

December 5, 2021  
Second Sunday of Advent

The Coming of Our Lord - Prepare

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/second-sunday-of-advent-cycle-c-sunday-connection/>

HOLY DAY MASS

The Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wednesday, Dec. 8 @ 6 p.m.

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\* **Special Opportunities for the** \*  
\* **Sacrament of Reconciliation** \*  
\* **during Advent** \*  
\* **Holy Cross—December 15th @ 6** \*  
\* **p.m. with Fr. Leo and Fr. Healey** \*  
\* **St. Vincent (Coweta)—December** \*  
\* **21st @ 6:30-8:00 p.m.** \*  
\* **St. Joseph (Muskogee)—Advent** \*  
\* **Retreat on December 17th & 18th** \*  
\* **6-7:30 p.m. followed by confessions** \*  
\* **St. Anne (Broken Arrow)—** \*  
\* **December 9th @ 5:30 p.m.** \*  
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Prayer for Immaculate Conception

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

Advent Prayer and Reflection

Each Wed. during the Four Weeks of Advent  
St. Vincent dePaul, Coweta @ 6 p.m.

Adoration, Rosary (Joyful Mysteries) & Reflection

Dec. 8, Week 2—Luke 1: 26-38 (refection only due to Holy Day  
Mass at 7:30 p.m.)

Dec. 15, Week 3—Luke 1: 39-80

Dec. 22, Week 4—Luke 2: 1-21

St. Luke (and biblical footnotes) from a woman's perspective, and the important role of women in Jesus' life and the Church. Bring a Bible (there are also Bibles available at the church).

Make the Most of this Advent Season

Prepare and create a space for Christ in your day and in your heart. Below are some programs available online to prepare, renew, and rededicate ourselves during Advent:

1. **Dynamic Catholic's "Best Advent Ever"**— Get inspiring daily video reflections sent straight to your inbox—for free. Each reflection will help you infuse your life with prayer, reading, authentic love of self, genuine friendship, beautiful kindness and so much more! Sign-up at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent>
2. **FORMED Daily Advent Reflections** — Free daily meditation, formation, and motivation to prepare for the Coming of the Messiah at <https://daily.formed.org>
3. Spend a few moments each day of Advent on a **Journey with St. Joseph**. This special e-mail series will explore Joseph as a man of courage, love, and acceptance. The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Advent themes through additional online articles and prayers. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/advent-year-in-our-church>
4. **"Word on Fire" Bishop Barron's Advent Reflection Videos** and Links to the above resources are also available on the Holy Cross Website <http://www.holycross-wagoner.org>

Ministers Needed for Christmas/New Year Masses

Contact Mary Feichtinger — call or text 303-519-0605, if you are able to serve.

Dec 4	Dec 5		Dec 11	Dec 12
Laura Rodriguez Paul Rodriguez	Mike Hickman Mike Cucchiara	USHERS/GIFT BEARERS	Mary Harris Mary Feichtinger	Mike Cucchiara Bill Scrimsher
Liam Wright	Carlos Sorell Liam Wright	ALTAR SERVERS		Elizabeth Sullivan Kinney Herndon Kinley Herndon
Dorene McMahan	Mark Mason	READERS	Carolyn Greer	Paul Stuart

Cleaning of the Church for the  
Holiday Season!

Volunteers are needed to clean and prepare the church inside and out. If you can help, please be at the church on  
**Friday, December 10, at 10 a.m.**

Mary & Martha Society Christmas  
Party & Meeting

**Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 6:45 p.m.**  
**(following Reconciliation at 6 p.m.)**

Please Bring Finger Food to Share!  
We will also collect unwrapped gifts for the less fortunate and bring a \$15 wrapped gift, if you would like to participate in the M&M Dirty Santa exchange!

All Women of the Parish Welcome!

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.

Outreach to the Sick and Homebound

There are request cards in the vestibule to request communion and/or a home visit for the sick or homebound. Please complete a request card and give to Deacon Jim or put in the offering basket.

## Happy Birthday!



Jan Martin	12/1
Judy Wright	12/2
Sandy Grace	12/3
Joseph Kolb	12/3
Hope Watson	12/4
Harold Hutchens	12/5
Matthew Wright	12/5
Amanda Mendick	12/10
Andrew Higginbottom	12/12
Kenneth Herndon	12/20
Rosalina Empuerto	12/30
Charles Moe	12/31



## Weekend Collections from Nov 27-28

Regular Collections	\$2,990.00
Capital Improvement Fund	200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,190.00</b>
Special Collection-Social Justice	\$199.00
Special Collection-#iGiveCatholic	\$370.00

## Daily Mass Readings—Dec 5-11\*

Sunday	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

\*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

Pat Sanco, parishioner



Meg (Stuart) Bartholomy, former parishioner

Christopher Marsh, son of Jim & Sunny Marsh

## 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>Dec</i>	Kathy Gordon	No Flowers During Advent/Christmas Poinsettias
<i>Jan</i>	Dorene McMahan	Poinsettias/Judy Helms

## 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) &**  
**https://holycrosscatholicchurch5.flocknote.com/dashboard**

## Finding solutions for your financial need.



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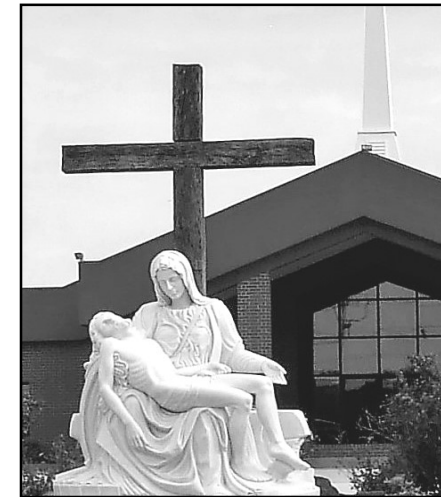
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## MASS TIMES

**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 33-35**

**Vatican II Hymnal — Pages 382-383**

