

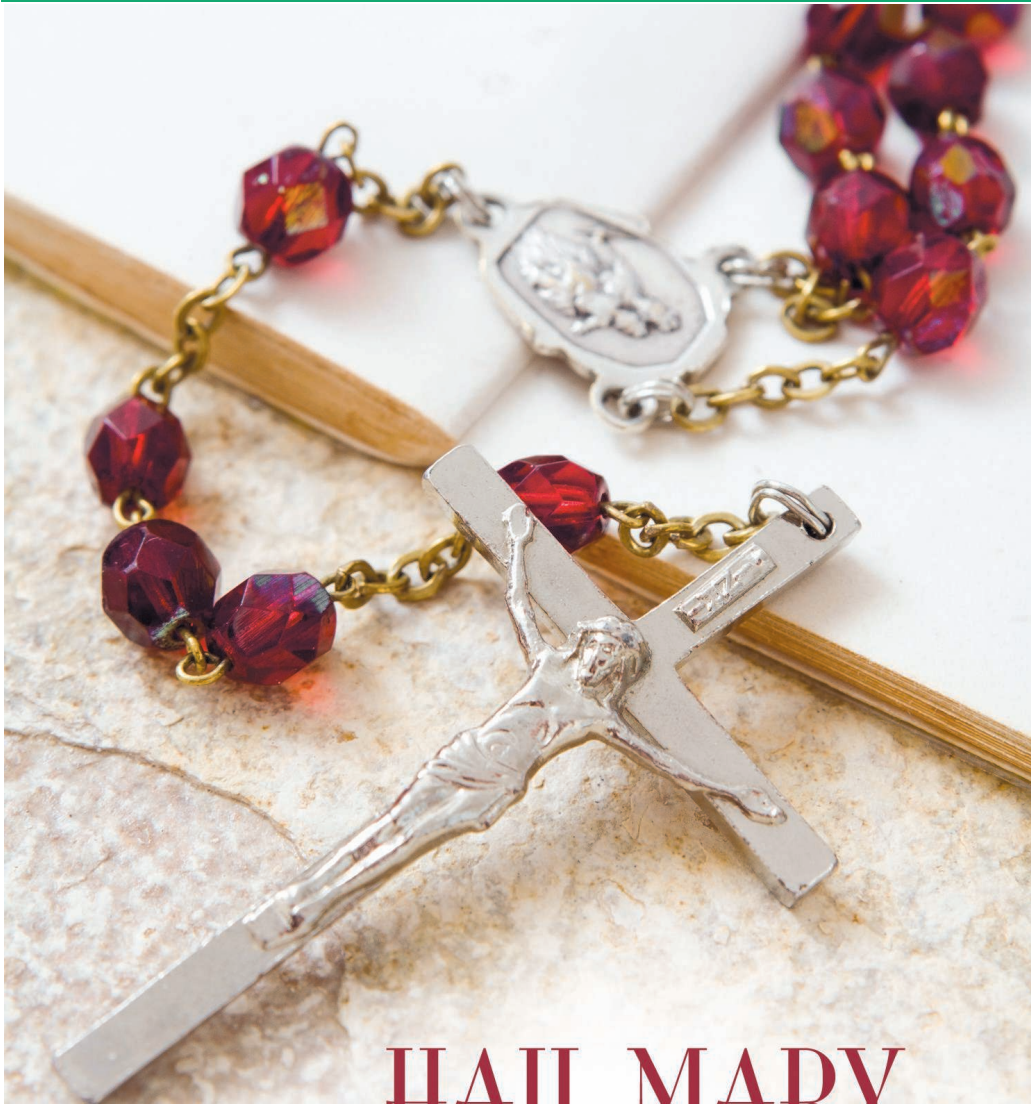
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BLESSED SACRAMENT (THOMAS)

SACRED HEART (HINTON)

PASTOR: Reverend Kelly Edwards 580-772-3209

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October, Month of the Rosary

October 20, 2019

WEEKEND MASSES
W'FORD Saturday 5:00 pm
HINTON Sunday 8:00 am
W'FORD Sunday 10:30 am
THOMAS Sunday 2:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday 12:10 pm
Wednesday 6:30 pm

FIRST FRIDAY
Exposition 7:00 am
Adoration 7:00-12:00
Benediction 12:00 pm
Mass 12:10 pm

