

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

The Transfiguration—A message of Encouragement and Hope

It is fitting that on the 2nd Sunday of Lent every year we have this message of the Transfiguration, the glory of God shining through Jesus the Son of God. Just as it is fitting on the 1st Sunday of Lent, we have the Temptation of Jesus, regardless if the readings are taken from the Gospel of Matthew, Mark, or Luke. These Gospel Readings of the "Temptation of Jesus" and the "Transfiguration of the Lord" lay a foundation for our journey through the 40 days of Lent to the Celebration of the Paschal Triduum.

The event of the Transfiguration is important enough in the life of the Church that this event is mentioned in all three of the Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. Not only does the Church have a Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6th, but every year the 2nd Sunday of Lent has the Gospel reading of the Transfiguration of Christ taken from one of the Synoptic Gospels. When Saint John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries to the world in 2002, the fourth Luminous Mystery was the Transfiguration. It is clear that the Church sees the Transfiguration of Christ as an important miracle that shapes the Church and shapes our relationship with Christ. For in all three of the Synoptic Gospels, shortly before the miracle of the Transfiguration, Jesus foretells of His coming Passion and Resurrection. The miracle on the mountain is to provide to, at first, three of His Apostles and then after His Resurrection to provide to all believers a message of encouragement and hope. In the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, Jesus informs the three Apostles that they are not to tell anyone what has taken place until He rises from the dead. In the Gospel of Luke, the author of the Gospel just mentions that Peter, James, and John did not tell anyone what had happened at that time. This miracle of the Transfiguration is meant to be shared with the whole world, but it is to be shared when the world is ready for the message of the miracle.

Last week the "Temptation of Jesus" is reminding us of the challenges that we face in this Lenten Season and in our daily lives as we take up our crosses and follow in the footsteps of Christ. Also, the Gospel reading is reminding us that Jesus shows us the way and all we need to do is follow in the footsteps of Christ. Today, the "Transfiguration of the Lord" of Jesus on Mount Tabor with Peter, James and John reminds us of the power and glory of God. The Transfiguration reminds us that the grace-filled encounters that we have with God in our lives will strengthen and sustain us throughout our lives. These grace-filled moments can be Sacraments that we receive, or they can be moments of deep prayer. Let both the important message of the "Temptation of Jesus" and the "Transfiguration of the Lord", encourage us and give us hope in the 40 days of Lent and in our journey of faith.

Reflection by Fr. John Daniel @ <https://ihmcc.org/homilies>

Continue Your Spiritual Journey in Preparation for Easter

Fridays during Lent

(March 4-April 8)

Mass @ 5:00

Adoration @ 5:30

Stations of the Cross @ 6:00

Light Lenten Meal @ 6:30

Holy Cross Lenten Retreat

Thursday, March 17, @ 6:30 p.m.

Moderated by Deacon Steve Creed in the Parish Hall

Lent is a time of paring down—a time spent in the desert, if you will—as exemplified by Jesus' forty days of fasting in these arid, barren lands. He was tempted three times by Satan, and rejected each attempt, giving glory to God at every turn. This is the lesson for us: that we make God the center of our lives and not test him. We are here to do his will, which is clarified through our own Lenten sacrifices.

Parish Council Meeting

Tues., March 15 @ 5:30 p.m.

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

Coffee, Cookies, & Fellowship
after Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass

All Welcome!

Make the Most of this Lent 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 Lent.

BEST LENT EVER 2.0

Explore two pathways to having your BEST LENT EVER this year!

