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TODAY'S READINGS
Breaking Bread Book
Pages 157-158



Daily Mass Readings—May 9-15*

Sunday	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

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

May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day
*May God bless your generous spirit,
keep your loving heart and hold you
close forever.*



May is devoted to Mary, Queen of Heaven, providing an opportunity to focus on our relationship with the Holy Mother of Christ. We each relate to Our Holy Mother Mary differently because we relate to our earthly mothers in unique ways. As our mother, Mary has much to teach us and endless love to give. The month of May is one rich in tradition and a beautiful time of the year to honor our heavenly mother.

As a way to honor Mary as our Blessed Mother of All Heaven and Earth and in conjunction with May as the month of Mary and Mother's Day, there will be a Crowning Ceremony on Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. First Communicants, Amelia and MaKenna Wright, will place a crown of flowers upon our statue of Mary signifying Mary as the Queen of Heaven.

Collections from May 1-2	
Weekend Collections	\$2,112.00
Capital Improvements	100.00
TOTAL	\$2,212.00

Reflection of the Week by Fr. Leo Ahanotu
An Irish poet and playwright, Oscar Wilde, wrote some poems on the importance of having a loving heart. He regarded St. Francis as his favorite saint due to St. Francis's caring nature. Even though Oscar used his writings to primarily entertain people and not preach the gospel (and sometimes wrote things that are not the most spiritual), he believed that love is the central instrument of knowing that one is a true child of God. Love and the capacity to love, according to him, are what distinguish a true Christian from a person who is still struggling to be a Christian. He so much majored Christianity with love that in one of his works, "De Profundis," (1905), he expressed that one of the reasons Christ died the way he did is to teach people how to love everyone, including our enemies. He further said that when Christ said, love your enemies; it is not for the sake of the enemies but one's own sake because love is more beautiful than hate. Oscar reminds me of people who teach us to despise evil actions but not people. He believed that when we refuse to love the people around us, we imprison ourselves to loneliness and unhappiness.
Christ tells us in today's gospel to love so that His joy may be in us and our joy may be complete. William Blake could not have been wrong when he asked in his poem, "The Garden of Love" (1794), What is the purpose of life if not to love? Blake's words align with today's gospel and second reading that remind us once more to love one another as Christ has loved us.
Fr. Leo

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

Pro-Life Sunday This Weekend
Special Collection to Birthright of Tulsa & Go Life Mobile Medical
Partnering to provide lifesaving care for expectant mothers and their babies
You can also donate online at dioceseoftulsa.org/second-collections

Dignity for All Human Life
In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" (Evangelium vitae 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God's gift of life.

Mary & Martha Society Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m.

This is the last meeting until September. Please bring finger food/pot luck item to share.

New officers for the coming year are: Kathy Gordon, President; Sherry Ruyle, Vice-President; Kay Rodriguez, Secretary; and Sherri Moe, Treasurer
Outgoing officers: Elsa Kuehn, Kendra Kuehn-Smith, Carolyn Greer, and Dorene McMahan — your service is greatly appreciated!

All Women of the Parish Welcome!

Parish Council Meeting
Tues., May 18 @ 5:30 p.m.

Contact a Parish Council member, if you have a suggestion/concern to be addressed by the council.

To Request Mass Intentions
1) Fill out info. on intention envelope provided in vestibule, 2) Place donation inside, 3) Place envelope in the offertory basket, 4) Take a card to send to the recipient.

	Readers	Servers
5/8	Judy Helms	
5/9	Paul Stuart	Max Herndon Liam Wright
5/15	Carolyn Greer	
5/16	Chris Holland	Max Herndon Kinney Herndon Kinley Herndon

Happy Birthday!



Dcn. Jim Ruyle 5/2
Greg Troxel 5/6
Jim Marsh 5/14

"Pray for us that we may be a sign of the love of Christ for our people."

— Blessed Stanley Rother

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

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

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

Baptisms—Please contact the Pastor for Preparation

Youth Religious Education Classes
are held each Sunday morning following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday 8pm

To place information in the bulletin, contact Karol Watson, karol_watson@yahoo.com or 918-640-5819

FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jerry Hickman, brother of Mike Hickman
Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker
Paula Moore, parishioner
Mark Mason, parishioner



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

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!

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>May</i>	Kathy Gordon	Kendra Kuehn-Smith
<i>June</i>	Sherry Ruyle	Sherri Moe

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Whatever you do for your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife
you do for Jesus—Mother Teresa

Finding solutions for your financial need.



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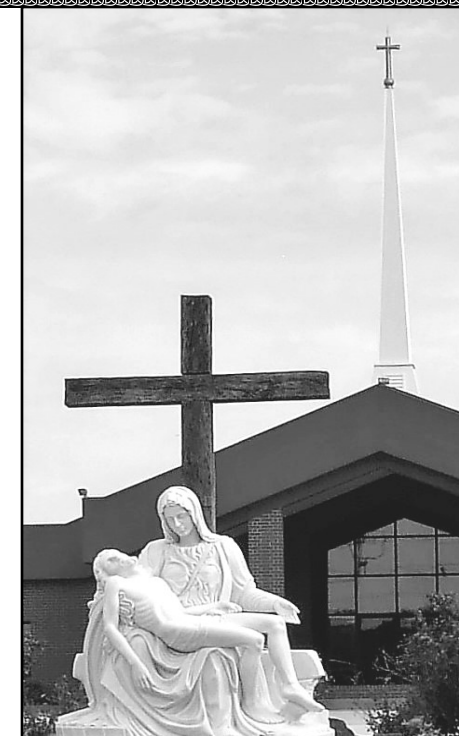
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