoma City  
Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley*

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

## **Mass Times**

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

## **Weekdays:**

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

**Adoration:** First Fridays 8:am–6:pm Mass 6:15 pm

**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** ~ Mondays (bi-weekly), 6:00 pm

**Religious Education Classes** ~Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

**Prayer Group** ~ Tuesdays in the church at 6:00 pm

**RCIA Classes** ~ Tuesdays, 7 pm in the Family Center

**Youth Group (Grades 6-8)** Wednesday, after RE until 8:45 pm

**High School Youth Group** (Grades 9-12) Sundays, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

**Jr Catholic Daughters** ~ First Sunday of month, 7:00 pm

**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.

**February 12, 2017 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 11 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Carolyn Werchan (healing)</b> (by Knights of Columbus)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb 12 7:30 am</b>	<b>+ George Allen Owings</b> (by Gloria Owings)
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>+ Pete Adams</b> (by Catherine Adams)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 15 6:15 pm</b>	<b>+ Jack Martin</b> (by Janet Martin)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb 17 8:00 am</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 18 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Vicki Wilson (healing)</b> (by Doug & Kristi Kretchmar)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb 19 7:30 am</b>	<b>Paul Brands (healing)</b> (by Knights of Columbus)
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Tom Jorski (healing)</b> (by Knights of Columbus)

### Readings for : Feb 13 to 19

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26  
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33  
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13  
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

<b>Collection – Feb 5:</b>	Adult Env: \$7108.00	3 Children Env: \$9.00	Total: \$7149.00
<b>Other Collections:</b>	First Offering: \$32.00		
<b>Building Fund:</b>	Total Assets: \$4945.00		

## *Our Lady of Lourdes*

*Saturday, February 11*

*O Holy Virgin, in the midst of your days of glory, Do not forget the sorrows of this earth. Cast a merciful glance upon those who are suffering, struggling against difficulties, With their lips constantly pressed against Life's bitter cup. Have pity on those who love each other and are separated. Have pity on our rebellious hearts. Have pity on our weak faith. Have pity on those we love. Have pity on those who weep, on those who pray, on those who fear. Grant hope and peace to all. Amen.*



### Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st

**It is a day of Fast & Abstinence.**

Mass times will be as follows: 5:30 pm in McLoud and 7:15 pm in Harrah.

**Abstinence:** The law of Abstinence forbids the eating of meat by Catholics 14 years and older

**Fasting:** All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59 are obligated to fast. The lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



### Daily Mass Times during Lent

Harrah	Tuesday	8:00 am
	*Friday	7:00 pm (w/Stations of the Cross)
McLoud	Wednesday	5:30 pm (w/Stations of the Cross)
	Thursday	8:30 am
	*Soup Supper at Harrah will be at 6:00 pm	

### Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament during Lent

At Harrah, every Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

At McLoud every Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Sign up sheets will be located in the foyer of the churches..

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

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

- How God loves our freedom! As if singing a hymn, he says through Sirach: "If you choose you can keep the commandments. If you trust in God, you too shall live. To whichever you choose, fire or water, stretch forth your hand!" This is the righteousness that "surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees." "God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden" has revealed it to us. "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." We long to be counted among them, even to the point of tearing out our right eye, cutting off our right hand. For heaven must be rife with one-eyed, one-armed saints who reconciled with offending brothers and sisters...who refused to let lust master them. We stretch forth our one remaining hand to the fire of the Holy Spirit, to the water of our baptism, letting our Yes mean Yes.
- It is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God; rather, those who observe the law will be justified. (Rom 2:13)

### **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been blessed by your support.**

In the last 3 months, we were able to help 142 people with utility assistance and 116 with groceries. In addition to generous donations, we've had some very special help. The Knights sponsored a food drive which donated nearly 1200 lbs. of food. Curves in Choctaw donated cash for food. St. Teresa Altar Society, Country Boy and a special parishioner helped us during the Holiday Season with food and cash. Another parishioner is even giving us fresh eggs. The Styers family renovated "The Upper Room" and men from both parishes worked together to relocate our food pantry to this improved facility. What wonderful parishes we have!! Thank you so much! Never doubt that you make a difference!

