

*April 24, 2022*  
*Sunday of Divine Mercy*

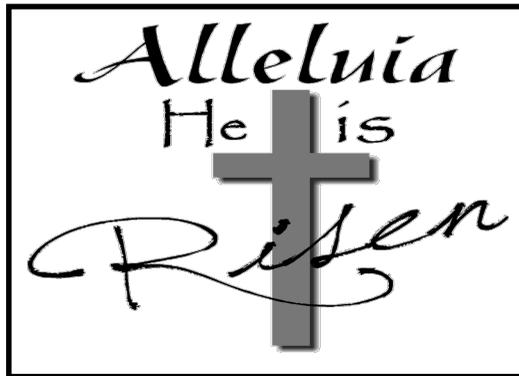
**Jesus, I Trust in You!**

The readings for this Sunday are about God's Mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith, and our need for God's forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of Mercy." In the Responsorial Psalm, we repeat several times, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!" God revealed His mercy first and foremost by sending His only begotten Son Who, as "the stone rejected by the builders [which] has become the corner stone," became our Savior and Lord by his suffering, death, and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments.

"Our magnificent Gospel today declares that there is no greater manifestation of the Divine mercy than the forgiveness of sins. The risen Lord appears to his disciples and greets them with "Shalom," peace. And then the extraordinary commission: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus' mercy is communicated to his disciples, who in turn are sent to communicate it to the world. This is the foundation for the Sacrament of Penance, which has existed in the Church from that moment to the present day as the privileged vehicle of the Divine mercy." Today's Gospel also emphasizes the importance of Faith in the all-pervading Presence of the Risen Lord of Mercy. To believe without having seen is every later Christian's experience. We are invited to receive liberation from doubts and hesitation by surrendering our lives to the Risen Lord of Mercy. Let us ask God our Father to open our hearts so that we may receive His Mercy in the form of the Holy Spirit.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC: **A – Ask** for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. **B – Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. **C – Completely trust** in Jesus. God wants us to know that our reception of the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

From <http://www.thedivine Mercy.org/>



**Special Holy Hour of Adoration  
This Sunday  
Sunday, April 24th, @ 3 p.m.  
Holy Cross Church**

Fr. Leo would like to invite **All Parishioners** to a Special Holy Hour of Adoration to pray to the Merciful Heart of Jesus for the reparation of the sins of the whole world. This is an opportunity for both those who love the "Usus Antiquior" Mass (Latin) and those who love the "Novus Ordo" Mass (Vernacular) to gather and pray together as a parish for an hour which will include:

- 1) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 2) Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3) 30 mins. of Silent Prayer; 4) Litany of the Sacred Heart; 5) Benediction

*Eternal God,  
in whom mercy is endless and the treasury  
of compassion inexhaustible,  
look kindly upon us and increase Your  
mercy in us, that in difficult moments we  
might not despair nor become  
despondent,  
but with great confidence submit  
ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love  
and Mercy itself. Amen.*

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for APRIL

*For health care workers*

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

*A Very Special Thank You To*

*Robin Rodriguez-Higginbottom, David Frost,  
Rachelle Rodriguez, and Mark Sorell for sharing  
their talents and commitment to bring us such  
lovely and inspiring music during Holy Week!*

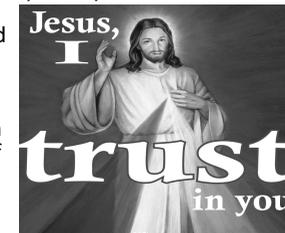
In the early 1930's, Jesus appeared to a young nun named Faustina, giving her messages for all mankind. Faustina, known for her great humility and holiness, recorded these messages.

At over 600 pages, Faustina's diary contained many themes, but above all, Jesus wanted mankind to know about His unfathomable Mercy--His desire to forgive all of our sins. To highlight this desire, an entire day has been set aside to experience His Mercy. He mentioned this "Feast of Mercy" to St. Faustina 14 different times.

In April of 2000, Pope John Paul II made this desire a reality, when he established the very first Divine Mercy Sunday. Not coincidentally, Sister Faustina was canonized Saint Faustina on this very same day. Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated ever since, always on the Sunday after Easter.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, not only does Jesus want to forgive us all of our sins, but He also wants to remove all of the punishments that we have coming to us because of them. This is an unfathomable grace, and it's only offered on this one day each year. He told Faustina: "Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment." . . . "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy."

To receive these promised Graces, Jesus asked that we receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday in a state of grace (having recently gone to Confession).



***Congratulations!***

**Matthew Higginbottom, Isaac Ervin,  
and Abby Higginbottom** upon receiving their First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil last weekend.

*Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us.*

*Thank You for giving these communicants the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time.*

*May your Eucharist presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbor, and fruitful in virtue, that they may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death.*

*Amen.*

***"He who knows how to forgive,  
prepares for himself many graces from  
God. As often as I look upon the cross,  
so often will I forgive with all my  
heart."***  
St. Faustina

**Second Collection This Weekend**

**Apr. 23/24—National Missions**

(Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Home Missions, Catholic Communications, Catholic University of America, Retirement Fund for Religious)

**Coffee, Cookies, & Fellowship  
after Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass  
All Welcome!**

April 23 (Vigil)	April 24		April 30 (Vigil)	May 1
Sherry Ruyle Laura Rodriguez	Mike Hickman Chris Holland	<b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Mary Harris Mary Feichtinger	Mike Cucchiara Bill Scrimsher
	Liam Wright Kinney & Kinley H.	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>		Carlos, Liam, & Amelia
Amber Wright	Seth Yoder	<b>READERS</b>	Carolyn Greer	Paul Stuart

*Happy Birthday!*



Ryan Duffy 4/3  
 Chris Holland 4/8  
 Joseph Dufour 4/10  
 Leonard Acevedo 4/11  
 Rosemary Kotas 4/19  
 Sherry Ruyle 4/20



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

**Weekend Collections Apr 15-17**

Regular Collections	<b>\$2,389.08</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	<b>100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,489.08</b>
Collection for the Holy Land	<b>\$560.00</b>

**Daily Mass Readings—Apr 24-30\***

Sunday	Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
Monday	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

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

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**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  
**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>Apr</i>	Judy Helms	Dorene McMahan
<i>May</i>	Theresa Fosburg	Theresa F/Earlyne H

**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](http://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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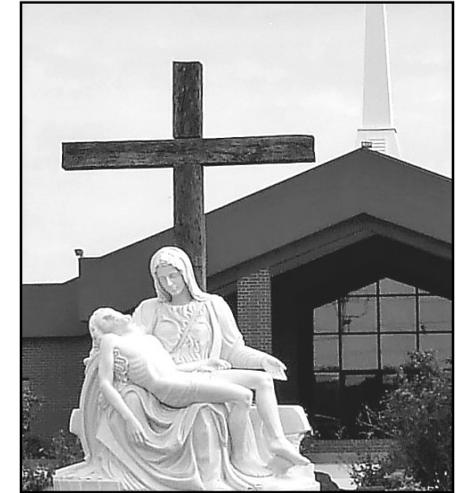


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**MASS TIMES**

**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 154-155**

**Vatican II Hymnal — Pages 479-480**

