

# October 3, 2021

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Kingdom of God

What is the Kingdom of God? How do we realize it? Where do we find it? All these questions run through Mark's Gospel.

The Kingdom of God is God Himself; the Kingdom of God is love itself; and the Kingdom of God is God's gift. And it is God's gift that we are allowed to love, and understand, and come in communication with God Himself. Now, if this is true, is the act of divorcing your wife an act of recognizing that you are brought together by God Himself? Priests don't marry people. The marriage ceremony is a ceremony where two people who are living in the Kingdom of God, who have God's love, God's mercy, God's forgiveness, God's presence, and it is He that locks them together, and each of them give the love of God to each other, the life of God to each other. It's an exchange that makes them one in God's Kingdom, one in His love, His caring, one with His very person. And Jesus says, "That's the way it was in the beginning, and no man, even Moses, is allowed to touch the Kingdom of God."

The second example of the Kingdom of God in Mark's Gospel is one in which Jesus has been preaching all day long. He's very tired. There's a group of women carrying their children, and they bring the children up to Jesus so that Jesus might touch them and bless them. And the disciples decide, "Well, he's had enough for one day," so they shoo them all away. And Jesus gets very angry and he says: "Suffer the little children to come to me, forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God." "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you accept the Kingdom of God like these little children, you will never know what it is, you will never understand what it means to have it, to pray for it, to ask for it."

The Kingdom of God is the gift of God. It is not something that we earn. It is the gift of God, just as the love in a marriage is the gift of God and the life of a marriage is the gift of God. It is a donation. And it is given because God loves us and God cares for us. And so what Jesus is saying is if you cannot accept the gift of God like this little child does, you will never know what it means to have the presence of God within you. You might come on your hands and knees and serve Him, you might say all kinds of prayers to Him, you might ask Him for everything, but your prayers are just empty breeze and wind. As children take Jesus, take God Himself, into their hearts, no questions, no demands, nothing, because they understand that God loves them, that God cares for them, and they open their hearts in their simplicity. And this is truly the Kingdom of God.

This is what Mark wants us to know: if you come as a little child and accept the presence of God, the love of God, the gift of His Son, you will come to know Him and love Him and be happy with Him. He puts Himself in a vulnerable way into our own lives. All the sins we commit are committed out of selfishness. The only thing that is going to move us out of the centering of our lives on our self is going to be God saying, "If you open your heart to me, I will come and I will be the center and, together, we can look at the world." For to have the Kingdom of God in your own heart means that you begin to look at the world in different ways. You are no longer the center. You are one of His loving children. And you will sing praise and song and accept Him. He is then the joy and the light, even in the darkest moments and difficulties of our life. For Jesus said, "I am the way, I am the truth and I am the life." So let us rejoice and be glad by opening our heart like children of God.\*

\*Excerpt from a homily by Father Denis J. Hanly

**October is Clergy Appreciation Month**

### God Bless Our Clergy!

*Lord, we thank you so much for our Holy Cross clergy. You have sent them to our church to lead us, teach us, pray for us, and love us. We pray that you will provide for their needs, bless their efforts on our behalf, and give them good health. Lord, we ask that you would put your loving arms around them and their family. In your Son's name we pray. Amen.*

**Thank You  
for all  
the special  
things  
you do**

**Second Collection This Weekend  
Oct 2/3  
for Catholic Charities**

**Thank You!! Thank You!!  
A Big Thank You to All that made the  
Parish Picnic/Celebration a Success  
last weekend!**

A special thanks to Kathy Gordon for organizing the event, the M&M women for making the lunch boxes, the men that set-up tents and games, and all the others that helped out on Sunday!

**Mary & Martha Society Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m.**  
Hostesses: Elsa & Kendra  
**All Women of the Parish Welcome!**

### **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.*

### **Last Chance to Win the "Blue & Yellow Log Cabin" Holy Cross Quilt**

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!

### **Holy Cross Music Ministry**

If you enjoy singing or have any interest in assisting with occasional cantoring 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.***

### **Youth Religious Education Classes**

Youth Religious Classes are held each Sunday morning following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate those helping our youth in their faith journey. Please see/call Mary Feichtinger (303-519-0605) or Kay Rodriguez for more information and/or to register your child.

### **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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/tulsa) or email [religiousformation@dioceseoftulsa.org](mailto:religiousformation@dioceseoftulsa.org).

With prayer, fasting and holding vigil, we seek God's power to heal the scourge of abortion in our city and world.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for  
October**

### **Missionary Disciples**

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Oct 2	Oct 3		Oct 9	Oct 10
Laura Rodriguez Paul Rodriguez	Bill Scrimsher Mike Cucchiara	<b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Judy Helms Richard Helms	Rosalina Empuerto Raul Empuerto
	Liam Wright Kinnedy Herndon Kinley Herndon	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>		Carlos Sorell Liam Wright Max Herndon
Kay Rodriguez	Mark Mason	<b>READERS</b>	Amber Wright	Amber Wright

*Happy Birthday!*



Mary Dufour	10/1	Kathy Hickman	10/14
Lynn Startzman	10/6	Todd Kuehn	10/20
Kevin Moe	10/9	Sharon Carter	10/24
Mark Moe	10/9	Laura Rodriguez	10/27
Aaron Higginbottom	10/12	Sunny Marsh	10/28

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

#### **Weekend Collections from Sept 25-26**

Regular Collections	<b>\$2,938.00</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	<b>100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,038.00</b>

#### **Daily Mass Readings—Oct 3-9\***

Sunday	Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday	Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

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

[www.holycross-wagoner.org](http://www.holycross-wagoner.org)

To place information in the bulletin or on the church website, contact Karol Watson, [karol\\_watson@yahoo.com](mailto:karol_watson@yahoo.com) or 918-640-5819

For issues/help with Flocknotes, contact Kay Rodriguez, [msrod@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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

Kevin Higginbottom, Husband of Robin



#### **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>Oct</i>	Earlyne Hutchens	Kathy Hickman
<i>Nov</i>	Laura Rodriguez	Karol Watson

**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*

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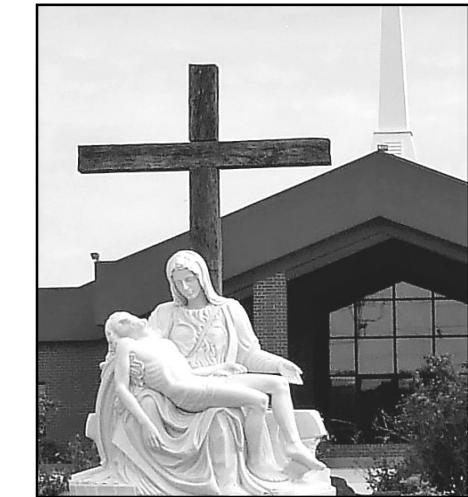
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#### **MASS TIMES**

**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**

#### **CONFESIONS**

**30 minutes before weekend Masses**

**Or by appointment/request**

#### **THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS**

**Breaking Bread Book**

**Pages 213-215**

