

September 26, 2021

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, our first reading and gospel have a lot in common. Both of them are manifestations of the fact that God has no favorite (Act 10, 34). He chooses and uses those that please him for his mission. It also proves that the Spirit of God is the one that empowers to do good. In both readings, we see men outside the "camp and the group of disciples" prophesying and preaching in the power of the Holy Spirit; and also casting out devils in the name of Jesus respectively. We also see the zealous and envious disciples getting afraid and worried. Being afraid for their own positions and the authority of their masters, they made efforts to stop them from participating in the ministry and mission of God.

In both cases, Moses and Jesus refused to yield to the fears and request of their disciples. This is because, it is in line with the will of God that all men should receive the spirit of God and be motivated to do good works. This good work includes, prophesying and preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. This was why Moses responded: "...If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets and, the Lord gave his Spirit to them all." And Jesus told his disciples: "You must not stop him; No one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me..." So for both Moses and Jesus, it was a good development. Their responses to their disciples simply show that they were opposed to the spirit of envy over the gifts of others. It also shows how modest and meek their hearts are.

Today, James warns us against oppression, suppressions and injustices of all kinds against the weak, the poor and those who do not belong to our, group, fold or class. Rather than oppress and suppress them, we should build and, help them to grow up physically and spiritually. We should not strangle the true spirit of God at work in others due to envy or by being overzealous. Doing this means being unjust like the oppressive rich that James condemned in today's second reading. Rather, we should be messengers of justice, peace, progress, charity, mercy and compassion. This is what the Holy Father Pope Francis is calling all Christians and Catholics at all levels of faith to do.

Rather than oppress and suppress others and their gifts, we should do everything possible to uplift their human dignity. To do this we must be open and docile to the spirit of God. Like the disciples of both Moses and Jesus in our readings today, while being zealous in God's work, we must avoid the fear of losing our positions or authority. We must also avoid envy which moves us to try to suppress God's gift to others. Instead, we should read the signs of the times and allow God to be God in his people.

Finally, another important lesson we must learn today is that God works in mysterious ways and does not reason like us humans. Hence, he tells us through the prophet Isaiah: "My ways are not your ways, and my thoughts are not your thoughts. Just as the heavens are higher than the sky so are my thoughts and my ways higher than yours"(Isa 55, 8-9). This is simply to say that by allowing his spirit to operate in those outside the camp of Moses and the disciples of Jesus, God sees much better than us humans. He chooses whoever he wants and empowers him or her for his mission. Also, it is his desire that all of us his children be filled with his spirit in order to work for the establishment of His Kingdom in all hearts.*

*Excerpt from a Reflection by Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.

Feast of the Holy Cross Celebration & Parish Picnic

This Sunday, Sept. 26th

The bishop is scheduled to join us for both Sunday Holy Masses (8:30 & 10:30 a.m.) and our celebration picnic after the Masses.

A picnic lunch outside will be served at noon. Please bring a lawn chair, your choice of beverage (adult or otherwise). This is a great opportunity to join your parish community for this time of food, fun, and fellowship.

Second Collection Oct 2/3 for Catholic Charities

**First Saturday Mass
Next Saturday
October 2, at 8:30 a.m.**

Quench Their Thirst!

Young Adult Mass at 8 a.m. on Oct. 2, at the Cathedral followed by service to the homeless population of downtown Tulsa. Young adults will distribute drinks, food, toiletries, and prayer aids while praying with this vulnerable population.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. (Psalm 9:9-10)

Holy Cross is now participating and coordinating with the Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry

This Thursday, September 30th, 10 a.m.—Noon

Food Boxes Available & Distributed While Supplies Last using a drive-through format, where recipients drive-through and stay in their vehicles. Please encourage those that could benefit from this to come this Thursday.

