

## February 5, 2023

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Your Light Shall Break Forth Like the Dawn

"God is light", we hear in Sacred Scripture [1 John 1:5]. But in today's Gospel reading, Jesus declares to His disciples: "You are the light of the world." To help you live out this calling faithfully, and to carry out the "good deeds" that are the heart of this calling, today's 1st & 2nd readings prepare you for the Gospel reading.

The first reading, from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah, is very practical. It's down to earth. The prophet Isaiah is calling God's People to carry out the sort of actions that in the Catholic Faith are called "the corporal works of mercy": to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead.

All seven of these corporal works of mercy are very practical ways to live out your Catholic Faith. Each of us carries out these works of mercy because God commands us to do so. When we follow the Lord's commands, we grow in the likeness of God. It follows that each of us carries out these works of mercy in order to love our God and our neighbor. So God's command and the desire to love—which are really two sides of the same coin—make for two sound motives for carrying out these works of mercy.

Yet the prophet Isaiah gives a third motive. He prophesies to those who would carry them out: "if you bestow your bread on the hungry... then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." The Old Testament promise was that God, who is light, would shine on those who carry out good deeds.

But the Gospel of Jesus promises something even greater. In effect, the Gospel provides a fourth motive. The Gospel promises that those who live the Gospel become light, and that God shines through them.

Immediately after the Beatitudes (which we heard Jesus proclaim last Sunday) comes today's Gospel reading, in which Jesus calls His followers "salt" and "light". Jesus is calling you to be "the light of the world." But what does that mean in practical terms?

Jesus' last sentence sheds light on what He means. It's basically a command, but it has three parts. Jesus commands you when He declares: "your light must shine before others, [so] that they may see your good deeds/and [so that they may] glorify your heavenly Father." But why would others glorify your Father if it's your good deeds that they see?

St. Paul in the 2nd reading, in preaching to the Corinthians, offers us the skeleton key that unlocks the meaning of Jesus' words. St. Paul says, "I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling ... so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom, but on the power of God." What is this "power of God"? St. Paul answers this question for us, also. This power is "Jesus Christ, and Him crucified". Jesus Christ, the Son of God Himself, destroyed the power of death by His own suffering and death.

When God asks us to do something for Him, our reflex often is to spell out for God all the reasons why we cannot help Him with His request. Christians believe that certain good works are simply not within their power. But maybe that's God's point. Maybe God wants to use a weak instrument such as us so that His power shines more clearly. Maybe when you imitate Jesus Christ crucified by allowing your weakness to be the vessel of God's power, people will see your good deeds and glorify the Father who loves you enough to ask you to serve Him through your weakness.

\*Excerpt of Reflection by Fr. Thomas Hoisington <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/>

#### JOIN US

**Cookies & Coffee** are served after the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass each weekend &

a **Breakfast and Birthday Cake** to celebrate the birthdays of the month will be served **this Sunday after 8:30 a.m. Mass** and on the **first Sunday of each month.**

Visitors Welcome!

**The Classical Catholic Drama Club,**  
(composed of area students ages 7—18)  
presents

***The Jungle Book***  
a play based on Rudyard Kipling's stories

Performances at the Broken Arrow  
Community Playhouse: evenings of Feb 10 &  
11, @ 7:30 and matinees on 5, 11, & 12, @ 2

<https://www.classicalcatholicdrama.org> for  
information and to purchase tickets

#### Annual Faith & Works Appeal Begins Next Weekend

Please consider supporting our Faith & Works Annual Appeal as we celebrate the Diocesan 50th Anniversary

Together we are one Church in Eastern Oklahoma!

Faith & Works funds the multiple shared ministries in the Diocese including : Family & Pro-Life, Faith Formation (all ages) & Parish Support, Clergy & Vocation, Community & Safety

#### ***Mary & Martha Society Meeting***

**Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 6:00 p.m.**  
(Hostesses: Dorene, Kathy H, & Pat)

***All Women of the Parish Welcome!***

***Please Join Us***  
***for food, fellowship, and serving the***  
***altar society ministry of Holy Cross***

#### Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma's 50th Jubilee Celebrations to Begin

**Monday, Feb. 6 @ 7 p.m. @ Holy Family Cathedral**

Evening Prayer & Presentation by best-selling author, George Weigel, with reception to follow.

**Tuesday, Feb. 7, Noon @ Holy Family Cathedral**

Concelebrated Mass—Each pastor will be presented with a papal blessing to hang in their church for the Jubilee year.

*Other Events to Celebrate this Milestone of the Diocese will continue throughout the year.*

#### Save the Date for the 2023 Charlemagne Ball

**February 11 | 6-10 pm | Scissortail Ballroom, Tulsa**

An enchanting evening of fine dining and formal dancing.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person. For more info., contact Eli Stone at [eli.stone@dioceseoftulsa.org](mailto:eli.stone@dioceseoftulsa.org)

#### Dedication of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine February 17, 11 a.m., 700 SE 89th Street, OKC

The shrine will be the final resting place of Blessed Stanley, and will feature a museum and pilgrim center on the campus. The dedication Mass is open to the public, but seating will be limited, on a first-come-first-serve basis.

