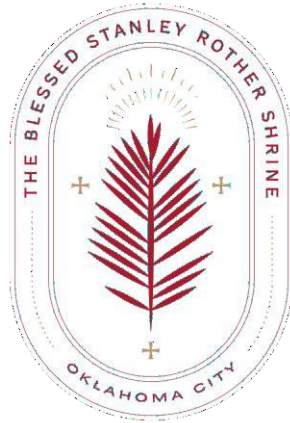




THE
BLESSED
STANLEY
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SHRINE

**Pilgrimage Group
Packet**



The Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine looks forward to your pilgrimage here in Oklahoma City. The Shrine is a beautiful, sacred, and holy place for you, your family, group, parish, school, or faith community. We welcome all to the Shrine. This packet contains information that will assist you in planning your pilgrimage experience. Please read through this packet and let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

LODGING: Hotels closest to the Shrine and other lodging options, as well as the Catholic Pastoral Center, are listed on page 4. When booking at one of the hotels, be sure to tell them that you are a Shrine pilgrim in order to receive a discounted rate.

TRANSPORTATION: The closest airport (9 m) is Will Rogers World Airport (OKC). The Shrine does not offer any shuttle or driving services to or from the Shrine.

MEALS/CATERING: Due to limited room space at the Shrine, we are not able to provide any options for meals or catering. There are several food options around the Shrine. We also encourage you to visit the Travel Oklahoma website at www.travelok.com. It provides a “dining” tab that will give you the best options in the area for your group.

PILGRIMAGE ACTIVITIES: Our daily schedule is on page 3. Some of the daily activities include Holy Mass, Confession, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. You can also visit our website at www.rothershrine.org for more information on the daily Shrine schedule and special events.

BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER GIFT SHOP: Inside the Pilgrim Center is the gift shop where a wide variety of spiritual items are available for purchase including statues, crucifixes, rosaries, books, videos, and more. The gift shop is open every day from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SHRINE CONDUCT POLICY AND DRESS CODE: In order to maximize the pilgrimage experience for your group and for all of those who come to the Shrine, we ask that the following policies be observed:

1. Please maintain a reverent silence while inside the Shrine Church and the Blessed Stanley Rother Museum. Silence is an effective way of communing with Our Lord and is conducive to prayer. It is also a sign of courtesy and respect for others.
2. Please dress modestly when on the grounds of the Shrine.
3. Photography is allowed in the Shrine and on the grounds. However, using the Shrine grounds as a staging area for photos is not allowed. Please be respectful of other pilgrims and visitors when taking pictures or filming.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our me. We pray that your visit to the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine will bring you closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ, and a renewed love to serve Him and neighbor.

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Daily Schedule

Shrine Hours

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Pilgrim Center Hours

(Blessed Stanley Rother Gift Shop and Museum)

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday to Saturday Shrine Schedule

11:30 a.m. Confession

12:15 p.m. Daily Mass (English)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Exposition

Shrine Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday

9:00 a.m. (English)

11:00 a.m. (Spanish)

1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

6:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Confession available 45 minutes before each Mass

Historic Sacred Heart Church

2706 S. Shartel Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Lodging and Transportation

When you are reserving your hotel room(s) tell them you are a Shrine pilgrim to receive a discounted pilgrim rate. (*Rates and availability not guaranteed*)

North of the Shrine

Hampton Inn & Suites
(2.4 miles from the Shrine)
920 SW 77th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73139
405-602-3400

Home2 Suites by Hilton
(2.4 miles from the Shrine)
1001 Straka Terrace
Oklahoma City, OK 73139
405-536-4663

**Embassy Suites by Hilton
Oklahoma City**
Downtown Medical Center
(7.9 miles from the Shrine)
741 N Phillips Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73104
405-239-3900

Catholic Pastoral Center
(19.1 miles from the Shrine)
7501 N.W. Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK 73132
405-721-5651

South of the Shrine

Hampton Inn & Suites
(2.4 miles from the Shrine)
614 NW 8th St.
Moore, OK 73160
405-735-6821

SpringHill Suites by Marriott
(2.4 miles from the Shrine)
613 NW 8th St.
Moore, OK 73160
405-759-2600

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
(2.4 miles from the Shrine)
621 NW 8th St.
Moore, OK 73160
405-735-9400

Comfort Inn & Suites
(2.1 Miles from the Shrine)
1401 N. Moore Ave.
Moore, OK 73160
405-735-6200

Nearest Airport

Will Rogers World Airport
7100 Terminal Dr.
Oklahoma City, OK 73159
Flyokc.com

Points of Interest at the Shrine

Below is a list of places you will want to make time for during your pilgrimage.

