

## Sunday Collection

### Mass is currently suspended through April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to make your contributions to the parish for necessary expenses like salaries, utilities and general maintenance.

Take advantage of the convenience of *online giving* or you can mail or drop off your envelopes to the parish office. A secure entrance for social distancing is provided for the Meerschaert House front doors – just ring the door bell for assistance.

We will be happy to help you set up on-line giving. Go to our **facebook page** or our **parish website** for the **WeShare link** for online giving. If you need assistance please contact Jill Jacoby at [jjacoby@stfrancisokc.com](mailto:jjacoby@stfrancisokc.com).

## Weekly Mass Schedule

### Monday, March 30 – Lenten Weekday

*Dn 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11*

12 Noon † Dao Thi Nguyen (Thuy Pham)

### Tuesday, March 31 – Lenten Weekday

*Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30*

12 Noon † Phuong Nguyen (Thuy Pham)

### Wednesday, April 1 – Lenten Weekday

*Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42*

12 Noon † Joseph Nguyen Hien & Theresa Nguyen (Maria Ann Nguyen)

### Thursday, April 2 – St. Francis of Paola

*Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59*

12 Noon † Lorraine Norwood (Bonnie Burkey)

### Friday, April 3 – Lenten Weekday

*Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42*

12 Noon † Peter Thinh Pham (Tho & Cindy)

### Sunday, April 4 – Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

*Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66*

11:00 AM † Mr. & Mrs. Thuc Van Nguyen (Tuan Nguyen)

## This Week at St. Francis

### Monday, March 30

9:00 AM-3:00 PM Church open for private prayer  
12 NOON Live-streaming daily Mass from chapel

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### Wednesday, April 1

9:00 AM-3:00 PM Church open for private prayer  
12 NOON Live-streaming daily Mass from chapel

### Thursday, April 2

9:00 AM-3:00 PM Church open for private prayer  
12 NOON Live-streaming daily Mass from chapel

### Friday, April 3

9:00 AM-12 NOON Church open for private prayer  
12 NOON Live-streaming daily Mass from chapel  
1:00-3:00 PM Confession – CH  
(See explanation below)

### Saturday, April 4

### Sunday, April 5

11:00 AM Live-streaming Sunday Mass (church)

CH=Church, MH=Meerschaert House, FLC=Family Life Center, KR=Kelly Room, YR=Youth Room, RS=Rosary School, PH=Parish Hall, CR=Choir Room

## Upcoming Parish Events

### Live Streaming Daily and Sunday Mass

Father Novak and Father Linh are live-streaming daily Mass from the chapel Monday through Friday at 12 Noon. Sunday Mass is live-streamed at 11:00 a.m. from the church. There is also a virtual “school mass” designed for children on Wednesdays (our usual school Mass day) at Noon.

The YouTube channel is <http://bit.ly/SFAOKCYouTube> or visit our facebook page.

### Confession

Confession is being offered in the church on Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Use the west Virginia Avenue entrance and make a “car line” in the front of the church. You will be asked to come into the church when a confessional is open. The confessionals are wiped with disinfectant in between use and the priests are behind screens.

### Church Open for Private Prayer

Monday through Thursday, the church is open for private prayer time from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. On Fridays it is open from 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon. We ask that you spread out and limit the amount attending to 10 or less people.

### Parish Offices Remain Open

The parish office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. You may drop off correspondence and church contributions by entering in the front door of the Meerschaert House (ring doorbell) and deposit things in the basket on the table. The church staff will have their doors closed to keep a social distance.

### Baptism Seminar

The Baptism seminar scheduled for Saturday, April 4 has been cancelled. Please call the office, watch the website and bulletin for a new date.

### St. Vincent de Paul Committee Meeting

The St. Vincent de Paul Committee has cancelled their meetings through April.

### RE Classes Cancelled

Religious Ed classes have been cancelled through April 12<sup>th</sup>. For RE watch the bulletin for further developments or email [teresa-schumacher@att.net](mailto:teresa-schumacher@att.net).

