

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
324 W. Bridge Avenue, PO Box 578, Blackwell, OK 74631
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November 29/30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



St. Joseph Church, Blackwell
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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.

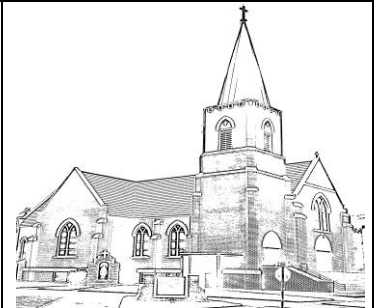
ADORATION

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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Masses in Blackwell	
Sat., Nov. 29, 5:30 pm	Darrell & LeaAnne Steelmon Family - Blessings
Sun., Nov. 30, 9:00 am	The First Sunday of Advent. John & Marilyn Stemle - Blessings
Wed., Dec. 3, 5:30 pm	NO MASS
Thu., Dec. 4, 9:00 am	Lonnie Stone- Blessings
Sat., Dec. 6, 5:30 pm	Julia Stuever Family – For their health
Sun., Dec. 7, 9:00 am	For the Parish
Masses in Tonkawa	
Sun., Nov. 30, 11:00 am	The First Sunday of Advent. For the Parish
Mon., Dec. 1, 8:15 am	Simpson Family-Blessings
Tues., Dec. 2, 8:15 am	Smithheisler Family-Blessings
Wed., Dec. 3, 8:15 am	Stanford Family-Blessings
Sun., Dec. 7, 11:00 am	Swords Family-Blessings

OFFERINGS: Blackwell: Sunday Collection - \$1,640.25; Building Fund – \$151.00; St. Vincent - \$.
Tonkawa: Weekly Collection - \$400.75; Building Fund - \$80.00; Centennial – \$50.00; St. Vincent De Paul - \$. Thank you for your generosity to our parishes.

Tonkawa Parish Christmas Potluck and Bingo-Mark your calendars for December 14th for our Annual St. Joseph Christmas Parish Potluck and Bingo. We will gather after Mass to enjoy a meal together as a Parish family and then play a few games of bingo. Bingo cards will be \$1 each and all proceeds will go to the Tonkawa Food Bank. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a fun afternoon.

PARISH REGISTRATION: As we begin to prepare for our church's centennial, we will be updating our Parish Registration records. All parishioners are asked to pick up and fill out a registration form from the table at the back of the church.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS: October 2026 will mark the Centennial of our church building. 1). In preparation for our celebration, we will begin having a 2nd collection every second Sunday of the month. This money will be used to fund centennial projects including, but not limited to, dinners, beautification projects, and expenses for planning. Please keep this in mind as you budget your giving each month. 2). We will need everyone to help out in some capacity to make this celebration great. You will find sign-up sheets at the entrance of the church for committees that need help. Please sign-up for at least one committee. If you have any questions, please call Robyn at (580) 761-6937.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Let us wish Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their birthday during the month of **DECEMBER: (Blackwell)** Dorothy Buellesfeld (12), Alejandro Hernandez (21), Kathy Thomas (18), Guadalupe M., (12), Ken Glass, Frank Moreland, Grace Sawyer, Justin Favela, and Matt North (29). Fr.Bala (23)**(Tonkawa)** MARY RICHARDS (6); MANUEL ELIAN VAZQUEZ (7); DAWN HUFF (9); MARIA CAUGHLIN (13); PHILLIP CAUGHLIN (14); JOYCE LENZEN (14); WILLIAM HARRIS (16); CHELSEA ROTHGEB (18); VIRGINIA SIGALA (18); ARACELIE SIGALA (20); MIGUEL PANDO (24); CINTHIA RODRIGUEZ (25); CATHY HAEN (28); JAY BELLINGHAUSEN (30).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: (From Blackwell) Michael Newton, Helen Weber, Terry Clonts, Matt North, Adrian Marra, Katrina Hess, Anthony Bahm, Robert & Kitty Fisher, Samantha Ware, Meredith Sookbang, Kimberly Sookbang, David Bradley, 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)** Melanie Bellinghausen, Cathy Haen, Lila Logan, Kristie Wright, Julie Robinette, Nicki Boonie, Connie VanAusdall, Enrique Eulloqui, Dianne Jeans, Susan Ochoa, Suzy Lenhart, 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, Alva Mitchell, Sandra Mitchell, Abby Davis, Tyra Gleason, Mary Poskey, Robin McElroy, Candace Brown, Beverly Mazurier Hinrichs, Barry Kausler, Jill Muegge, Monica Ochoa, Kristi Neighbors, Paula Jones, Barb Overland, Dorothy Davis, Marilyn Pendleton, Jeff, Madea, Connor, Tanner, Makenzie, Ozzie Daviis and all military men and women.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.