Pilgrim Center

The Pilgrim Center is the first arrival point for pilgrims to the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine. Inside the 14,000-square-foot facility, pilgrims will find an orientation room with a video documentary, a gift shop and a museum.

Our helpful volunteers are stationed at the Information Desk to answer your questions and address your needs. Brochures and other useful information are also available at the Welcome Desk.

Blessed Stanley Rother Museum

The museum highlights the story of Blessed Stanley Rother's life and mission. It features artifacts from every stage of his life and provides information about his martyrdom and beatification. Perhaps, one day, it also will contain information related to his canonization!

Blessed Stanley Rother Gift Shop

The Blessed Stanley Rother Gift Shop, located in the Pilgrim Center, offers a wide selection of beautiful art, devotionals, and Shrine exclusive items. We are the perfect place to purchase that gift for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or any other special occasion.

Tepeyac Hill

Tepeyac Hill at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine is a re-creation of the site in Mexico City where Mary appeared to Saint Juan Diego in 1531 and asked him to tell the local bishop to build a church. On top of the Hill are painted bronze statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego. They were created by Georgina Farías Nicolópolis, an artist based in Mexico City, Mexico. The statue of Our Lady stands at more than 12 feet tall and weighs approximately 4,400 pounds. The statue of Saint Juan Diego stands around 8 feet tall and weighs approximately 3,300 pounds.

The Shrine Church and Chapel

The Shrine Church is designed in Roman Baroque and Spanish mission style, mirroring Blessed Stanley's church, Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church in Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala. The Shrine seats nearly 2,000 pilgrims and visitors. There are daily Masses and Confessions available for all pilgrims. The chapel is the final resting place for Blessed Stanley Rother's body, where pilgrims may come and ask for his intercession.

FAQ

What is a Shrine?

A Shrine is a prominent sacred locality. It may be the burial place of a saint (or Blessed), or where he or she lived or died, or where a heavenly apparition took place. Shrines are the focuses of pilgrimages by the faithful and often of miraculous phenomena approved by the Church.

— *Modern Catholic Dictionary, Servant of God Father John A. Hardon, S.J.*

What is a Pilgrimage?

Its purpose may be simply to venerate a certain saint or ask some spiritual favor; beg for a physical cure or perform an act of penance; express thanks or fulfill a promise. From the earliest days pilgrimages were made to the Holy Land, and later on to Rome, where Peter and Paul and so many Christians were martyred. From the eighth century the practice began of imposing a pilgrimage in place of public penance. As a result, during the Middle Ages pilgrimages were organized on a grand scale and became the object of special Church legislation. In modern times, besides Rome and the Holy Land, famous Shrines such as Lourdes, Fatima, and Guadalupe draw thousands of pilgrims each year from the Catholic world.

— *Modern Catholic Dictionary, Servant of God Father John A. Hardon, S.J.*

Hours of Operation and Directions

When is the Shrine open?

The Shrine is open every day 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Pilgrim Center is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

When is the Shrine closed?

New Years Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas eve, and Christmas Day. See the website and calendar for most up to date hours of operation.

Where is the Shrine located?

Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine
700 S.E. 89th Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73149

From the North

From I-35 going south exit 120 toward SE 89th St. Turn right on 89th St (The Love's Gas Station is on the right). The Shrine will be a half a mile ahead on your left.

From the South

From I-35 going north exit 120 toward SE 89th St. At the light turn left onto 89th St.

Are there any special annual events occurring at the Shrine?