### Palm Sunday Mass Live-Streamed

Father Novak will bless our palms at the lived-streamed Palm Sunday Mass on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The palms will be available for you to pick up on the following Monday from the church narthex during the private prayer time.

## Youth News

**Big news!** We have partnered with YM Live, who produces the NCYC conference. For the next few Sunday evenings, you will be able to log on to an hour long virtual youth conference. It will include praise and worship music, national Catholic speakers such as Paul J. Kim and Katie Prejan McGrady. Each broadcast will be an hour long and we will meet virtually online afterwards for a bit. As soon as we receive the broadcast link and time, it will be posted on our youth facebook page, St. Francis facebook page, and both youth group's "group me". This will be a great resource during this time of social distancing.

**Registration for Totus Tuus is underway!** Spots sold out last year, so be sure to reserve your children for this fun weeklong faith camp. For water day this year, we will have a water slide! Forms are available through RE, Rosary school folders, St. Francis website, St. Francis church and youth facebook pages. Email [youth@stfrancisokc.com](mailto:youth@stfrancisokc.com) with any questions or to request a registration form to be emailed to you. High school volunteers can earn service hours!

**Due to health concerns of the Covid-19 Coronavirus, all youth events will be cancelled through April 12<sup>th</sup>.** Future dates will be confirmed as we have more information. This follows the cancellation of all group activities for St. Francis parish. Please continue to pray for all those affected by the virus, including medical professionals and members of our SF community.

## Other News & Information

### Remember Our Catechumens and Candidates

Please remember in your prayers those who have been preparing to enter the Church this Easter. Their initiation has been postponed, but they are still members of our community and we look forward to the day when all of us will be united together and with them at the sacrifice of the mass.

### Read the Parish Bulletin for Updates!

Reminder: the Bulletin can be viewed on our parish website at [www.stfrancisokc.com](http://www.stfrancisokc.com) or our parish facebook page.

### Easter Flower Envelope

Even though our Easter Mass will be live-streamed, please use your Easter Flower envelope or the online version since the church will still be decorated for Easter.

### Lenten Observances

We abstain from eating meat on the Fridays during Lent. Meats include all beef, poultry and pork. Fish is allowed.

### Lenten Study Guides Available

Archbishop Coakley encourages all clergy and lay people to spend time during Lent studying the latest pastoral letter, "Go Make Disciples! Building a Culture of Conversion and Discipleship for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City" with the help of new study guides in English and Spanish. The letter and pastoral plan lay out the vision for the Archdiocese through 2030. Find the pastoral letter and study guides at [archokc.org/Vision2030](http://archokc.org/Vision2030).

### Catholic Charities 2019 Appeal Update

Catholic Charities would like to thank each one of you for helping us reach our 2019 Annual Appeal goal of \$2.7 million. With your prayers and financial support, we are able to assist more than 9,500 people in need in central and western Oklahoma. Thank you for helping us to provide hope to all!

## Let Us Pray for the Sick

Steve Weaver, Maureen Maude, Ron Wallace, Ray Copeland, Wilma Wadesworth, Cindy Emberty, Bill Naifeh, Victoria Wilson, Ginnie Schaefer, Luke Schaefer, Minh Nguyen, Mary Ellen Scholes, Michael Scoles, Robert Konarik, Kathi Hamilton, Billy Patton, Joseph Patton, John Griffith, Judy Varnado, Catherine Richardson, Paulette Hillerman, Joanne Hutchison, Troy Bunch, Tom Harrington and Michael Jezercak

**Many Catholics have never heard of a "spiritual communion" but, throughout the history of the Church, there have been times when a person is unable to receive the Eucharist. In those instances, to practice a spiritual communion reveals one's life-long love of the Eucharist. You and your family are encouraged to pray the prayer below at any time but especially when watching Mass.**

### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire you to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already here and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.