CONFESSION
Saturday 4:00 pm

THURSDAY (HINTON)
ROSARY 5:15 pm
MASS 6:15 pm

ADULT DISCUSSION
Sunday 9:15 am--Classroom

EVENING ROSARY
Tuesday 6:00 pm English

CSA
Tuesday 7:30 pm Rosary
(Basement Chapel)
Wednesday Evening Prayer &
Weekly Meeting 5:30 pm
(Basement Social Room)

BAPTISM CLASS
By Appointment

MARRIAGE CLASSES
Schedule with Priest
6 months before wedding

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PARISH OFFICE INFO
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We Catholics of Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart, and St. Eugene Parishes of Western Oklahoma gather as community to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. We Praise the Lord. We proclaim the Good News. We celebrate the sacramental life of faith. We serve others as Jesus taught us. As disciples we follow the Lord and invite others to come walk with us.

BLESSED SACRAMENT (THOMAS)

520 N. Oklahoma, Thomas, OK 73669

SACRED HEART (HINTON)

204 N. Clark, Hinton, OK 73047

ST. EUGENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

704 N. Bryan, Weatherford, OK 73096

Parish News/Events**NEW CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE:****WEDNESDAY** After 6:30 pm Mass (Weatherford)**THURSDAY** 5:15 pm (Hinton)**SATURDAY** 4:00 pm (Weatherford)

“TRUNK-or-TREAT” HALLOWEEN, Oct 31, Parking Lot at St. Eugene, 5:00-6:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to participate by (1) bringing candy or (2) bringing candy and handing it out to treaters, or (3) bringing candy for the youth to give away. It's more fun if you dress in a costume. Anyone wanting to participate or have questions, please call Lisa Reese (580-330-1833).

ALL SAINTS DAY (a Holy Day of Obligation) is Friday, Nov. 1, 2019.

MASSES SCHEDULE: Vigil Mass, Oct 31 (Thursday) 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart in Hinton. **NO R. E. AT HINTON Oct 31.** Feast Day Masses, Nov 1 (Friday) 12:10 (noon) at St. Eugene, Weatherford; 6:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament, Thomas; and 8:00 pm at St. Eugene, Weatherford.

ALL SOULS DAY (not a Holy Day of Obligation) MASS will be celebrated on Saturday, 9:00 am at St. Eugene's.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD is in the Church to record the names of family members and parishioners who have died. Names Listed on previous years may be recorded again. On All Souls Day, Nov 2, the book will be placed in front of the Altar and remain there through November, as we pray for the deceased the entire month.

TRI-PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER will be Sunday, Nov 24, 5:00 pm at St. Eugene's. The food list is posted on the church foyer bulletin board. **St. Eugene parishioners, please sign up to bring food. Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart parishioners, please bring any type of food.**

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Weatherford Oct. 6 Envelopes \$2719.00, Cash \$279.00, Masses \$110.00, Col. Lunches \$130.00, Religious Art Works \$343.18, Religious Articles \$12.00, SVdP \$228.00. Hinton October 6 Envelopes \$160.00, Loose Cash \$175.00, Poor \$26.00. Thomas September 22 Contributions

October 20-26, 2019

We pray for

Sem. Jacob Farni

Farni's home parish is

St. Matthew Catholic Church, Elk City**Sem. Jacob is studying at****Kenrick Glennon Seminary****5200 Glennon Dr.****St. Louis MO. 63119****Farni was born 28 February 1995****E-mail is: farnijacob@gmail.com**

The **PASTORAL COUNCIL** is the Advisory Council to Father Edwards. The Council is also the “eyes and ears” of the parish and is the avenue to discuss parishioners concerns and recommendations with the Pastor.

IT IS ELECTION TIME FOR 3 MORE MEMBERS.

Every year 3 council members have completed their term and 3 additional council members are elected. Members are elected by parishioners (not the pastor).

Take a few minutes to call the parish office (580-772-3209) or Mark Hoffman (580-772-7884) and nominate those you would like to represent you on the Council. That is all you have to do. Everything else will be taken care of. Pastoral Council meets once a month.

Halloween? Well, it's like a pumpkin...

Dear Parishioners,

So, imagine that pumpkin that you carved into a jack-o-lantern for Halloween and then left it out on your front porch last year. Remember how after the first freeze it turned to mush and scariness that it had was totally gone? Halloween is like that: **When we celebrate Halloween we are reminding ourselves that, because we have Christ as our Savior, death is pathetic and weak like that mushy pumpkin.**

The question of Halloween has become more complicated as it has become more taken over by secular culture. Just like Christmas, it has become something other than what it was intended to be.