We welcome everyone for the Feast Day of Blessed Stanley Rother on July 28th and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. Please see the calendar for upcoming special events.

Who is welcome to come to the Shrine?

All people are welcome to come to the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine. The Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine staff is available to assist you in the organization of pilgrimages for a variety of groups: senior citizens, men's and women's organizations, First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates, and school children, as well as groups desiring a spiritual retreat. Come alone, come with family, or come as part of a group. All faith denominations are welcome to come visit the Shrine.

Food & Lodging

Is there overnight lodging?

The Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine does not have overnight accommodations for pilgrims. We encourage you to visit our lodging page to see local hotels and the Catholic Pastoral Center as possible options.

Is there any food available at the Shrine?

At this time there is no food (i.e., cafe or restaurant) at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine. We encourage you to go to visitokc.com for possible nearby locations for food.

Are we allowed to cater meals to the Shrine?

Due to the extremely limited indoor gathering space, we are unable to accommodate catered meals for groups.

Are we allowed to eat out in the great lawn or zocalo?

People are allowed to bring their own food and eat out in the great lawn or on the zocalo. Please make sure to clean up after you are done.

Accommodations & Accessibilities

Is there parking available?

There is an abundance of parking available all around the Shrine grounds.

Is there parking for buses or RVs?

There is parking for buses and RVs. **Please note:** there is **NO** overnight parking permitted.

Is there a fee to enter the Shrine?

Everything at the Shrine is free to visit. We graciously accept financial gifts from visitors and pilgrims to support the ongoing mission of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine.

Are pets permitted?

Only service animals are permitted beyond the parking lot of the Shrine.

Is the Shrine handicap accessible?

The main welcome area of the Pilgrim Center, as well as the Shrine Church, is handicap accessible. Tepeyac Hill can be ascended and descended via wheelchair.

Is there a lot of walking involved?

The Shrine grounds are spread out and require a decent amount of walking to see everything.

Are there wheelchairs and other transportation available for visitors with physical disabilities?

Wheelchairs are available at the Pilgrim Center and the Shrine upon request.

Can we bring strollers?

Strollers are permitted on the Shrine grounds.

Planning to Visit**How far out should I plan my pilgrimage?**

It is recommended that groups begin planning a pilgrimage between two and three months in advance.

What is the weather normally in Oklahoma City?

Oklahoma City has a temperate, humid climate with frequent variations in weather throughout the year. On average the temperature is around 61 degrees. In the summer months the average high is in the mid-90s with humidity. In the winter months the average high is in the 50s.

What if there is inclement weather?

Both the Shrine Church and the Pilgrim Center are equipped with storm shelters to protect visitors and staff from severe weather. In case of a weather emergency staff will direct visitors where to take shelter.

What is the dress code?

The Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine is a place of religious pilgrimage and of worship. Thus, reverence in manner of appropriate dress and behavior is appreciated. Appropriate dress is conducive to an atmosphere of prayer and of meeting the Lord.

Inappropriate dress is non-conducive to maintaining a prayerful atmosphere. It becomes a source of distraction and sets a bad example when attending Holy Mass and other devotions.

Inappropriate clothing includes:

- short shorts
- skirts above the knee
- low neckline
- sleeveless shirts

- exposed midriff
- exposed back
- clothing that is tight-fitting
- clothing that is see-through
- clothing that bears offensive print or imagery

How can I support the ongoing mission of the Shrine?

To learn about various ways to support the ongoing mission of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine, please visit www.rotherShrine.org/give

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

What is the policy for photography and videography in the Shrine?

Photos inside the Shrine Church are permitted. However, please turn off the flash.

It is important to remember the primary purpose of the Shrine is a place for pilgrimage, prayer, and worship. In order to maintain the sacredness and reverence of the Shrine we ask everyone to respect others space and privacy while at the Shrine.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT PERMITTED:

- engagement photos
- wedding photos
- senior photos
- fashion shoots
- photos showing disrespect
- photos intended for resale (due to copyright violations)

ALL COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY IS FORBIDDEN WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL.

These same rules apply for video use.