OUR SACRED PURPOSE

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Norman, Oklahoma, exists to proclaim Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of the world. Jesus invites us into relationship with Him, to become His disciples, and to continue His mission.

Our Core Values: Hospitality, Reverence, and Charity

WELCOME!

If you are visiting and would like to make St. Joseph’s your home, please fill out a registration form with a hospitality minister after Mass or visit the parish office.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Wednesday at 5:00 pm in the Chapel, Saturday at 3:15 pm in the Church, or by appointment with our priest. Please call the parish office to schedule.

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Announcements

Live Stream Schedule / Videos en Vivo:

- Mon - Thur / Lunes - Jueves 3 PM
  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
  Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

- Rosario en Español - Jueves 5 PM
  Rosary in English - Friday 8 AM
  Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

How to find the live stream videos / Como encontrar los video en vivo:

- STJOSEPHSOK.ORG
- Facebook.com/STJOES

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

For live video of Rosaries, Masses, and other prayers around the Archdiocese:

https://archokc.org/health
**Mass Intentions**

**Pastor’s Letter**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

From a Homily given by St. John Paul II on Divine Mercy Sunday

"Jesus, I trust in you". This prayer, dear to so many of the devout, clearly expresses the attitude with which we too would like to abandon ourselves trustfully in your hands, O Lord, our only Saviour.

You are burning with the desire to be loved and those in tune with the sentiments of your heart learn how to build the new civilization of love. A simple act of abandonment is enough to overcome the barriers of darkness and sorrow, of doubt and desperation. The rays of your divine mercy restore hope, in a special way, to those who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer. Help us too, St Faustina, whom we remember today with special affection. Fixing our weak gaze on the divine Saviour's face, we would like to repeat with you: "Jesus, I trust in you". Now and for ever. Amen."

**Online Giving Link:**
You can still tithe or make donations to the parish by visiting [https://stjosephsok.weshareonline.org/](https://stjosephsok.weshareonline.org/)

**Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?**

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

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**Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group**

If you’re in need of consolation after losing a loved one to suicide, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. It meets once a week for 6 weeks. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship for Catholics and non-Catholics.

For more details, call Judy & Evelyn 405-301-7372.
Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

Tomada de la homilía dada por San Juan Pablo II el domingo de la Divina Misericordia.

“Jesús, en ti confío. Esta oración, querida por muchos devotos, expresa claramente la actitud con la que también nos gustaría abandonarnos con confianza en tus manos, Oh! Señor, nuestro único Salvador. Tu ardes con el deseo de ser amado y aquel que sintoniza con los sentimientos de tu corazón aprenden a construir la nueva civilización del amor. Un simple acto de abandono basta para romper las barreras de la oscuridad y el dolor, de la duda y la desesperación. Los rayos de tu misericordia divina restauran la esperanza, de manera especial, a aquellos que se sienten abrumados por la carga del pecado.

María, Madre de la Misericordia, haz que mantengamos siempre viva esta confianza en tu Hijo, nuestro Redentor. Ayúdanos también tu, Santa Faustina, a quien hoy recordamos con tan especial afecto. Fijando nuestra débil mirada en el rostro del Salvador Divino, queremos repetir contigo: “Jesús, en ti confío”. Hoy y siempre. Amén.”
ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO esta cancelado hasta nuevo aviso.
Por favor, haga un espacio en su hogar que sea propício para orar en paz y silencio.
El Señor está presente en todas partes, incluso en la casa.

Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe,
Reina de los Ángeles y Madre de las Américas.
Acudimos a ti hoy como tus amados hijos.
Te pedimos que intercedes por nosotros con tu Hijo,
como lo hiciste en las bodas de Caná.

Ruega por nosotros, Madre amorosa,
y obtén para nuestra nación, nuestro mundo,
y para todas nuestras familias y seres queridos,
la protección de tus santos ángeles,
para que podamos salvarnos de lo peor de esta enfermedad.

Para aquellos que ya están afectados,
te pedimos que les concedas la gracia de la sanación y la liberación.
Escucha los gritos de aquellos que son vulnerables y temerosos,
seca sus lágrimas y ayúdalos a confiar.

En este tiempo de dificultad y prueba,
enseñanos a todos en la Iglesia a amarnos los unos a los otros y a ser pacientes y amables.

Ayúdanos a llevar la paz de Jesús a nuestra tierra y a nuestros corazones.
Acudimos a ti con confianza, sabiendo que realmente eres nuestra madre compasiva,
la salud de los enfermos y la causa de nuestra alegría.

