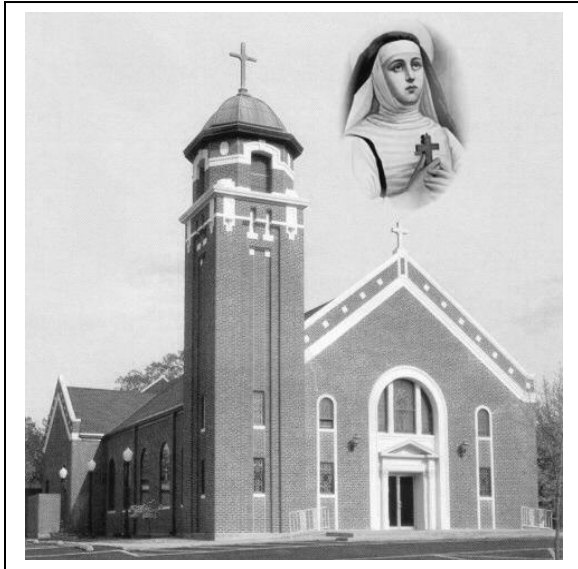


# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Priest Emergency Number: After hours line for serious medical emergencies (405) 824-2304**

### Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 pm

**Sunday:** 7:30 am  
9:00 am

### **Weekdays:**

Monday No Mass

Tuesday McLoud 9:00 am

Wednesday Harrah 6:30 pm

Thursday McLoud 9:00 am

Friday Harrah 9:00 am

**Adoration:** First Fridays 8:am–6:pm Mass 6:00 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) 309-6416

**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** ~ Sundays, 6 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, 4:30 pm

**SVDP Food Bank** open Mondays 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

*December 10, 2017 - Second Sunday of Advent*

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 09 4:00 pm</b>	<b>+ Tom Herzog</b> (by Tammy Herzog)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 10 7:30 am</b>	<b>Carolyn Werchan (healing)</b> (by Evelyn Saxton)
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>+ Charlotte Nowakowski</b> (by Frank & Diana Hanna)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 13 6:30 pm</b>	<b>+ Kevin Voyles</b> (by Barbara Dull)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec 15 9:00 am</b>	<b>+ Frank Saxton</b> (by Evelyn Saxton)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 16 4:00 pm</b>	<b>+ Kevin Voyles</b> (by Joe Tytanic)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 17 7:30 am</b>	<b>+ George Allen Owings</b> (by Owings Family)
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>+ John Raught</b> (by Frank & Diana Hanna)

## Readings for : Dec 11 to Dec 17:

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde,19;

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; a Thes :16-24;

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

**Collection – December 3:** Adult Env: \$6591.06    7 Children Env: \$13.00    Total: \$6629.06

**Other Collections:** Camp. Human Dev: \$25.00    Family Center Donation: \$100.00

**Building Fund:** \_\_\_ Total Assets: \$4945.00



## Mass Schedule for Christmas

Christmas Vigil, Dec 24: Mass at Harrah at 6:00 pm.

Mass at Harrah at 11:00 pm

Christmas Day, Dec 25: Mass at Harrah at 8:30 am.

Mass at McCloud at 10:30 am

## Changes on Mass Schedule for Sunday, December 24

Sunday, December 24: Only Mass at 9:00 am at Harrah.

No 7:30 am Mass at Harrah

No 11:00 am Mass at McCloud.

## Penance Rite

The Advent Penance Rite for all Parishioners will be at Harrah on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

## Power Point Presentation

Fr. Prakash will give a power point presentation on his pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, Fatima, Portugal, and several other significant holy places. The presentation will be on Monday, December 11, at 6:30 pm in the Family Center at Harrah.

Everyone is invited to come and watch this inspirational presentation.

## Important Meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be an important meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion after each of the Masses December 9 and 10. Please plan on attending. We will be receiving the schedule for 2018 and review some important issues. If you cannot make the meeting, there will be one make-up session after the 9:00 am Mass on December 17.

Call Doug Kretchmar with questions 405-640-0745.

