



November 20, 2022
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

I AM A MEMBER OF CHRIST'S ROYAL FAMILY
We close the liturgical calendar with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is interesting to notice that the Gospel reading for this celebration is about the crucifixion of Jesus; to be more specific, about the conversation between Jesus and the two criminals, who were hung side by side with him. Credit should be given to one of the criminals, who was able to seize the very last second and opportunity to steal the most precious treasure from Jesus, salvation: "Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise". We may ask: what is then the relevance of this story with the solemnity of Christ the King of Universe? Moreover, what is the significance of this celebration to our lives? At first, one may think that the appropriate gospel reading for this solemnity should be taken from Luke 19:37-49, the passage about Jesus entering Jerusalem, when he was welcomed as a King with shouts of joy: "Blessed is he who is coming as King in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!"

But yes, this is the right passage, since at the crucifixion, the opponents of Jesus called him King as a mockery, jeering at him. The inscription of Pilate "This is the king of the Jews" on his cross is a paradox of Christ's kingship. All of this comes to a head when one of the criminals crucified with Jesus joins the mockery, and the one hanging on Jesus' other side defends Jesus' innocence and then addresses him directly, "Jesus, remember me when you enter upon your kingdom. Here is the point, the kingship of Jesus is truly manifested on the cross by the acknowledgment of a criminal, not in the shouting of a crowd of people.

Jesus is truly King, his crown is the thorns, his throne is the wood of the cross and his palace is the heart of believers, those who truly accept him in Faith as the author of their lives. Jesus is the sole king who saves fallen humanity from hopelessness. In this respect he is truly original, truly exceptional, the divine challenge to a world which imagines kingship to be enslavement of others.

St. Paul's letter to the Colossians professes Christ's cosmic centrality, paradoxically revealed in the shame of a cross. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures. In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, things visible and invisible. ... In him everything continues in being. ... He is the beginning, the first-born of the dead, so that primacy may be his in everything. It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person both on earth and in the heavens, making peace through the blood of his cross.

Celebration of the solemnity of Christ the King reminds and confirms our identity as subjects of God's Kingdom, members of Christ's royal family. Our faith in Jesus' kingship gives a sure hope and assurance that Jesus will remember us when he enters upon his Kingdom. And yet this privilege of being members of Christ's royal family challenges us to live our Christian lives accordingly. Meaning to say, our lives, our attitude, should be a testimony of our identity as members of Christ's royal family.

\*Refectio by Fr. Marsel from https://sierraleone.xaverians.org/

Advent begins next Sunday, Nov. 27

a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy.



Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, Nov. 23
6:00 p.m. in Wagoner
7:30 p.m. in Coweta

Celebrate Thanksgiving with the Wagoner Christian Community

Wagoner Community Thanksgiving Service

This Sunday, Nov. 20, @ 7 p.m.
First United Methodist Church

The Holy Cross Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, distribution will be

Wed., November 23rd, 10 a.m. — Noon

Food Boxes Available & Distributed While Supplies Last using a drive-through format

A Big Thank You to all those that made the Christmas Bazaar a success by donating their time, efforts, and money to this fund-raising event!!

Congratulations to Jennifer Morris—winner of the hand-stitched quilt

Second Collection This Weekend

Nov 19/20 — For Social Justice

Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe.

May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

"Tulsa Time with Bishop Konderla"

Each week Bishop David Konderla will sit down with Adam Minihan to talk about all things Catholic in eastern Oklahoma.

Be sure to check out our Website Or our Facebook page for this weekly podcast video.

Sacraments: Encounters with Christ

The Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture website has wonderful resources on the sacraments. Check out alcuininstitute.org/resources.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for

NOVEMBER

For Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

November is the Month of Remembrance

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent — the four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The Church then uses this end of the year period as a time to think of the end of life and the end of all things and the great hope that our earthly end is transition into a new life in God's heavenly reality.

We give thanks for those who have gone before us and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and our desire to join them there one day.

If you would like to add the names of deceased loved ones to the All Souls Prayer Tree on the altar rail, prayers are offered for these souls each Mass.

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

Outreach to the Sick and Homebound

There are request cards in the vestibule to request communion and/or a home visit for the sick or homebound. Please complete a request card and place in the offering basket.

A Personal Intention Book is available in the vestibule so that you can add your personal intention for that Mass. The book is carried up to the altar along with the other gifts during the Offertory at each Mass.

Table with 5 columns: Date (Nov 19, 20, 26, 27), Name, Role (USHERS/GIFT BEARERS, ALTAR SERVERS, EUCHARISTIC MIN, READERS), Name, Name.

*Happy Birthday!*

Abigail Higginbottom 11/1	
Angela Schmidgall 11/1	
Lance Dufour 11/2	Mark Sorell 11/8
Linda Steinheil 11/2	Makenna Wright 11/14
Karol Watson 11/2	Michelle Atanasio 11/19
Anthony Herndon 11/3	Bill Scrimsher 11/21
Michael Snyman 11/4	Elizabeth Sullivan 11/21
Vinny Guadagno 11/6	Liam Wright 11/27
Skip Gordon 11/8	Earlyne Hutchens 11/30
Kinney Herndon 11/8	Carlos Sorell 11/30

**Weekend Collections Nov. 12-13**

Regular Collections	<b>\$1,976.00</b>
Capital Improvement	<b>130.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$2,106.00</u></b>
<b>Special Collection for Military Serv</b>	<b><u>\$578.00</u></b>

**Daily Mass Readings—Nov 20-26\***

Sunday	2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

\*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  
 Sunny Marsh, parishioner  
 Donna Senner, 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>Nov</i>	Carolyn Greer	Earlyne Hutchens
<i>Dec</i>	Kathy Gordon	No Flowers/Advent

**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>**

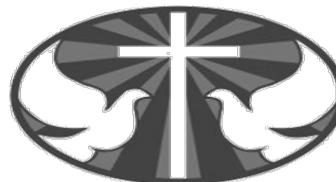
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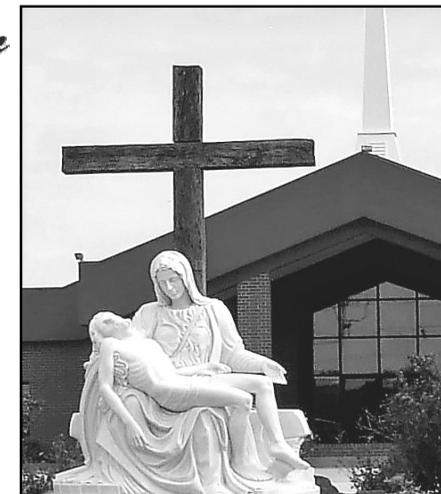
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**MASS TIMES**

**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 233-234**

**Vatican II Hymnal — Pages 680-681**