Request Cards for both Outreach to The Sick and/or Homebound and Special Mass Intentions are available in the vestibule

Holy Cross Music Ministry

If you enjoy singing or have any interest in assisting with occasional cantering or joining a small choir ensemble, please speak with Robin or Mark. Advent and Christmas will be here before we know it. Knowing how to read music is NOT necessary, we just need willing hearts! Call Robin for more details at 918-520-1260.

**St. Anne Men's Theology Unhinged
Third Thursday of Each Month
Men of Holy Cross Are Invited
to join other men from across the diocese at this monthly event. Doors open at 6:30.**

A Meal, Craft Beer and a Quality Speaker are provided each month.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Rama Sorell
Mother of Mark Sorell**

*The Lord walks beside us through the darkness and leads us back to peace.
Pray that Mark's family finds comfort in the Lord's peace.*

Holy Cross Quilt Raffle

"Blue & Yellow Log Cabin"

This beautiful king-sized quilt was hand-pieced and hand-quilted by parishioner, Helene McCann. For a \$10 donation, you will have a chance to win this one-of-a kind lovely quilt!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP TO END ABORTION IN TULSA!

The 40 Day Campaign of prayer and fasting will run from **Sept 22-Oct 31** with daily prayer vigils from 5am-11 pm at the Garden of Hope, Tulsa. To sign up or for more info., visit www.40daysforlife.com/tulsa or email religiousformation@dioceseoftulsa.org

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Ministers for Mass

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

Sept 25	Sept 26		Oct 2	Oct 3
Carolyn Greer Dorene McMahan	Mark Mason Mike Cucchiara	USHERS/GIFT BEARERS	Laura Rodriguez Paul Rodriguez	Bill Scrimsher Mike Cucchiara
	Carlos Sorell Liam Wright	ALTAR SERVERS		Liam Wright Kinney Herndon Kinley Herndon
Karol Watson	Chris Holland	READERS	Kay Rodriguez	Mark Mason

Happy Birthday! 🎂

Milton Jones	9/12
Jacob Yoder	9/18
Elaine Hall	9/18
Jerry Greer	9/28
Mary Lilly Acevedo	9/28
Rebecca Harding	9/30

Weekend Collections from Sept 18-19

Regular Collections	\$2,110.00
Capital Improvement Fund	125.00
TOTAL	\$2,235.00
Local Charity	\$334.00

Daily Mass Readings—Sept 26-Oct 2*

Sunday	Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday	Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Mt 18:1-5, 10

*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:

www.holycross-wagoner.org

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

For issues/help with Flocknotes, contact Kay Rodriguez, msrod@sbcglobal.net or 405-659-0507

FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker
Charles Wright, parishioner
Lynn & Dee Startzman, parishioners
Pat Sanco, 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!

	<u>Altar Linens</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>
<i>Sept</i>	Sherry Ruyle	Elsa Kuehn
<i>Oct</i>	Earlyne Hutchens	Kathy Hickman Pat Jones

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with your Catholic Faith & your Holy Cross Family**

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

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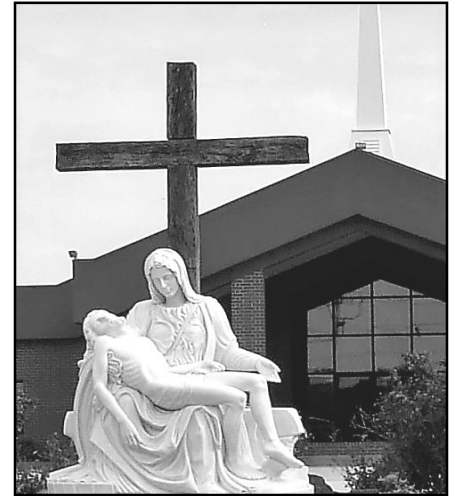
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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday — 8:30 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays (Latin) — 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 a.m.

First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 a.m.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Fridays following 5:00 p.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before weekend Masses

Or by appointment/request

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Breaking Bread Book

Pages 211-213

