August 14, 2022 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I Came to Bring Fire to the Earth"

* Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the * coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of * how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set * the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John * the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but * someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit * and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by * the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the * Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on * Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole * world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

** Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming *judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be * immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. * His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' * birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby * Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your * servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has * come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said * as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was * destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be * contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but * peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the * Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will * be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of wour commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the **Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the **decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy **and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions **and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to **be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, August 15th Solemnity Mass @ 6 p.m.

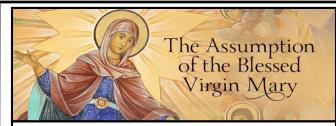
Chosen by God to be the mother of his only begotten Son, Mary was "immaculately conceived," that is, conceived in the womb of her own mother without the stain of original sin and "full of grace," as the Angel Gabriel announced when she, in turn, conceived the Lord Jesus (Luke 1:28).

Similarly, because of her unique and privileged relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ, she was assumed body and soul into heaven when her life on earth was ended. These two intimately related convictions of faith definitively proclaimed and held by the Church – the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption – understandably merit special recognition and observance by the Church, December 8 and August 15 respectively.

8 Strong Helpers Needed!

There's a need for helpers to move the altar after the Sunday Mass on either Aug. 21 or 28 (depending upon when the tile arrives) so that modifications can be made to altar area to accommodate the Latin Rite the following week. If you can help, please contact Mike Hickman @ 918-230-5635.

Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence. --Saint Francis de Sales



All-powerful and ever-living God, You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

Soon we will once again have the great opportunity to gather together as a Diocese and connect around the important topics of our Catholic faith and discuss the formation of the Faithful at every age. If you are interested, there is more information in the vestibule.

Pick up a copy of the informative letter from the diocese.

Faith Formation Conference August 27, 8:30—5, Renaissance Hotel, Tulsa

The conference focus is "Sacraments: Mysterious Encounters with Christ" — Keynote and Breakout Sessions on all seven sacraments.

\$25 includes Lunch
Also, further details at https://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/faithformation-conference.

Congratulations to the Meloche Family!

on the birth of their newest family member

Maximus Peter-Marie

Born July 26th and Baptized this Saturday

<u>You're Invited!</u>

Party/Luncheon to Celebrate Pat Jones' 90th Birthday

> Saturday, August 20th 12 noon to 2 p.m. Parish Hall

Happy Birthday, Pat!

St. Gregory's Abbey Plant Sale Saturday, August 27th, 8 a.m.—1 p.m. Rain or Shine - Cash or Check Accepted Support the Monks of St. Gregory's Abbey

The Holy Cross Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry

Thurs., August 25th, 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.

"Love our Lady. And she will obtain for you abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggle."

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--St. Josemaria Escriva

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

Aug 13 (Vigil)	Aug 14		Aug 20 (Vigil)	Aug 21
Sherry Ruyle	Bill Scrimsher	USHERS/GIFT	Kay Rodriguez	Rosalina Empuerto
Mary Feichtinger	Mike Cucchiara	BEARERS	Mary Harris	Raul Empuerto
	Aceah, Kinley,	ALTAR SERVERS		Carlos, Liam,
	& Amelia			& Kinnedy
Carolyn Greer	Mike Hickman	EUCHARISTIC MIN	Kay Rodriguez	Elaine Hall
Charlie Moe	Seth Yoder	READERS	Dorene McMahan	Candace Stuart

Happy Birthday!

Sherri Moe 8/2 Elsa Kuehn 8/7 Sam Sanco 8/9 Rosemary Brayner 8/11 Raphael Schmidgall 8/31 Mark Mason 8/13 Mike McMahan 8/16 Pat Jones 8/20

Rachelle Rodriguez 8/20 Cate Duffy 8/20

Mary Vreeland 8/22 Kinley Herndon 8/26 Liz Guadagno 8/28



Weekend Collections August 6-7

Regular Collections \$2.710.00

Capital Improvement Fund \$125.00

TOTAL \$2,835.00

Daily Mass Readings—Aug 14-20*			
Sunday	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53		
Monday	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56		
Tuesday	Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30		
Wednesday	Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16		
Thursday	Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14		
Friday	Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40		
Saturday	Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12		

^{*}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

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FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker Pat Sanco, parishioner Judy Wright, parishioner Becky Harding, parishioner Meredith Zehr, parishioner Hope Watson, parishioner Paul Rodriguez, parishioner



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

Holy Cross Mission Statement/Praver

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 I Lord, Amen!

	<u>Altar Línens</u>	<u> Altar Flowers</u>	
August	Karol Watson	Kathy Hickman	
Sept	ТВА	TBA	

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Finding solutions for your financial need.

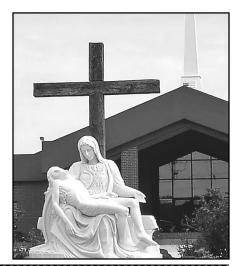


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MASS TIMES

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 200-201 Vatican II Hymnal — Pages 618-619

