

# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

Dear parishioners,

Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! Christus Resurrexit!  
Resurrexit vere! Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia  
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The preceding acclamations, in Greek, Latin and English, are part of the Paschal Proclamation that Christ is risen from the dead, and by his death He conquered death, so that we might have eternal life! It is indeed a day of rejoicing both here and in all the Churches in all the world, for today we celebrate our Savior's Resurrection from the dead and our chance to dwell with Him, in perfect joy, forever. Today all Christians celebrate and are glad, for Christ is risen as HE said, and death has no more power over Him. We remember that Christ came to set us free from sin, and by His rising from the dead we have confirmation that He did indeed set us free from eternal death. So today is certainly a day of rejoicing and, actually, the whole next week is a week of rejoicing, because Easter is an Octave celebration, which means that we celebrate each day as if it were Easter for 8 days! If this is your first time back at St. Mary's since Christmas, welcome back! I hope you will consider making Sunday Mass a part of your regular week and remember to go to confession before you receive the Eucharist. Sunday Mass is such a beautiful celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection, and it's such a privilege, as Christians, to be able to take part in that! So all Christians, rejoice! Today is the day that we are promised eternal salvation! Below is the Easter homily by St. Melitio of Sardis, and I hope you give it a good read and pray with it for a while.

"We should understand, beloved, that the paschal mystery is at once old and new, transitory and eternal, corruptible and incorruptible, mortal and immortal. In terms of the Law it is old, in terms of the Word it is new. In its figure it is passing, in its grace it is eternal. It is corruptible in the sacrifice of the lamb, incorruptible in the eternal life of the Lord. It is mortal in his burial in the earth, immortal in his resurrection from the dead.

The Law indeed is old, but the Word is new. The type is transitory, but grace is eternal. The lamb was corruptible, but the Lord is incorruptible. He was slain as a lamb; he rose again as God. He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, yet he was not a sheep. He was silent as a lamb, yet he was not a lamb. The type has passed away; the reality has come. The lamb gives place to God, the sheep gives place to a man, and the man is Christ, who fills the whole of creation. The sacrifice of the lamb, the celebration of the Passover, and the prescriptions of the Law have been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Under the old Law, and still more under the new dispensation, everything pointed toward him.

Both the Law and the Word came forth from Zion and Jerusalem, but now the Law has given place to the Word, the old to the new. The commandment has become grace, the type a reality. The lamb has become a Son, the sheep a man, and man, God.

The Lord, though he was God, became man. He suffered for the sake of those who suffer, he was bound for those in bonds, condemned for the guilty, buried for those who lie in the grave; but he rose from the dead, and cried aloud: *Who will contend with me? Let him confront me.* I have freed the

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condemned, brought the dead back to life, raised men from their graves. Who has anything to say against me? I, he said, am the Christ; I have destroyed death, triumphed over the enemy, trampled hell underfoot, bound the strong one, and taken men up to the heights of heaven: I am the Christ.

Come, then, all you nations of men, receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you. I am your forgiveness. I am the Passover that brings salvation. I am the lamb who was immolated for you. I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light; I am your salvation and your king. I will bring you to the heights of heaven. With my own right hand I will raise you up, and I will show you the eternal Father."

Have a great Easter week, and see you next weekend! Know of my prayers!

In Christ, *Fr. Carson*

<b>Weekly Income Report</b>	
<b>April 14, 2019</b>	
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$15,795.33</b>

### Masses for the week...

- MONDAY, APRIL 22 2019**  
12:10pm †Mary Suguna Undralla/Fr. Deva
- TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019**  
12:10pm COMMUNION SERVICE
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019**  
8:20am In Thanksgiving Fr. Deva/Ordination Anniversary
- THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019**  
9:30am † Evelyn Engelking/St. Francis Altar Society  
(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)  
4:00pm †Jim Schieber/Maggie Schieber  
(Via Christi Chapel)
- FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019**  
7:00am Spec. Int. Tim Coffman/Trey & Deb Beard  
12:10pm †Joe Neylon/Tuesday Bridge Friends
- SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019**  
9:00am Spec. Int. Priests & Deacons/Grace Nalepa  
5:00pm †Steve Gray/His Children
- SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
8:00am †Rosemary Glaser/Linda Cremers  
9:30am MASS (St. Francis Church, Newkirk)  
11:00am †Irudaya Yeddanapalli/Fr. Deva  
1:00pm People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)  
7:00pm †Ted Thomas/Rob & Genny Galbraith

