

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**124 W. Bridge Avenue, PO Box 578, Blackwell, OK 74631**  
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**March 21/22, 2026**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45**



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**CONFESSIONS**  
 Blackwell: On Saturdays at 4:30 pm or any time by appointment.  
 Tonkawa: On Sundays 15-20 minutes before Mass or after.  
**ADORATION**  
 Blackwell: Weekly on Thursdays 9:00 am – 10:30 am.  
 Tonkawa: Weekly on Tuesdays 8:30-9:30 am.  
**ROSARY**  
 25 Minutes before all the Masses.



St. Joseph Church, Tonkawa  
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<b>Blackwell</b>	
<b>Sat., Mar. 21, 5:30 pm</b>	<b>† Donna Moreland</b>
<b>Sun., Mar. 22, 9:00 am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wed., Mar. 25, 5:30 pm</b>	<b>†Anthony Baum</b>
<b>Thu., Mar. 26, 9:00 am</b>	<b>† Leticia Montehermosos</b>
<b>Fri., Mar. 27, 9:00 am</b>	<b>Karen Huddleston - Blessings</b>
<b>Sat., Mar. 28, 5:30 pm</b>	<b>†Edna Bowling</b>
<b>Sun., Mar. 29, 9:00 am</b>	<b>†Gerry Ingram</b>
<b>Tonkawa</b>	
<b>Sun., Mar. 22, 11:00 am</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Mon. Mar. 23, 8:15 am</b>	<b>Pando Family-Blessings</b>
<b>Tues., Mar. 24, 8:15 am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wed., Mar. 25, 8:15 am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Sun., Mar. 29, 11:00 am</b>	<b>Julian Zeledon-Birthday Blessings</b>

**OFFERINGS: Blackwell:** Sunday Collection - \$1,531.00; Building Fund – \$126.00; \$; Black and Indian Missions - \$36.00; St. Vincent - \$30.00. **Tonkawa:** Weekly Collection - \$483; Building Fund \$; Centennial –\$9000; St. Vincent De Paul - \$. Thank you for your generosity to our parishes.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH:** For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Youth Steubenville Fundraiser-**We are offering a whole pig, with processing, and a Smart TV for \$10 a ticket or 5 tickets for \$40. Please let Robyn know if you would like to purchase a ticket.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2026 GROUP: The Bible timeline: The Story of Salvation.** Join us on Sunday evenings, at 5:30 pm for a fascinating 24-leson study that takes you on a journey through the entire Bible! Learn about the major people, places and events of the Bible and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture using the unique color-coded Bible Timeline Learning System. Encounter God in His Word. We will meet two more weeks, March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> and then take a three week break resuming the Bible Study on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** It is time for a new pictorial directory! Our photograph dates are **April 14<sup>th</sup> (Tonkawa)** and **April 28<sup>th</sup> (Blackwell)**. Just for participating, you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory. You will view your images right away and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Volunteers will be available after mass to assist you in making an appointment or you may make an appointment online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) Our church code is: **ok287**. The password is: **sjcc123**.

**CRS RICE BOWL:** As Catholics, the spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving guide people in daily reflection during the 40 days of Lent. Lent is an opportunity for people to reflect on their lives as they strive to deepen their relationship with God and neighbor—no matter where in the world that neighbor may live. Lent is a time of personal and spiritual growth, a time to look outward and inward. One simple way to enhance the Lenten practice is to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl program. During Lent, Catholics and families across the United States use a Rice Bowl — a small cardboard box—to pray, fast and collect alms in support of their people living in poverty around the world. Each Rice Bowl comes with a calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities and reflections connected to our global family. Go to [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for information, prayers, stories and activities to enhance the Lenten practice. **Pick up a Rice Bowl in the Gathering Area.**

#### Holy Week Liturgy Schedule

	Blackwell	Tonkawa
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>March, 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 5.30 pm and March 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9.00 am</b>	<b>March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am</b>
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	<b>April, 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30 pm</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>NO Service</b>	<b>April, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Stations of the Cross at 6.30 pm followed by the Service</b>
<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>April, 4<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 pm</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>April, 5<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am</b>	<b>April, 5<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am</b>

**MARCH BIRTHAYS: (BLACKWELL)** Luis Hernandez, Sharon Zimmerschied, Carina Sosa, Dennis Cooke, Cindy McKee (4), Brittany Zink (21), Adelida Marra (9), Melanie Walton (27), Sharon Lanie, Kimberly Rios ( 26), Joem P., (15) Reign P., (17). **(Tonkawa)** Melissa Pando (10); Randy Caughlin (12); Julian Z. (13); Brenda Vazquez (14); Nathan C. (15); Katy Harris (18); Tony Pando (20).

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: (From Blackwell)** Mary Burns, Charles Stuever, Adrian Marra, Robert & Kitty Fisher, Samantha Ware, Meredith Sookbang, Kimberly Sookbang, Betty Evans, Eddie Zimmerschied, Jacob Marra, Emma Sanchez, Elaine Hooper, Jorje Miranda, Kenneth Cookson, Geraldine Phillips, Mike Thomas, Jo Edmisson, Bill Stone, Maan Amaronte, Sharon Lanie, Julia Stuever, Lorraine McKain, & Richard Thomas. **(From Tonkawa)** Mike Jordan, Dineo Heilmann, AnnMarie Stanford, Malakai Boucherie, Travis O'Dell, Teresa Zink, Josette Mimbela, Blake Brown, Travis Parker, David L. Martin, Virginia Combrink, Janelle Elfvin, Charla and Rich Allan, Helen Rogers, Dan Pracht, Ann Thornburgh, Abby Davis, Tyra Gleason, Mary Poskey, Robin McElroy, Candace Brown, Beverly Mazurier Hinrichs, Barry Kausler, Monica Ochoa, and Kristi Neighbors, Paula Jones, Barb Overland, Dorothy Davis, Marilyn Pendleton, Jeff, Madea, Connor, Tanner, Makenzie, Ozzie Davis and all military men and women.