

# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

October 21, 2018

Dear parishioners,

This last Sunday we got two new saints in the Church...Pope St. Paul VI and St. Oscar Romero. Both of these men lived incredible lives of service to Our Lord, albeit in much different ways. I would encourage you to look up the biographies of both of these saints and do your best to imitate their examples!

From an address by Pope Paul VI in Nazareth, 1964.

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief, everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths. But here we are only on pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing; some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children – and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value – demanding yet redeeming – and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other

hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.

In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well-being.

Sts. Paul VI and Oscar Romero...pray for us!

In Christ,

*Fr. Carson*



## Mass Schedule

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018

12:10pm †Donald Flick/Grace Nalepa

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

12:10pm NO MASS

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

8:20am †Melanie Jeanne Specht/Randy & Mary Andrews

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018

9:30am People of the Parish

(*St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK*)

4:00pm Spec. Int. Judy Cocci/Bill & Joan Valenta

(*Via Christi Chapel*)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018

7:00am †John Coffman/Patsy Hastings

12:10pm †David Geubelle/Linda Bullard

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018

9:00am People of the Parish

5:00pm †Ernest & Pauline Vap/Their Children

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018

8:00am †Irvin Sheik/Mary Ann Farnick

9:30am MASS (*St. Francis Church, Newkirk*)

11:00am In Thanksgiving Mary Brown/98<sup>th</sup> Birthday

1:00pm MASS (*Spanish Mass*)

7:00pm People of the Parish

## Weekly Income Report

October 14, 2018

Weekly Collection

\$13,361.25

**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the soul of Mary McFarland, wife of Herbert McFarland. May God grant her eternal rest.

**Please Pray For those who need prayers:** Mary Brown, Jeanette Vassar, Charlotte Meyer, Charlene Vap, Dora Behar, Cindy Wardlow, Fran Baur, Don Schiltz, Jeanne Glaser, Patsy Hastings, Bennie Westerman, Keith & Sue Behara, Eileen Spellman, Linda Courtney, Patricia Evans, George F. Brown, Martha Begwin, Teresa Epperson, Tommy Gray, Ted Thomas, Elaine Gray Calahan, Todd Hatchett, Gae Meyers, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Mike Cofer, Dawsyn Kirkes, Ramona Coutre, Lois Frisch, Denver Gearhart, Terry Stewart, Lynda Howard, Joel Rivera, Marian Jeter, Jaycee Colclasure, Shelly Behar, Gabriel Dietz, Jay Underwood, Jill Kestler, Carol Evans, Allen Arthurs, Mary Knori, Mary Austin, Hannah Boyer, Jesus Cvarrillo, Logan Blakey, Asher Dailey, Betty Dimond, Tyson Rutter, Martha Robinson, Diego Blanco, Mary Boor, Mark Ramsey, Nathan Bickle, Betty Pino, Kaye Cunningham, Fred Spellman, Mary Hyatt, Keith Goss, Carol Stewart, Raye Lynne Brown, Joyce Koehler, Jeanne Specht, Vivian Rose Graeff, Sue Odom, Barbara Spore, John Gardner, Jim Smith, Owen Greer, Scarlett Wimer, Alicia Aguilar, Audrey Ginn, Bill Hyatt, Regina Cadeñanes, Judy Cocci

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## October 22-28, 2018

Monday	6:30pm	PTC, McGurk Room
	7:30pm	4 <sup>th</sup> DEGREE KNIGHTS, KofC Room
Tuesday	3:30pm	JR. CANTOR, Parish Hall Music Room
	7:00pm	RCIA CLASS REUNION, McGurk Room
Wednesday	7:00am	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, The Perk
	11:30am	FINANCE COUNCIL, Rectory
	6:00pm	TRUNK OF TREAK, Parking Lot
	6:30pm	NO K-12 FAITH FORMATION
Thursday	6:30pm	SR. CHOIR, Parish Hall Music Room
	10:00am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, McGurk Room
	4:00pm	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Friday	7:30am	ADORATION, Chapel
	10:30am	CONFESSION, Chapel
	11:00am	McCANN RECEPTION, McGurk Room
Saturday	10:00am	McFARLAND MEMORIAL MASS
	3:30pm	CONFESSION, Church
Sunday	9:00am	FAMILY RECONCILIATION SEMINAR, Parish Hall
	6:00pm	CONFESSION, Church



## Sacrament Preparation

### Family Seminar for First Reconciliation

All families who did not attend the September Seminar must attend on October 28th- 9am-12 noon in the Parish Hall.

**No Faith Formation Wednesday Oct. 24th**

**Please join us for Trunk or Treat**

Thank you to the parishioners and businesses who have donated items for our Atrium. Your contribution is integral to the preparation of this place of prayer.

### Reporting abuse/pastoral response hotline

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City through its programs, organizations and events, has numerous daily contacts with many children and young people. It is important all archdiocesan personnel – clergy, seminarians, religious, employees and volunteers – protect the rights of children and be alert to the possibility of child abuse. Under Oklahoma law, all individuals **MUST** report an incident or suspicion of sexual abuse of a minor (person under age 18) to civil authorities. **The Oklahoma Department of Human Services has established a statewide abuse reporting hotline – (800) 522-3511.** This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you feel a child is in immediate danger of harm call 9-1-1. For the safety of children and the healing of victims, the archdiocese provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response **Hotline for reporting the abuse of a minor (in the past or present) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel – (405) 720-9878.** The archdiocesan victims' assistance coordinator, a licensed professional counselor, will respond to calls to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Response Hotline. A report to the archdiocese does not relieve the individual of the duty to report child abuse to civil authorities as required by state law. In Oklahoma, failure to report child abuse is a misdemeanor punishable by law.



This Wednesday is our annual **Trunk or Treat** and all youth are encouraged to come have a trunk and hand out candy.

To all ConocoPhillips employees/retirees and Phillips 66 employees/retirees/spouses: Did you know that if you have volunteered your time to help out with the Fall Fest or on school projects, you could qualify to submit an individual grant or a team grant to your respective employer. Please contact Anna Maloney at the Parish Center with your information. Also, if you know of someone who volunteered let her know.

Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Catholic School  
Anna Maloney, 580-382-6009



### NOW is the Time of Mercy and Fr. Michael

**Gaitley, MIC, is COMING to Oklahoma to explain it:** That's right! This famous Catholic speaker & author of "33 Days to Morning Glory" and "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" is coming to OKC from the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy to explain what the Church means by calling our time the TIME of MERCY,



and what we can do about it! Sign up now for Oklahoma's "Mercy & Mary Retreat" featuring Father Michael Gaitley, Nov 9 & 10, 2018, at Christ the King Catholic Church, OKC. Don't wait, spaces are limited, and the price (\$49.95) is cut nearly in half. For more information or to register, go to: <https://events.marianmissionaries.org/> or call Marian Missionaries at: (413) 944-8500, Ext 10.