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**TODAY'S READINGS**  
**Breaking Bread Book**  
**Pages 40-41**



**Daily Mass Readings—Dec 13-19\***

Sunday	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Friday	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

\*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text)  
also available on Holy Cross Website:  
**www.holycross-wagoner.org**

**December 13, 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**



**Christmas/New Year's Mass Schedule**

**\*Nativity of the Lord**  
**December 24th**

Wagoner Vigil Mass @ 5 p.m.

Coweta Vigil Mass @ 7 p.m.

Wagoner Midnight Mass @ 11:30 p.m.

**December 25th**

Wagoner Christmas Day Mass @ 8:30 a.m.

Coweta Christmas Day Mass @ 10 a.m.

*Christmas Carols will begin 30 minutes before each Nativity Mass*

**\*Solemnity of Mary**  
**December 31st**

Wagoner Vigil Mass @ 6 p.m.

**January 1st**

Wagoner New Year's Day Mass @ 8:30a.m.

Coweta New Year's Day Mass @ 10 a.m.

**\*Holy Days of Obligation**

**Collections from Dec. 5-6**

General Collection	<b>\$1,628.00</b>
Capital Improvements	<b>400.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,028.00</b>

**Reflection of the Week by Fr. Leo Ahanotu**

Today's readings remind me of the ancient philosophers and their arguments about right living and virtuous life. Their arguments were influenced by different opinions about the concept of a good life. While some of them saw a good life from an angle of acting right and avoiding evil, some cynics like the Epicureans believed that seeking natural pleasure and avoiding natural pains should be a good life. The emergence of the Greek philosophers such as Socrates and Aristotle and particularly Plato, who influenced Catholic thinkers like St. Augustine, believed that one could not think of being virtuous if he/she is far from acting right and being morally good. What does Christ think?

Today's readings not only teach us what should be a virtuous life, it goes further to remind us that the virtuous life of being righteous - doing good and avoiding evil - is the mission statement of Christ. It was prophesied by Isaiah and later foretold by John the Baptist. As prophesied by Isaiah, Christ tells us, "the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, . . . announce a year of favor", etc. These words of Christ point to doing the right thing and avoiding evil. As His followers, this mission statement of Christ should be ours too. Thus, St. Paul encourages us in the second reading to avoid evil and do good, for it is God's will and the vocation of all Christians.

*Fr. Leo*

**Poinsettias for Christmas**

Poinsettias will adorn the altar and sanctuary again this Christmas. Envelopes are located in the vestibule for those that would like to donate \$15 per plant in honor or in memoriam of a loved one.

**Advent Prayer**

*Father in Heaven, increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth.*

**WAGONER AREA NEIGHBORS DONATIONS**

Please remember our local families in need by donating food and personal items to the **Wagoner Area Neighbors**. Currently, they are in need of personal items such as, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please place donated items in the box in the vestibule.

*Please continue to pray for an end to abortion and the protection and sanctity of all human life.*

**Together in Holiness**  
**Marriage Enrichment Conference**

**Saturday, February 6, 2021**

**Christ the King Parish, Tulsa & Online**

Dynamic Presentations, Mass,  
Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration

In Person: \$59/couple or \$35/Individual  
At-Home Experience: \$15

Early Bird Discount and Scholarships  
Available Through Jan. 6

*For More Information or to Register:*  
Visit **TogetherInHoliness.org**  
or email **sara@forlifeandfamily.org**

**Weekend Mass Readers**

Dec. 12	Charlie Moe
Dec. 13	Mark Sorell
Dec. 19	Karol Watson
Dec. 20	Paul Stuart



### Happy Birthday!

Jan Martin	12/1
Hope Watson	12/4
Harold Hutchens	12/5
Matthew Wright	12/5
Kenneth Herndon	12/20
Vicky Schottel	12/27
Charles Moe	12/31



### Holy Cross Mission Statement/Prayer

Almighty God, the mission of Holy Cross Parish is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the world. As your disciples, help us to touch the hearts of everyone in a way that enhances human spirituality and will bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

### Youth Religious Education Classes

are held each Sunday morning following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

### MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm**

**Sunday — 8:30 am**

**Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 am**

**First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 am**

### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

**Friday following 5:00 pm Mass**

### CONFESSIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 to 4:50 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 to 8:20 am
<b>or by appointment/request</b>	

### To Request Mass Intentions

1) Fill out info. on intention envelope provided in vestibule, 2) Place donation inside, 3) Give to Theresa or place in the offertory basket, 4) Take a card to send to the recipient.

### FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Patty Chandler, parishioner  
Jerry Hickman, brother of Mike Hickman  
Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker  
Paula Moore, parishioner



### WE PRAY TO THE LORD

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Dec</i>	Sherry Ruyle	None during Advent
<i>Jan</i>	Mary Feichtinger	Christmas Poinsettias

### Ministers for Mass

Contact Mary Feichtinger by phone or text @ 303-519-0605, if you are able to serve.

**Stay Connected — Stay Informed**  
with your Catholic Faith & your Holy Cross Family

*Daily Readings, Daily Prayer of the Day, Bulletins, Catholic & Holy Cross News/Events*

**www.holycross-wagoner.org & Holy Cross Catholic Church - Wagoner OK (FB)**

**Weddings**—Please contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to your anticipated date

**Baptisms**—Please contact the Pastor for Preparation

### Bulletin Deadline

**TUESDAY 8pm**

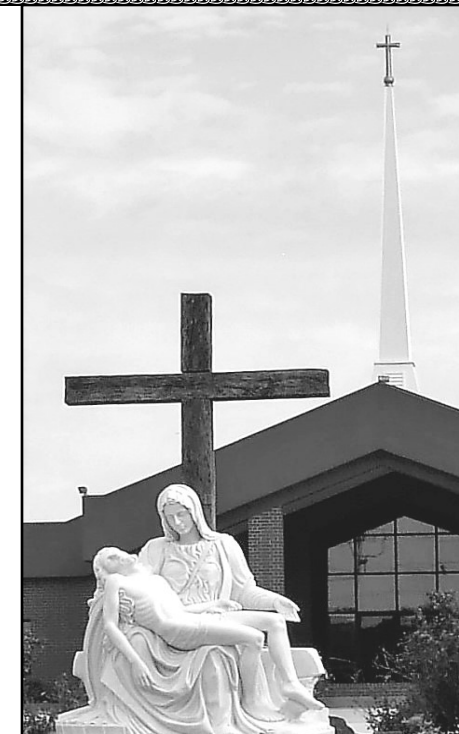
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*Wagoner, Oklahoma*

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