### **Soup Supper Schedule**

Following is the schedule for the Soup Suppers served at 6:00 pm on Fridays during Lent:

March 3.....Altar Society  
March 10..... St Teresa Choir  
March 17.....Catholic Daughters  
March 24.....Knights of Columbus  
March 31..... Youth Group  
April 7..... St Vincent de Paul Society

### **2017 Annual Catholic Appeal "God's Light Shines Through Us"**

During January, many parish families have received a letter from Archbishop Coakley asking to consider a pledge to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please respond as generously as possible by making a pledge. This year, the theme of the appeal is "God's Light Shines Through Us." By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal, we help to extend God's love to many, many others. As you review the mailing from Archbishop Coakley, please note the ministries and services funded by the appeal, including the ones that directly support the work of our parish. We thank you in advance for your generosity. To learn more or to make your gift online, go to [www.archokc.org/appeal](http://www.archokc.org/appeal).

### **Adult Education**

Adult Education classes are held every Monday beginning at 7:00 pm, in the Family Center. Topic on January 30 is "Discovering Authentic Love". Come join us and learn your faith and why we are Catholic Christians.

### **Cursillo (short course) in Christianity**

Cursillo provides an opportunity to focus on your relationship with Christ and learn more about our Catholic faith. Save the date for the 2017 Cursillos! Men's – August 24-27 and Women's – September 7-10, at St. Joseph's in Norman. Contact Doug or Kristi Kretchmar at 391-2728 for more information.

### **Encounter with God's Call**

A seminary discernment retreat at Conception Seminary College April 1-3 for high school juniors through college-age men curious about seminary. Contact (660) 944-2886, [vocations@conception.edu](mailto:vocations@conception.edu) or go online to [www.ewgc.org](http://www.ewgc.org).

### **Oklahoma Catholic College Student Conference**

Fr. Anthony Ariniello, from the Catholic Community of the Beatitudes, will be the speaker Feb. 24-26 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp. Cost \$40. Register by Feb. 17. Young adults ages 18-25 will share faith through small group discussions, prayer, bonfire, Mass with Archbishop Coakley, adoration, great food, talks and free time. Contact Becky Jaime at (405) 721-9220 or [bjaime@archokc.org](mailto:bjaime@archokc.org).

### 2017 Lenten retreat

The Council of Catholic Women, provinces of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, is providing a Lenten retreat on Saturday, March 4, at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Speaker Maria Morena Johnson is a Catholic author and speaker. In her first book, "My Badass Book of Saints: Courageous Women Who Showed Me How to Live," she shares family stories of immigration, illness and hope. She speaks nationally on topics such as internet safety for families, the saints and women's topics. The retreat is 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. with Mass at 4 p.m. Cost is \$30, including continental breakfast and lunch. Register online at [www.okcaccw.com](http://www.okcaccw.com) and click on the retreat link. Call or text Mary Ann Schmitt at (405) 650-9674.

### 21st Annual Catholic Man's Conference

The Conference "In the Father's Footsteps" will be held Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Norman, OK. The theme for this conference is "Come, Follow Me" based on Matthew 16:24-25. You are invited to join other Catholic men of all ages from around the region for a wonderful day of learning, reflection, fellowship, and reconciliation. Celebration of the Eucharist with Archbishop Coakley begins at 4:30 PM. Several speakers will provide tools to persevere & thrive in your faith journey. A special father-son luncheon will be available moderated by FOCUS. A fee of \$59 until March 6. Starting March 7, the amount will be \$69 through the web-site registration. High school students can register anytime for \$29 & college students for \$39.

### Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference

March 25, 2017, 8:00 am eed Conference Center 750 Will Rogers Rd, Midwest City Oklahoma Catholic omen are invited to hear from an expert on Joan of Arc, meet an EWTN TV and radio host and learn from a mother of 10 children at the OK Catholic Women's Conference. The conference will include a morning Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, and a vendor area. Registration is \$40 through March 1, and includes lunch. Registration forms are available on the desk in the Gathering Space or you may register online at [www.OCWConference.com](http://www.OCWConference.com).

