

# October 16, 2022

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Necessity of Prayer**

In today's Gospel, Luke introduces a parable by saying, "Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity to pray always without becoming weary."

So to put this in a larger context, let's ask, "What do we know of Jesus' way of praying?"

In the Gospel of Luke, we hear that prayer provided the context for two of Jesus' extraordinary encounters with God: one at his baptism and the other at the transfiguration. In both of these, God affirmed Jesus' identity as the Son. We also hear that Jesus would go off to pray alone, especially for his 40-day desert sojourn and before he chose the 12 disciples. The disciples knew that Jesus prayed and finally asked him to teach them his way, which he did with the Lord's Prayer. We get to listen in as Jesus prayed when he thanked God for giving the lowly special revelations and in the Garden of Gethsemane when he summed up his life of prayer saying, "Not my will, but yours be done."

None of these references even hint that Jesus badgered God. Rather than express his own wants or needs, Jesus' prayer revealed his filial relationship to God, a relationship characterized by obedience. How does this relate to the widow who pestered the judge in today's Gospel?

This parable fits the classic pattern of turning things upside down. In real life, the widow is the defenseless and the judge powerful. But in the light of Jesus' Beatitudes, the widow is a blessed one and the judge the object of woe. As a blessed one, the widow fulfills a dual evangelizing role. First of all, from the most powerless position in society, she publicly proclaims her human dignity by demanding her rights — rights that belong not just to her, but to all the lowly who receive special attention from the God of Israel. Secondly, because Exodus 22 warns of dire consequences to anyone who wrongs a widow or orphan, the beggar woman is actually offering the judge a chance at redemption for the minuscule price of granting her justice against her adversary.

In Jesus' society, as in our own, people in respectable positions, particularly religious leaders, are supposed to model God's justice. Yet here, the widow carries out Jesus' evangelizing and saving work. She does it by demanding the justice that will bring salvation not just to her, but also to someone with unused power to bring about God's reign. She is calling for help in the name of the Lord.

In the end, it seems that the perseverance Jesus calls for has nothing to do with badgering God, reciting hundreds of rosaries or doubling down on novenas. The widow shows us that calling out for God's help is supposed to lead us to be unflagging in pursuit of the reign of God. When Jesus prayed he expressed and solidified his relationship with his Father. Our prayer makes sense when it deepens our awareness of our vocation as God's own and disciples of Jesus. Our help is in the name of the Lord, our prayer enables us to carry out God's will.

\*Reflection by Sr. Mary M. McGlone at <https://www.ncronline.org/>



### Wagoner Area Neighbors Thanksgiving Baskets

WAN needs your help in providing Thanksgiving meals for those less fortunate in Wagoner. You can help by making a monetary donation and/or by bringing needed food items for the baskets.

- 1) a collection basket is in the back of the church for monetary donations and/or
- 2) food items — such as canned corn, boxed dessert mixes, and canned pumpkin or sweet potatoes can be placed on the table in the vestibule. Please bring food items by Nov. 10.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Jim and Sherry Ruyle will ensure that both the monetary and food item donations are taken to WAN.

### Tickets for Hand-Stitched Quilt Now Available!!

**Purchase your \$10 tickets now for your chance to win the lovely hand-stitched queen-sized quilt on display in the vestibule. Drawing will be on Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Holy Cross Bazaar.**

### Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

If so, join our inquiry class, called RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**RCIA Classes**

**Each Monday from 7-8:30 p.m.  
In the Holy Cross Parish Library  
beginning Oct. 17**

All materials will be furnished, and all are welcome! Please contact Dcn Jim (retired) [jandsruyle@gmail.com](mailto:jandsruyle@gmail.com), 918-638-7226 or Mary Feichtinger (Religious Education) at [maryfeichtinger@yahoo.com](mailto:maryfeichtinger@yahoo.com), 303-519-0605 for more information and to register.

***A Special Thank You**  
to all those that made the Celebration last  
Saturday a Success!*

*Wonderful Mass, Delightful Evening, Delicious Food and  
Great Fellowship*

**Save the Date (& Pass the Word!)  
for our 2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar  
November 12 & 13 in the Parish Hall**

Please see Kathy Gordon, if you have home-made items to donate or would like to help with this fund-raising event.



