

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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**Our Mother of Mercy Church, Waynoka**

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Bulletin deadline Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.*

**Luke 1: 41-43**

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"



*Ministers - Dec. 26/27, 2015*

**Alva:**

Lector: Nancy Killian

EMHC: Jerri Franco, John Barton

Servers: Emily B., Julie O.

Usher: Ron & Liz Bittle

Gifts: The Shawn O'Neil Family

**Cherokee:**

Lector: Rashele Blakely

Usher: Maggie & Ken Koppenaal

Gifts: Alan & Karen Armbruster

**Waynoka:**

Lector: Jordon Taylor

Usher: Bob Glass

## **St. Cornelius Christmas Baskets**

Donations of food are now being accepted to fill Christmas baskets for needy families in Cherokee.

Saint Cornelius Altar Society will supply a ham.

Please bring groceries to church on Sunday or make arrangements with Mary Austin at 580-596-2476.

Food items must be brought no later than December 20th. Thank you for your generosity!



### **Christmas Holy Day Masses**

Thursday, Dec. 24 – 4:00 pm, Our Mother of Mercy, Waynoka

Thursday, Dec. 24 - **12:00 midnight**, Sacred Heart, Alva

Friday, Dec. 25 - 9:00 am, Sacred Heart, Alva

Friday Dec. 25 - 11:30 am, St. Cornelius, Cherokee



### **New Year's Holy Day Masses**

Thursday, Dec. 31 - 4:00 pm, Our Mother of Mercy, Waynoka

Friday, January 1 - 9:00 am, Sacred Heart, Alva

Friday, January 1 - 11:30 am, St. Cornelius, Cherokee

## *Liturgical Schedule*

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### **Saturday, December 19**

3:30 pm: Sacrament of Confession, Waynoka

4:00 pm: Mass, Waynoka for Priests Intention

#### **Sunday, December 20**

8:15 am: Sacrament of Confession, Alva

9:00 am: Mass, Alva for The People

11:15 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation, Cherokee

11:30 am: Mass, Cherokee for Priests Intention

#### **Monday, December 21**

NO MASS

#### **Tuesday, December 22**

6:00 pm: Sacrament of Confession

6:30 pm: Mass, Alva

#### **Wednesday, December 23**

12:00 noon: Mass, Alva

6:30 pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament, Cherokee

#### **Thursday, December 24**

4:00 pm: Mass, Waynoka

12:00 Midnight: Mass, Alva

#### **Friday, December 25, The Nativity of The Lord**

9:00 am: Mass, Alva

11:30 am: Mass, Cherokee

#### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

#### **Saturday, December 26**

3:30 pm: Sacrament of Confession, Waynoka

4:00 pm: Mass, Waynoka for Priests Intention

#### **Sunday, December 27**

8:15 am: Sacrament of Confession, Alva

9:00 am: Mass, Alva for The People

11:15 am: Sacrament of Reconciliation, Cherokee

11:30 am: Mass, Cherokee for Priests Intention

*The Holy Rosary is prayed before Mass  
on the first and third Sundays of the month in Alva and every  
Sunday before Mass in Cherokee.*

### Please pray for:

Don & Bunny Pfeiffer, +Kathryn Pierce, Guadalupe Torres, Duvigen Torres, Bea Valencia, +John Hendrix, Michael Arebalo, Tracy Lundy, Kyle Hadwiger, Tammy Brown, Gary Kilian, Mary Ellen Turner, Glenn Schlarb, Deacon Gary Means, Louise Ewing, Deloris Kilian, Donovan Reichenberger, LaUna Levings, Ruby Kaczor, Wesley Mervine, Fred Isenbart, Sr., Rev. Lawrence & his parishioners, Richard Glossip, Tom Reid, Geneva Difenbach

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS: Dec. 5/6,2015

	Sacred Heart	St. Cornelius	Our Mother of Mercy
Weekly Budget	\$1,260.00	\$340.00	\$260.00
Collection	\$1,260.00	\$366.00	\$115.00
Over/Under	0.00	+\$26.00	-\$145.00
Good Samaritan	\$49.94		
Building Fund			
Parking Lot Fund			
Candles			
Capital Campaign			\$213.00