#### **Ministry Schedule for February**

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<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> 4:00 Deniece Knapp, Tracy Hartley, Tama Parker 7:30 Brigitte Heath, Kelly Trice, Stan DeLong 9:00 Anita Craiger, Mark Seikel, Doug Kretchmar, Kristi Kretchmar, Phillip Stramski	<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> 4:00 Linda Parker, Susan Stramski, Pat Bacon 7:30 Rachel Espolt, Steve Gorczyca, Cindy Newby 9:00 Maria Baltazor, Neil Baltazor, Naancy Limon, David McCorkie, Evelyn Saxton
<b>Lectors:</b> 4:00 Steve Nettlingham 7:30 Kevin Terrell 9:00 Doug Kretchmar, Kristi Kretchmar	<b>Lectors:</b> 4:00 Joe Zawisza 7:30 Bernadette Klimkowski 9:00 Phillip Stramski, Amelia Stramski
<b>Ushers:</b> 4:00 Tom Jorski, James Breske, Mike Brown, Russell Dull 7:30 Mark Klimkowski, Marvin Visnieski, "Kent" Spaeth, Larry Visnieski 9:00 Phillip Stramski, Abel Aldaz, Will Archer, Jeff Wagner	<b>Ushers</b> 4:00 Scott Dull, Sammy Martin, Dewain Manek, Maartin House 7:30 Gerald Visnieski, Mike Sweeney, Steve Gorczyca, Tony Nickel 9:00 Frank Saxton, Glen Nead, Thomas "TJ" Nead, Sstan Malaske
<b>Altar Servers:</b> 4:00 Kambel Medich, Mia Pendleton, Charlie Pendleton 7:30 Ali Brzozowski, TJ Nead 9:00 Alex Boyd, Jesse Baltazor, Devin Birdsong-Williams	<b>Altar Servers</b> 4:00 Jason Kaminski, Casey Jones 7:30 Connor Lay, Alex Harke, Izzy Harke 9:00 John Boyle, Kiera Boyle, Malachi Rivera

### 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 650-4662. The prayer list is updated every three month. Please contact us if a name should be relisted.*

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

Michelle Anderson, Bay Lea Atkins, Sally & Joe Balkenbush, Jan Barnes, Tom Barnes, James Beam, Vickey Boorshes, Benjamin Boyd, Anita Brimm, Jenny Bruns, Sally Bugg, Jan Coleman, Jody Cook, Barbara Davenport, Al Dilis, Loretta Dixon, John & Virginia Drew, Mike Drew, Mary Flisnik, Carlos Frey, Simone Galvin, Patrick Grannon, Danny Gravitt, Marilyn Gravitt, Kaelyn Hairell, Janet Holder, Larry & Ann Henthorne, Norma Holloway, Martha Hopcus, Martin House, Alana Jansen, Ronny Jaro, Ann Jones, Eddie Jones, Betsy & Jerry Jorski, Tom Jorski, Don Lachance., Dial Libel, Rev. Eugene Marshall O.S.B., Leta Overton, Rosalie Marino, Bruce Moates, Linda Morrel, David & Ann Meed, Ioma Meyers, Bruce Moates, Greg Montalvo, Madonna Montalvo, Justin Moore, Paul & Charlotte Nickel, Sue Nickel, Charlotte Nowakowski, Darrell O'Neal, Romeo Opichka, Trisha Parker, Fr. Lucas Pinapati, Adilyn Quintero, Linda Raly, Odest Raly, Fred Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Lee Roller, Don Ross, Carol Rudek, Carolyn Rudek, Mike Scalzo, Betty Sharp, Terrah Showers Alom Self, Juanita Shaffer, Jo Sims, Tom & Aline Smith, Brenda Smith, Kaelyn Spradlin, Logan Stephens, Danny Sweeney, Angie Terrell-Wagner, Greg Thompson, Henry Villarma, Olivia Voyles, Jean Walker, Irene Watkins, Carolyn Werchan, Chelsey Werchan, Marjorie Wheat, Scotlyn Kay Whiteman, Olivia Whitfield, Vickie Wilson, Bob Wood, Kim Wright, Barbara Wyskup, Dorothy Wyskup, Louise Wyskup, Filex & Ann Zachare