Halloween is intended to be a fun evening that helps us celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. The day after Halloween (Oct 31st) is All Saints Day (Nov 1st) so Halloween is the Eve of All Saints...All Saints...all holy ones...all hallows...hallows eve...Halloween!

And how does Halloween help us celebrate All Saints (and later, All Souls, Nov 2nd)? It gives us a fun way to laugh at death, a thing that all of us have to face eventually. Setting up exaggerated gravestones and spooky spider webs is actually a healthy way of acknowledging that death scares us.

How often have we remembered to thank God for his blessings?

Mass Intentions

Monday, Oct 21: No Mass
 Tuesday, Oct 22: 12:10 Mass of Thanksgiving
 Wednesday, Oct 23: 6:30 Mass (+) (Dorothy Phillips)
 Thursday, Oct 24: 6:15 Mass (Hinton) (+) Lynn Cole
 Friday, Oct 25: No Mass
 Saturday, Oct 26: 5:00 Mass (+) Dorothy Phillips

I think the Mexican tradition of Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) exemplifies this very well. Sugar skulls and cartoon skeletons tackle death by making it vibrant and funny but at the same time respects the dead who have gone before us. Their pictures are placed on an altar and remembered throughout the month of November.

Returning to Halloween specifically, the very nature of Halloween decorations and costumes should speak to a spiritual understanding of sin and evil. We dress up as something scary because we remember that evil is as easily gotten rid of as taking off a costume. It is not the real us. Sin is as flimsy as paper decorations.

We laugh at death and evil the night before All Saints because in the morning we celebrate the victory that the Saints have won over this fallen world. We make fun of death because the Saints prove that he does not have the victory. As St. Paul says "Where, o death is your victory? Where is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55)

Done right, Halloween can be a fun way to remember that God and goodness really have the upper hand. It's like putting on a play where bad things happen but you know the good guy is going to win in the end.

Things go wrong is when, instead of mocking evil, people embrace it. When we go from macabre and gothic to gore and violence, that is a problem. When we lose a Catholic understanding and start glorifying witchcraft and the occult, then we get into trouble.

To be absolutely clear: It is never okay to mess with anything occult, with Wiccan spells, Ouija boards, Tarot cards or things like that. Doing so can bring real evil and evil spirits on you and your loved ones. Do not even pretend to mess with these things! Any celebration of "Halloween" that uses pentagrams, violence, gore or embraces things explicitly evil and anti-Christian must be avoided and is contrary to the true spirit of the day.

To scare ourselves a little bit with a clever costume or a well carved pumpkin is perfectly fine. It's like scaring yourself by riding a roller-coaster. Getting off a scary roller-coaster reminds us how great it is to be alive. A proper Halloween reminds us that Christ has conquered fear and death and helps us to celebrate the Saints and the mercy of our God who has overcome the grave!

Halloween reminds us that, with Christ, the devil is as easily defeated as throwing away that rotting pumpkin on your front porch. Happy Halloween! In Christ, Fr. Kelly

Book of Life

MONDAY Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
 TUESDAY Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38
 WEDNESDAY Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
 THURSDAY Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
 FRIDAY Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
 WEEKEND Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



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Meetings

Sunday Adult Discussion 9:15am
Monday SVdP Pantry 4:00pm
 RCIA 7:00 pm
Tuesday SVdP Meeting 4:00pm
 CSA Rosary 7:30pm
 (basement chapel)
 Rosary (English) 6:00pm
Wednesday College Lunches 11:00-1:30
 SVdP Pantry 4:00pm
 R. E. 5:30 (pre K-5th Grades)
 R.E. 7:00pm (6-12 Grades);
 CSA Evening Prayer 5:30pm (Basement
 & Weekly Meeting Social Room)
Thursday Rosary 5:15pm (Hinton)

Ministries

Oct 26 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Communion Sharon Vonfeldt, Tony Stein
 Server Nick Ramos
 Lector Ed Phillips
 Ushers Walt Gosnell, Janet Gosnell
 Gifts Walt Gosnell Family

Oct 27 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Communion Phillip Kixmiller Tracee McPearson
 Mark Mapel, Sue Brandhorst
 Servers Alberto Arrieta, Ana Arrieta
 Sam Hoffman
 Lectors Dana Hoffman, Jacob Hoffman
 Mario Banda
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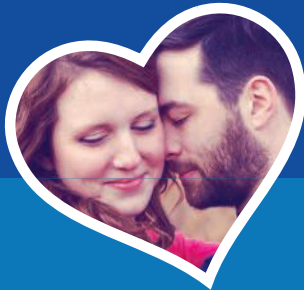
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