Refúgianos bajo el manto de tu protección, manténnos en el abrazo de tus brazos,
ayúdanos a conocer siempre el amor de tu Hijo, Jesús.
Amén

Programa de Formación de Diáconos
El período de solicitud para la Clase de Diacono Permanente 2025 esta abierta. Para aplicar, porfavor réunase con el pastor de la parroquia en la que se encuentra registrado; el pastor solicitará que se le envíe la aplicación por correo electrónico; complete la aplicación y proporcione los documentos que respalden la informacion; envíe la aplicación por correo electrónico como se indica en el paquete para su revisión y evaluación. Se aceptarán solicitudes hasta el 29 de mayo del presente año. Si tiene preguntas, por favor envíelas por correo electrónico a nmejstrik@archoke.org.

Donacínones en línea:
Pueden mandar los sobres a la oficina, o también puedes hacer tu contribución por la pagina que sigue https://stjosephsok.weshareonline.org/

Deacon formation program
The application period is open for the Permanent Deacon Class of 2025. To apply, meet with the pastor at the parish where you are registered; pastor will request an application be e-mailed to you; complete application and provide supporting documents; e-mail completed application as instructed in the packet for review and assessment. Applications will be accepted through May 29. E-mail questions to nmejstrik@archoke.org.
Youth and Religious Education

We are headed back to Irving, Texas for the Steubenville youth conference!

9th through 12th grade!
If you are currently in 8th grade you are eligible to attend.
We have limited spots available. We are in need of chaperones as well. Please contact Itzel Duke for more information or to sign up!

Happy Birthday!

Don’t see your birthday? Please email Tatiana.Rodriguez@stjosephsok.org or call 405-321-8080
No ves tu cumpleaños? Por favor contáctenos a Tatiana.Rodriguez@stjosephsok.org o 405-321-8080

April 19
Alan Escobar, Jessica Gutierrez, Kyleeth Lopez, Sebastian Lopez, Daniela Maldonado, Milly Rodriguez, Emma Lou Spor, Higinio Venegas

April 20
Blaimy Barrios, Tammy J. Dobry, Adriana Esquivel, Jorge Figueroa, Maira Fraire, Isauro Garcia, Maya Juvera, Angeline Kuligowski, Maria Lara, Nathalie Lopez, Noel Mena, Regina Ortiz, Mariana Rodriguez, Gustavo Vargas Ramirez, Christopher Widman

April 21
Rodrigo Sanchez, Patricia Smith, Richard M. Stawicki, Cristal Velasco

April 22
Luis Baca, Logan William Crawford, Angel Hernandez, Michael William Isaacs, Luis Padills, Gerardo Perales, Doug Rogers, Zachary Judd Wright

April 23
Ashley Ramirez, Angela Ross, Mauro Yanez

April 24
Michael Craig, Mary C. Hetz, Mario Lopez, Michael Peters, Nathan Shaw, Kaylynn Streun, Irbing Venegas, Carlos Zacarias

April 25
Jesus Garcia, Steven Hipp, Cody Huskinson, Steve McKenna, Folla Okewole, Moises Perez, Lourdes Ramirez, Abraham Rocha, Edgar Velasco
Words to Consider...

“Some people are asking when we will go back to normal. But we won’t and we really can’t. This historical moment will change us — in ways we can’t control or even predict. How we act now, and with whom, and for whom, will shape and even determine who “we” will be when this current health crisis begins to pass.

My dear friend, Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest and spiritual teacher, gave me an image this Holy Week of a crucified Christ on the cross this Good Friday with outstretched hands saying to a world of coronavirus suffering, “I can’t stop your suffering, but am with you in it.”

The celebration of the Resurrection on this Easter Sunday morning may be saying to us in this COVID-19 moment, “I can, and we can make these things that have been revealed — new.” Two women rushed back early that morning from the graveyard with the happy news that everything can be different now. Other disciples ran wide-eyed into an empty tomb and ran out with courage in their hearts. Two men walking in utter despair bumped into a stranger, realized who it was, and found hope again. A movement began whose message was that all things can be made new.

What if all that we are learning about our systems and attitudes and relationships in this modern plague that is wrong, brutal, unjust, and unjustifiable were to be made new? That this public health crisis would prompt a resurrection in our hearts and minds, reminding us that we will not go back to “normal”. In a post-COVID world, we must come together to choose decisions and actions that make things “new.”

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.”

- Jim Wallis, Founder of Sojourners, Evangelical theologian, from “An Easter Sermon for Coronavirus”, 9 Apr 2020