- Dynamic Catholic's "Best Lent Ever 2.0"**— Still BEST LENT EVER—Just Even Better. This year they're offering you TWO options for BEST LENT EVER. Every day, you will receive two short, practical and inspiring videos in your inbox, each representing a pathway leading toward a better version of you and a closer relationship with God. Whether you decide on one pathway or participate in both, you'll need encouraging and inspiring resources for the journey and beyond. Sign-up for free at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>
- FORMED Daily Lent Reflections: 40 DAYS TO GRACE AND GLORY**—This Lent you're invited to journey with Dr. Tim Gray. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Sign-up for free at <https://formed.org/lent/>
- "Word on Fire" Bishop Barron's Lenten Gospel Reflections**— If you prefer not to receive your reflection via e-mail, Bishop Barron's Daily Reflection is available each day on the Holy Cross Website <http://www.holycross-wagoner.org> or you can receive the full Gospel reading for each day of Lent and a short reflection from Bishop Robert Barron conveniently delivered to your email inbox each morning by signing up at <https://dailycatholicgospel.com/lent-reflections-2022>

May God bless this journey you're taking with an abundance of wisdom, encouragement, and inspiration to become more and more the person you were destined to be.

Lenten Prayer: *Grant to your faithful, Lord, a spirit generous enough to continue our solemn preparation with proper fervor and to pursue it with steadfast devotion. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.*

Diocesan Women's Bible Study Wednesdays through April 13

Church of the Madalene, Tulsa
Study of Revelation, the Passion & Resurrection

Cost: \$25. Contact Mary Hall @ mnhall74@gmail.com to register.

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.

New Parishioner Registration

Holy Cross Registration forms are located in the back of the church and will assist with information for communication and Holy Cross ministry efforts. Please pick up a form, complete, and return to the church secretary.

Mass Ministers

	Reader	Ushers	Servers
Sat., 3/12 Second Sunday of Lent Vigil @ 5 p.m.	Carolyn Greer	Sherry Ruyle	
		Mary Harris	
Sun., 3/13 Second Sunday of Lent @ 8:30 a.m.	Chris Holland	Bill Scrimsher	Liam Wright
		Mike Cucchiara	Carlos Sorell
Fri., 3/18 Mass @ 5 p.m. & Stations @ 6 p.m.	Karol Watson		Elizabeth Sullivan
			Carlos Sorell
Sat., 3/19 Third Sunday of Lent Vigil @ 5 p.m.	Laura Rodriguez	Kay Rodriguez	
		Mary Feichtinger	
Sun., 3/20 Third Sunday of Lent @ 8:30 a.m.	Chris Holland	Rosalina Empuerto	Kinley & Kinnedy
		Raul Empuerto	Liam & Carlos

Happy Birthday!



Elizabeth Zaferis 3/3
 Patty Chandler 3/4
 Kevin Higginbottom 3/6
 Mike Cucchiara 3/11
 Liz McKay Mazil 3/15
 Mary Jo Kolb 3/19
 Susan Mason 3/19
 Richard Senner 3/27



Weekend Collections Mar 5-6

Regular Collections **\$3,279.00**

Capital Improvement Fund **150.00**

TOTAL \$3,429.00

Ash Wed Offering for Ukraine Church **\$748.00**

Daily Mass Readings—Mar 13-19*

Sunday	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

*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

Mike Mattox, brother of Judy Helms

Judy Wright, parishioner

Becky Harding, parishioner

Meredith Zehr, parishioner

Kathy Gordon, 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>Mar</i>	Mary Feichtinger	Lent (no flowers)
<i>Apr</i>	Judy Helms	Dorene McMahan

**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/
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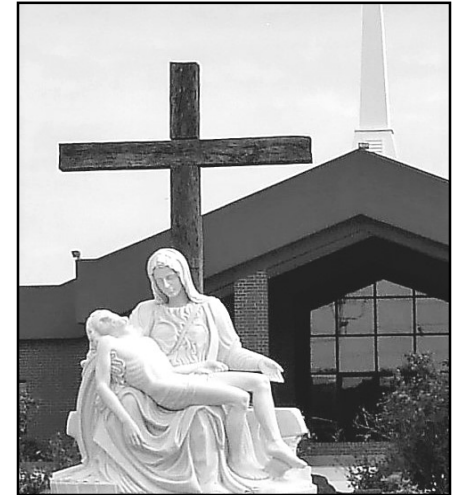
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MASS TIMES

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 83-85

Vatican II Hymnal — Pages 420-421