## Youth Group Christmas Party

St. Teresa Youth Group will hold their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for both Middle School and High School. Refreshments will be served, and we will play some of our traditional games along with something new. We will play a gift exchange game. Please bring an appropriate, wrapped gift with a maximum value of \$10 if you want to participate. Please RSVP to Kelly Trice by text (405-570-2003) or Facebook message to plan food quantities. Please call with any questions you may have. Hope to see you there!

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

- “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ” is not a book, but a presence: the presence of the Son of God in human flesh. The beginning of the Gospel promises a new beginning for those aching to hear someone “speak tenderly”. Comfort will come; truth that is meaning which never decays will “spring out of the earth” - out of what we see and touch every day. We hasten that day by awaiting this presence eagerly. “Repentance” means changing to please the one who loves us into happiness.
- The herald’s voice cries out: prepare the way of the Lord. Upon that way, we go to meet the Lord as he comes to meet us. The way lies through our own hearts. Let us clear it of stumbling blocks, briars, and dust, that we may travel in freedom and joy and that we may not hinder the Lord’s coming to us.

### **Father Prakash on Vacation**

Father Prakash will be visiting his home in India from December 26 to January 26. If you need to visit with him before he leaves contact the office and set up an appointment.

### **Second Collection**

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

### **Knights of Columbus Angel Tree**

Knights of Columbus Angel Tree-These "Angels" are economically challenged children and families that are in need of a little help at Christmas. Please be their Santa and sign-up to sponsor an Angel today. The tree and sign-up sheet will be in the family center. Detailed instructions are with each Angel. All gifts need to be brought in by Sunday December 17. Please contact Frank Volpe at 405-219-8887 with any questions. Merry Christmas!

### **New Year's Eve Dance**

Come ring in the New Year! St. Teresa’s is hosting a New Year’s Eve dance, Sunday, December 31, 2017, 9:00-12:30. Admission is an appetizer to share potluck. Adults over 21 only. Babysitting will be available in the RE building. Bring your own adult beverages. Tea, lemonade and soft drinks provided. For more information, contact Tracy Hartley 405-760-7841.

### **Beatification Mass DVDs now Available!**

Are you looking for a special Christmas present or a memorable keepsake? The DVD set of the Beatification Mass of Blessed Stanley Rother is now available. Go online to <http://stanleyrother.org/shop>.

### **Advent Lessons and Carols**

Archbishop Coakley cordially invites your family to Advent Lessons and Carols at 5 p.m. Dec. 10 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. RSVP by Dec. 7 to [RSVP@archokc.org](mailto:RSVP@archokc.org) or (405) 709-2745. Festive reception to follow in the Connor Center.

### **Advent Day of Recollection**

Young men in high school or college, who are considering the priesthood, join together for a day of prayer and reflection, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 21. at the Catholic Pastoral Center in OKC. RSVP to (405) 721-9351 by Dec. 19.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Inside every marriage, there are treasures to unlock. Unlock the treasures of OUR marriage this Winter at the January 26-28 Marriage Encounter Weekend at Oklahoma City’s Catholic Pastoral Center. Contact Rick & Bev Feller at 405-323-9119 or [rbfeller@gmail.com](mailto:rbfeller@gmail.com) for information, or apply at <http://meoklahoma.org>. Apply by January 1 to receive 25% off your \$100 application fee (promo code: EarlyJan).

### **Catholic Men's Conference**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Catholic Men's Conference, “In The Father's Footsteps XXII,” will be March 3 at Embassy Suites Conference Center, Norman. Visit [www.catholicmen.net](http://www.catholicmen.net).

## **Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference**

Registration is open for the 2018 Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference. The event will be at the new Edmond Conference Center March 10. Conference speakers include Immaculée Ilibagiza, María Ruiz Scaperlanda and Donna Heckler. Register at [www.ocwconference.com](http://www.ocwconference.com) or on the Facebook page.

## **Longest Married Couple Nominations**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is looking for the longest married couple in the United States. Visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) by Jan. 10 to nominate a couple or e-mail the name of the couple, their wedding date, where they live and contact information for the person nominating to [bkberland@gmail.com](mailto:bkberland@gmail.com); or mail to Bryan and Karen Berland, 530 S. Academy, Guthrie 73044, or call (405) 850-4274. National winners will be announced in February along with 50 state winners.

