May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

"The Way, The Truth, and The Life"

Today's readings tell us how the early Church accepted the challenge of keeping Jesus' memory alive in the Christian community by fashioning it into a serving and worshiping community, making of it a spiritual edifice built from the "living stones" of believers upon the "Living Cornerstone of Christ", and, thus, the Father's House. Today's readings demand from us real Faith not only in God the Father but also in Jesus precisely because he is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life", and he instructs us, "You have faith in God; have faith also in Me".

The first reading, taken from Acts, shows us the early Church as a loving, serving, and worshiping community (Acts 6:1-7). Hence, it easily solved a problem of perceived discrimination by instituting the diaconate for the service of the community. In the second reading, St. Peter advises the early Christians to renew the memory of Jesus by making their community a spiritual edifice built from the "living stones" of believers upon the "Living Cornerstone of Christ" (I Pt 2:4-5). Peter praises Christians, both Gentile and Jewish, as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God's own people."

In today's Gospel, Jesus consoles his apostles (who are sad and disheartened at His announcement that He will be leaving them soon), by assuring them that he is going to prepare an everlasting accommodation for them in his Father's House in Heaven. He gives them the assurance that he will come back to take them to their Heavenly abodes. It is then that Thomas says, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus answers Thomas' question with, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." The basic doctrine of Judaism is that Yahweh is the Way the Truth and the Life. Hence, Jesus is making a revolutionary claim that he is equivalent to Yahweh. Jesus also declares that he is the safest and surest way to God, discrediting the notions that all religions are equally sure ways to reach God, or that no organized religion but only living a good life of sharing love is necessary to reach God. Jesus, however, is the Way which he calls narrow because it is the way of focused, loving, humble, sacrificial service. Jesus is the Truth who teaches revealed truths about God and God's relation to man. Jesus also teaches moral truths by demonstrating them in his life. Jesus is the Life because, as God, he possesses the eternal life of God and shares his Divine life with his disciples through the Word of God and the Sacraments.

In short, Jesus reveals the Father in the way he lives, in the truth of his word and in the new life that he brings.*

*Excerpt from a Reflection by Fr. Antony Kadavil at https://www.vaticannews.va/

May is devoted to Mary, Queen of Heaven, providing an opportunity to focus on our relationship with the Holy Mother of Christ. As our mother, Mary has much to teach us and endless love to give. The month of May is one rich in tradition and a beautiful time of the year to honor our heavenly mother.

St. Anne Men's Theology Unhinged This Week, May 19th

(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 p.m.

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

Parish Council Meeting

Tues., May 17 @ 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!

The Holy Father has convened a **Synod** and has asked the People of God to participate in the synodal process.
Bishop Konderla is inviting all Catholics to attend an engagement session offered in English and Spanish, including sessions offered virtually and in-person at parishes throughout the Diocese.

There will be an in-person session for Holy Cross in the Parish Hall, this Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information or to answer the survey questions online, go to https://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/synod-survey

The Holy Cross Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry
Thurs., May 26th, 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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for MAY

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Camp Rother (formerly known as The Diocese of Tulsa Catholic Summer Camp)
Registration is now open for camp weeks hosted at both Sequoyah State Park & Lake Wister.
More Information and Registration available at https://dioceseoftulsayouth.org/camp-rother

Catholic Family Weekend at Robber's Cave State Park
June 10-12

Catholic families from across the Diocese will gather for a weekend of camping, hiking, praying, playing, swimming and grilling at beautiful Robber's Cave State Park, June 10-12.

Come camp out for the entire weekend or just come for the Saturday.

Please Come & Celebrate
Jim's Retirement
& years of service at Holy Cross
at a Drop-In Reception
on Sunday, May 22nd
from 2:00—4:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

Celebrating a Big Anniversary?
Bishop Konderla is celebrating a **25th, 40th, 50th, and 50th+ Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 26, at Holy Family Cathedral, @ 2:30 p.m. followed by a Reception in Heiring Auditorium.**
If you, or a couple you know in the Diocese, is celebrating or has celebrated their 25th, 40th, 50th and 50th+ Wedding Anniversary in the years 2020-2022, please contact your parish office or email religiousformation@dioceseoftulsa.org by June 1 so an invitation can be sent to the Mass and Reception.

You're Invited
to a Baby Shower Honoring
Kendra & Blair Kuehn-Smith
Saturday, May 21st, @ 12 p.m.
in the Parish Hall
RSVP Elsa Kuehn 918-798-3611
Registered @Amazon, Buy Buy Baby & Target

May 14 (Vigil)	May 15		May 21 (Vigil)	May 22
Linda Steinheil Richard Steinheil	Chris Holland Mike Hickman	**USHERS/GIFT BEARERS**	Judy Helms Richard Helms	Rosalina Empuerto Raul Empuerto
	Carlos, Liam, & Aceah	**ALTAR SERVERS**		Carlos, Liam, & Kinley
Judy Helms	Rosemary Kotas	**READERS**	Karol Watson	Seth Yoder

Happy Birthday!

Dcn. James Ruyle 5/2
Greg Troxel 5/6
Maria Elena Herl 5/7
Henry Leonard 5/12
Issac Ervin 5/14
Jim Marsh 5/14
Amelia Wright 5/17
Candace Stuart 5/23
Elijah McCaw 5/28

Weekend Collections May 7-8

Regular Collections	**$2,856.00**
Capital Improvement Fund	**200.00**
TOTAL	**$3,056.00**
Special Collection for Pro-Life	**$717.41**

Daily Mass Readings—May 15-21*

Sunday	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

*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

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!

	Altar Linens	*Altar Flowers*
May	Theresa Fosburg	Theresa F/Earlyne H
June	Mary Feichtinger	Sherri Moe

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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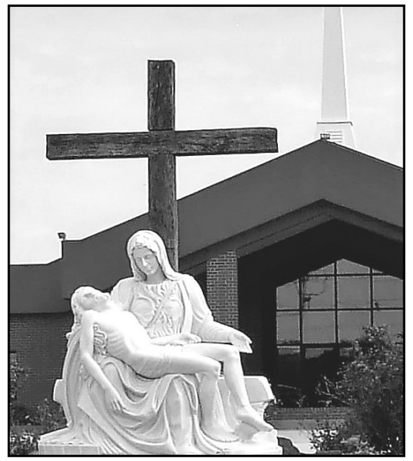

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MASS TIMES

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

CONFESSIONS
30 minutes before weekend Masses
Or by appointment/request

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Breaking Bread Book — Pages 160-161

Vatican II Hymnal — Pages 494-495