#### ***Raising Saints Youth Group***

For the 6th-12th grade youth of Holy Cross and St. Vincent de Paul to gather for Fun, Fellowship, and Faith Formation

**This Month's Activity: Mardi Gras Theme**  
**February 19, 4—7 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Coweta**

#### **Your Parish Needs Your Time and Talents!**

Please turn in your **Holy Cross Ministries Response Form**, if you haven't already done so!

#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for

#### **FEBRUARY**

#### ***For parishes***

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

#### **Diocesan Women's Bible Study** **Acts of the Apostles**

**Every Wednesday, Jan. 18-Mar. 22**  
**8:30—11:30 a.m.**

***Church of the Madalene, Tulsa***

\$30 for the study materials. For more Info. contact Mary Hall [mnhall74@gmail.com](mailto:mnhall74@gmail.com) or 918-284-4747

The St. John Paul II Foundation  
and the Diocese of Tulsa

invite all married and engaged couples to the  
**6th Annual Together in Holiness Marriage Conference**

**February 18, 2023 from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm**  
**at St. Anne's in Broken Arrow**

**Dynamic Presentations | Mass | Childcare**  
**Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation**

Registration: \$64/couple and \$40/individual  
Early Bird discount through Jan. 9.  
Scholarships available upon request.  
On-site childcare (1-12yrs); pre-registration required.

For more info., please visit  
[togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org)  
or email [ellen@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:ellen@forlifeandfamily.org)

Feb 4 (Vigil)	Feb 5		Feb 11 (Vigil)	Feb 12
Carolyn Greer Sherry Ruyle	Rosalina Empuerto Raul Empuerto	<b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Kay Rodriguez Sherry Ruyle	Mike Cucchiara Bill Scrimsher
Henry Leonard	Carlos, Liam, Amelia, & Aceah	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Henry Leonard Larry Chekofsky	Carlos, Liam, Amelia, & Aceah
Richard Helms	Chris Holland	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>	Linda Steinheil	Mike Hickman
Kay Rodriguez	Paul Stuart	<b>READERS</b>	Charlie Moe	Chris Holland

## Happy Birthday!

Felix Acevedo 2/1	Joe Cummings 2/17
Rose Dufour 2/2	Robyn Rodriguez
Kathy Gordon 2/2	Higginbottom 2/18
Beth McCaw 2/5	Raul Empuerto 2/24
Walter Mazil 2/7	Paul Rodriguez 2/24
Traci McClellan Sorell 2/7	John Watson 2/24
Lucille Dickinson 2/10	Marie Herndon 2/27
Jackie Spieker 2/12	
Amber Wright 2/13	
Kay Rodriguez 2/16	



## 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!

## Daily Mass Readings—Feb 5-11\*

Sunday	Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday	Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Friday	Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10

\*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:

[www.holycross-wagoner.org](http://www.holycross-wagoner.org)

To place information in the bulletin or on the church website, contact Karol Watson, [karol\\_watson@yahoo.com](mailto:karol_watson@yahoo.com) or 918-640-5819

For issues/help with Flocknotes, contact Kay Rodriguez, [msrod@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msrod@sbcglobal.net) or 405-659-0507

## FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker  
 Judy Wright, parishioner  
 Becky Harding, parishioner  
 Meredith Zehr, parishioner  
 Hope Watson, parishioner  
 Paul Rodriguez, parishioner  
 Sunny Marsh, parishioner  
 Donna Senner, parishioner  
 Laura Rodriguez, parishioner  
 Dorothy Welby  
 Mary Harris, parishioner



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

## Weekend Collections Jan 28-29

General Collections	\$2,044.00
Capital Improvement	130.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,174.00</b>

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Feb</i>	Mary Feichtinger	Elizabeth Guadagno
<i>Mar</i>	Mary Harris	Lent (no flowers)

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.



**Seth A Yoder**  
 Financial Advisor  
 114 East Cherokee  
 Wagoner, OK 74467  
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**Edward Jones**  
 BROKER/DEALER IN SECURITIES  
[edwardjones.com](http://edwardjones.com)

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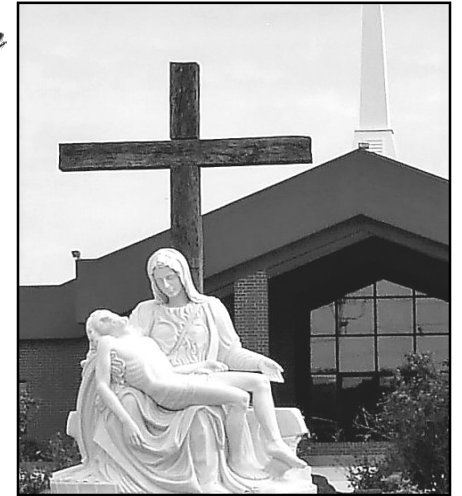
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*Wagoner, Oklahoma*

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Facebook: Holy Cross Catholic Church—Wagoner, OK



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"Behold the wood of the Cross on which  
 hung the Savior of the world."

## 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 63-65

**Vatican II Hymnal**—Pages 547