## Christmas Poinsettias

**Sponsor a Poinsettia for Sacred Heart**

**Call Floral Designs by Suzie in Alva**

**580-327-0300**

**Sponsor a Poinsettia for Our Mother of Mercy**

**Call Vivian at Flowers and Things in Waynoka**

**580-824-0023**

**Sponsor a Poinsettia for Saint Cornelius**

**Call Cole's Flowers in Cherokee**

**580-596-3317**

## Seminarian Education Appeal

Catholic households in the archdiocese recently received a direct mailing from the Vocations Office, regarding our Seminarian Education Appeal (SEA). Our parishes no longer take up a second collection at Christmas Masses for seminarian education expenses. In place of the collection, the archdiocese sends a direct request for a pledge toward the appeal, along with a miniature version of the seminarian poster and a vocation prayer card. Last year, the SEA campaign collected more than \$207,525. We appreciate your generosity. Each financial gift goes toward the cost of educating our future priests. Please also pray for our seminarians and for more young men to join them. For more information, contact the Vocations Office at (405) 721-9351. events at [www.archokc.org](http://www.archokc.org).

## **Marriage**

If you are engaged or preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage within the next year, please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy Callison as soon as possible to begin speaking about the “Marriage Preparation” process. It is never too early to have the first meeting with the priest, even if the subsequent meetings are months away. This meeting is necessary in order to set the date of the wedding.

## **Convalidations**

If you or your spouse were Catholic at the time of your marriage and did not work together with a Catholic priest or deacon to be prepared for the Sacrament of Marriage, if you have not yet done so, you need to have your marriage convalidated ( or as it is often said “blessed by the Church). This is a very simple process, and it costs nothing. Please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy Callison for more information.

## **Annulments**

If you are now Catholic and are divorced and remarried (or even just dating after a divorce), your previous marriage needs to be annulled - even if you were not yet Catholic at the time of that previous marriage. Please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy Callison to ask questions about or to begin this simple and free process. This process is composed of filling out and submitting a small amount of paperwork (sometimes this includes a questionnaire). After those papers are submitted, your part of the work is finished. Once submitted, it takes anywhere from a few weeks to a few months for the process to be completed.

## **RCIA Instruction To “Become Catholic”**

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or would like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic, please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy Callison by phone or by email. If you would like to come into the Church at Easter time in 2016, your first meeting with Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy should take place before the end of December.

## **Baptismal Seminars**

If you need to have one of your children baptized (even if the child is not yet born) or if you desire to be the Godparent for the family member or friend who is being baptized, please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy to set up a one-hour baptismal seminar.

## **Confirmation**

If you are a Catholic and for some reason have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Fr. Bala or Deacon Roy to arrange for that to take place in the upcoming months.

# How to gain an Indulgence this Holy Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Indulgence can be gained each time a person crosses through the Holy Doors in one of these Churches, under the usual conditions.

## Designation of Holy Doors in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oklahoma City

Saint Joseph Old Cathedral, Oklahoma City

Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Prague

Saint Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee

Saint Peter Catholic Church, Woodward

Saint Mary Catholic Church, Ponca City

Holy Cross Catholic Church, Madill

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Lawton

**13 December 2015 through 16 November 2016**

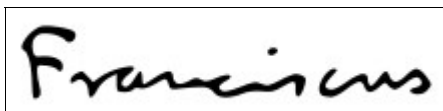
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation within several days (about 20) before or after;

receive the Holy Eucharist;

pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Only one indulgence can be gained on any given day.

" Furthermore, the Jubilee Indulgence can also be obtained for the deceased. We are bound to them by the witness of faith and charity that they have left us. Thus, as we remember them in the Eucharistic celebration, thus we can, in the great mystery of the Communion of Saints, pray for them, that the merciful Face of the Father free them of every remnant of fault and strongly embrace them in the unending beatitude."

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