

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ponca City, Oklahoma

May 26, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear parishioners,
While we are still in Easter season, we are starting to turn our attention to the Ascension of our Lord and the Pentecost that will follow. Let's continue to rejoice in the Resurrection, but also start to anticipate the Ascension of Christ into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit. I would encourage you, on May 31st, to pray the novena to the Holy Spirit with Archbishop Coakley. Praying for a new Pentecost for our archdiocese and our nation is important, so I hope you will join us in praying for this important event to happen. In the following, St. Leo the Great reflects on the post Resurrection appearances of Christ and the coming Ascension.

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope
Beloved, the days which passed between the Lord's resurrection and his ascension were by no means uneventful; during the great sacramental mysteries were confirmed, great truths revealed. In those days the fear of death with all its horrors was taken away, and the immortality of both body and soul affirmed. It was then that the Lord breathed on all his apostles and filled them with the Holy Spirit; and after giving the keys of the kingdom to blessed Peter, whom he had chosen and set above all the others, he entrusted him with the care of his flock.

During these days the Lord joined two of his disciples as their companion on the road, and by chiding them for their timidity and hesitant fears he swept away all the clouds of our uncertainty. Their lukewarm hearts were fired by the light of faith and began to burn within them as the Lord opened up the Scriptures. And as they shared their meal with him, their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread, opened far more happily to the sight of their own glorified humanity than were the eyes of our first parents to the shame of their sin.

Throughout the whole period between the resurrection and ascension, God's providence was at work to instill this one lesson into the hearts of the disciples, to set this one truth before their eyes, that our Lord Jesus Christ, who was truly born, truly suffered and truly died, should be recognized as truly risen from the dead. The blessed apostles together with all the others had been intimidated by the catastrophe of the cross, and their faith in the resurrection had been uncertain; but now they were so strengthened by the evident truth that when their Lord ascended into heaven, far from feeling any sadness, they were filled with great joy.

Indeed that blessed company had a great and inexpressible cause for joy when it saw man's nature rising above the dignity of the whole heavenly creation, above the ranks of angels, above the exalted status of archangels. Nor would there be any limit to its upward

course until humanity was admitted to a seat at the right hand of the eternal Father, to be enthroned at last in the glory of him to whose nature it was wedded in the person of the Son.

Have a great week, and know that you're in my prayers!

In Christ,

Weekly Income Report	
May 19, 2019	
Weekly Collection	\$16,945.00

Masses for the week...

- MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019 – Memorial Day**
9:00am †Ernestine Gilbert/Jarrett & Kathleen Auschwitz
- TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019**
12:10pm NO MASS
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019**
12:10pm NO MASS
- THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019**
9:30am NO MASS
(St. Francis of Assisi, Newkirk, OK)
4:00pm NO MASS
(Via Christi Chap)
- FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019**
7:00am COMMUNION SERVICE
12:10pm COMMUNION SERVICE
- SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019**
9:00am †Fr. Gallatin/Fr. Carson
5:00pm †Theresa Bohon/Tim & Genny Coffman
- SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019**
8:00am †Rosemary Glaser/Linda Cremers
9:30am MASS *(St. Francis Church, Newkirk)*
11:00am †Deceased Members of the Bellinghausen Family
1:00pm People of the Parish *(Spanish Mass)*
7:00pm †Jack Hudack/Joe Dempewolf

LOOKING ahead... May 27-June 1, 2019	
Monday	Memorial Day - Offices Closed Today
Tuesday	8-Noon GARAGE SALE SET-UP, Parish Hall
Wednesday	8-Noon GARAGE SALE SET-UP, Parish Hall
Thursday	8-Noon GARAGE SALE SET-UP, Parish Hall
Friday	8:00am - 1:00pm Garage Sale in the Parish Hall 10:30am CONFESSION, Chapel Area
Saturday	8:00am-1:00pm Garage Sale in the Parish Hall 3:30pm CONFESSION, Church 5:00pm 125 th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!
Sunday	6:30pm CONFESSION, Church

Please Pray For those who need prayers: 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, George F. Brown, Martha Begwin, Elaine Gray Calahan, Gary Kirchmeyer, Donna Schlitz, Jim Sheets, Asher Dailey, Tyson Rutter, Mark Ramsey, Betty Pino, Kaye Cunningham, Vivian Rose Graeff, Sue Odom, Barbara Spore, Jim Smith, Scarlett Wimer, Alicia Aguilar, Marcus Roggenbuck, Dakota Miller, Brian McCallen, Marianna Counter, Janet Wilson, James Hess, Gabriel Dietz, Sue Duckett, Ed O'Neill, Theresa Lane, Don Raulston, Lelah Tracy, Angi Jones, Marlene Taylor, Fred Boettcher, Thomas Taylor, Brent Roberson, Jillian Beekman, Joe Badley, Sandy Hudack, Pamela Cline, Sherry Burgell, Ben Delapaz, Tom Courtney, Mary Knori, Nick Patterson, Jr., Helen Bloxson, Jill Kestler, Dean Tate



The final days for Lifetouch to photograph our parishioners for our upcoming directory are **Tuesday, May 28th – Saturday, June 1st**. Please don't be left out-call the office and schedule your sitting time. We want YOU in our directory.

REMINDER: The Wednesday Mass Schedule has changed to 12:10pm every Wednesday in the Chapel!



Calling all teens and adult volunteers!
VBS 2019 needs people to help during the week of July 7-12 and the weeks before to prepare for VBS. Call Bridgit if you are available and interested!

VBS 2019!

Register soon to order a VBS t-shirt.
Join us for a **Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive!**
July 7-12, 2019 8:30am-12
Registrations available at SMCS or at the Church Office.

We need an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our archdiocese and God desires to grant this. We only have to ask. I have shared many times with you that this has been a constant prayer of mine since my installation as your archbishop. I have prayed earnestly for a new Pentecost for our archdiocese. Daily text reminders, including links to the prayers for each day, will be available to all who want them. There are two ways for parishioners to sign up:
Text **Pentecost2019** to 84576
OR Go to
<https://ArchOKC.Flocknote.com/Novena2019>



Our rummage sale is this week and we will need youth and parents to help organize items and work the sale. This is a Steubenville fundraiser, so all youth going on the trip and their parents are invited to work. We will be in the parish hall each day from Tuesday through Thursday from 8-noon to accept donations. The sale will be Friday and Saturday from 8-1. Please call/text Lisa if you are available to work.



125th Anniversary Celebration

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ponca City, OK

Saturday, June 1, 2019 5:00-9:00 pm

BBQ Picnic at Church

Games for the children, music, meeting new friends and reminiscing with old ones, a traditional BBQ with all the trimmings.

Mass with past Priests and Associate Priests
Celebrant: Rev. Carson Krittenbrink, Pastor
Rev. Devasahayam Undralla, Associate
Rev. Mr. Richard Robinson, Deacon