<b>LOOKING AHEAD... April 22-28, 2019</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	OFFICES CLOSED - NO SCHOOL 7:30pm 4 <sup>th</sup> DEGREE KNIGHTS, KofC Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30pm K-12 FAITH FORMATION 7:00pm PUBLIC THEOLOGY, Vortex
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	10:30am CONFESSION, Chapel Area
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00am 1 <sup>st</sup> RECONCILIATION, Church 1:00pm ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT, PCCC
	3:30pm CONFESSION, Church
<b>Sunday</b>	2:30pm STATIONS of the CROSS & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, Church

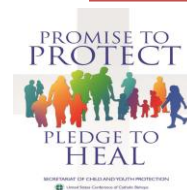
# EASTER SUNDAY



**St. Mary's Catholic School OPEN ENROLLMENT** St. Mary's Catholic School is holding their open enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year for Pre-school I (3-year olds) through eighth grade. **Registration is online.** To enroll go to [www.stmaryspsok.com](http://www.stmaryspsok.com), click on "Enroll Now!" which will take you to the "Admissions Online" page where you will "Create an Account" and proceed to fill out the online application. The Computer lab will be open for enrollment purposes. Please contact Elizabeth Patterson for computer access or Sarah Hunsaker, Principal at (580) 765-4387.



**It's not too late to sign up for our upcoming photography event!** Photography session times are still available. Head to our website and follow the Sign Up now link and be a part of new directory. Go to web site: [www.stmarypc.com](http://www.stmarypc.com). **Did you know?** Every participating family receives a **free 8x10 portrait** and a printed and electronic copy of our directory. Be a part of it. Sign up today.



**All Archdiocesan and Parish employees and all volunteers** who have regular contact with minors or vulnerable adults must complete the Safe Environment Protocol (paper application, interview, reference check, Code of Conduct, Safe Environment Training and Background Check) **BEFORE** being employed or accepted as a volunteer.

**April is Child Abuse awareness Month!**



**BRACE BOOK NIGHT!** St. Mary's Catholic School Night at Brace Books is Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-8pm! Come join us and support our Catholic School!



St. Mary's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class will hold a **BAKE SALE** after all the Masses April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Longest married couple** Nominations are being accepted for the 2019 Longest Married Couple Project sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. This year's presentations to winners will be in June. Winners are selected solely from nominations submitted at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). Deadline is May 15.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**JH/SH Faith Formation** is this Wednesday from 6:30-8PM. See you there!

**Marvelous Mystery! The Mass Comes Alive!** Calling all children and volunteers! VBS 2019 is set for July 8-12. Join us for fun, faith, and friends from 8:30 to noon. Call Bridgit for more information, (580) 382-6010.



St. Mary's Catholic School - Benefit Golf Tournament is coming up on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

If you would like to sponsor a hole or play in the tournament, we encourage you to get signed up! Contact Bill Schutte or pick up a form from the Church Office



**Happy Easter!** Faith Formation meets on Wednesday at 6:30 in the school. Our last class will be May 1st. Please join us in a celebratory Mass.

**CRS Rice Bowls - EASTER SUNDAY - ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST** We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at Faith Formation, school, or to the office.

*Please welcome the newest fully initiated members of our Church!*

### 2019 RCIA Class:

- Everet Brazil
- Edwin Guetierrez
- Tiffany Hermann
- Chris Merrifield
- Glen Ramage
- Kim Ramage
- Magan Robinson
- David Stewart
- Lauren Thomas

Thinking about join our Church? Call Bridgit at (580) 382-6010 to find out how!