**Day of Reflection**

**"The Gift of Stability in a Chaotic World"**  
Presented by Abbot Lawrence Stasyszyn, OSB  
**Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.**  
**St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee**

To register, call (405) 878-5656 or e-mail [retreats@monksok.org](mailto:retreats@monksok.org) or on the website [www.monksok.org](http://www.monksok.org).

During this month, more than in any other, it would be appropriate to find some time to recite this "powerful prayer to our Lady". Among all prayers, the Rosary is the one that brings us closer to Jesus the most, and does so through the sweet intercession from His Mother.

**The Rosary will be prayed at Holy Cross 30 minutes before the weekend Masses during October!**

Advent will be here soon! We tend to see Advent as a "countdown" to Christmas, but placed at the beginning of the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" Latin for "to come to") is the season we await the coming of Christ on all levels — as a babe in the stable of Bethlehem; as the grace in our souls; and as our Redeemer.

**Mark Your Calendar for Two  
Advent Events at Holy Cross  
to make your Advent  
a Special Time of Preparation**

- 1) The Alcuin Institute will host a presentation at Holy Cross on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m. This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss and prepare ourselves for Advent and Christmas. More info. coming soon.
- 2) Advent by Candlelight, a special evening for the women of our area, Friday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.. Space is limited for this dinner and speaker, so please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

**Seeking Individual(s) to Clean the Church**

If you are interested or you know of someone that may be interested in this position, please contact the church secretaries.

**Three Hearts Pilgrimage  
to Clear Creek Monastery  
October 20—22, 2022  
The Road to Restoration**

Join Catholics from across the Mid-West and beyond for this pilgrimage of reparation dedicated to the Three Hearts of the Holy Family.

More info. at [threeheartspilgrimage.org](http://threeheartspilgrimage.org)

Oct 15 (Vigil)	Oct 16		Oct 22 (Vigil)	Oct 23
Laura Rodriguez Paul Rodriguez	Rosalina Empuerto Raul Empuerto	<b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Sherry Ruyle Mary Feichtinger	Mike Cucchiara Bill Scrimsher
	Carlos, Liam, Amelia, & Kinley	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>		Carlos, Liam, Aceah, & Kinney
Dorene McMahan	Theresa Fosburg	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>	Dcn. Jim Ruyle	Chris Holland
Charlie Moe	Seth Yoder	<b>READERS</b>	Dorene McMahan	Candace Stuart

*Happy Birthday!*



Mary Dufour 10/1  
 Nathaniel Schmidgall 10/7  
 Kevin Moe 10/9  
 Mark Moe 10/9  
 Aaron Higginbottom 10/12  
 Kathy Hickman 10/14  
 Todd Kuehn 10/20  
 Sharon Carter 10/24  
 Laura Rodriguez 10/27  
 Sunny Marsh 10/28



**Weekend Collections Oct. 8-9**

Regular Collections **\$ .00**  
 Capital Improvement Fund **.00**  
**TOTAL \$ .00**

**Catholic Charities**

**Daily Mass Readings—Oct 16-22\***

Sunday	Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday	Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday	Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9

\*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  
 Judy Wright, parishioner  
 Becky Harding, parishioner  
 Meredith Zehr, parishioner  
 Hope Watson, parishioner  
 Paul Rodriguez, 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>Oct</i>	Earlyne Hutchens	Kathy Gordon
<i>Nov</i>	Carolyn Greer	Earlyne Hutchens

**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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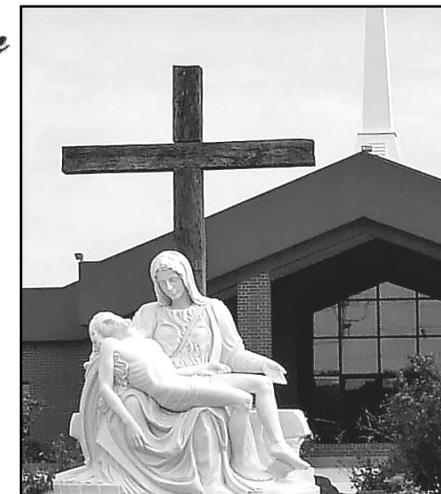
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**Wagoner, Oklahoma**

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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 221-223**

**Vatican II Hymnal — Pages 658-659**