## **Rother Heritage Gallery**

The Heritage Gallery at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, features "The Shepherd Cannot Run: A Retrospective on the Life of Father Stanley Rother." The free exhibit is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Special tours arranged by calling (405) 721-5651, Ext. 141.

## **Discipleship with the Saints**

A series called "Discipleship with the Saints" features presenters discussing fundamentals of discipleship as lived by some of the Church's greatest saints – Dec. 11, Mary, mother of Christ. Discussion at 7:30 p.m. at St. James, 4201 S. McKinley, OKC. Presented by the Gospel of Life Disciples.

### **Ministry Schedule for December**

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>
4:00 Denniece Knapp, Robbie Garland,
7:30 Kent Spaeth, Kevin Terrell, Brigitte Heath
9:00 Doug Kretchmar, Mark Seikel, Phillip Stramski, Neil Baltazor, Dean Schirf
<b>Lectors:</b>
4:00 Tracy Hartley
7:30 James "Kent" Spaeth
9:00 Dave McCorkle, Mark Seikel
<b>Ushers:</b>
4:00 Sam Wyskup, John Bacon, Joe Chicoine, Mark Hargrove
7:30 Bernadette Klimkowski, Stan Delong, Steve Gorzyca, Tony Nickel
9:00 George Visnieski, Joe Wierzbic, Steve Stramski, Stan Malaske
<b>Altar Servers:</b>
4:00 Jason Kaminski & Casey Jones
7:30 Mia & Charlie Pendleton, Connor Lay,
9:00 Thomas Staton, Nicole Herzog, Jordan Santa Elera,

### **Ministry Schedule for January**

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>
4:00 Karen Manwell, Steve & Linda Nettleingham
7:30 Cindy Newby, Kent Spaeth & Kevin Terrell
9:00 Vicki Waldrip, Jackie Stafford, Debra Birdsong, Barbara Carpenter, Don carpenter
<b>Lectors:</b>
4:00 Ralph Jones
7:30 Stan Delong
9:00 Nancy Limon & Dean Schirf --
<b>Ushers</b>
4:00 Joe Zawisza, Charlie Werchan, Donnie Brim, George Landoll
7:30 Greg Nowakowski, Meko Block, Joe Balkenbush, Max Mullins
9:00 Ed Brzozowski, Doyle Thornton, A.J. Magott, Janet Magott
<b>Altar Servers</b>
4:00 Casey Jones & Kambel Madich
7:30 Ali Brzozowski, Alex & Izzy Karke
9:00 Anthony Opichka, Devin Birdsong Williams, Joshua Baltazor

## **Pray for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces!**

### **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...**

Andy Adams, Amanda Ashley, Jan Barnes, Tom Barnes, James Beam, Mason Bonilla, Anita Brimm, Ed Brzozowski, Sally Bugg, Barbara Davenport, J.C. Delamore, Loretta Dixon, John & Virginia Drew, Ron & Loretta Finley, Mary Ellen Fortleney, Simone Galvin, Leslie Gomez, Phillo Gravitt, Marilyn Gravitt, Kaelyn Hairell, Edna Hanmer, Marsha Helm, Duane Hiss, Norma Holloway, Martha Hopcus, Ronny Jaro, Betty Johnston, Ann Jones, Betsy & Jerry Jorski, Don Lachance,, Kenneth Leslie, Rev. Eugene Marshall O.S.B.,Ioma Meyers, Greg Montalvo, Justin Moore, Paul & Charlotte Nickel, James Northcutt, Heather O'Connell, Darrell O'Neal, Trisha Parker, Fr. Lucas Pinapati, Fred Rodriguez Mary Rodriguez ,Lee Roller, Carol Rudek, Carolyn Rudek, Mike Scalzo, Juanita Shaffer, Jo Sims, Brenda Smith, Daniel Smith, Tom & Aline Smith, Kaelyn Spradlin, Logan Stephens, Sue Ann Thompson, Joe Tytanic, Henry Villarma, Tammy Wallinger, Irene Watkins, Carolyn Werchan, Chelsie Werchan, Vickie Wilson, Barbara Wyskup, Dorothy Wyskup, Louise Wyskup, George Yancy, Filex & Ann Zachare