

## March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent

### In God, Life is Love

Lent is a graced time when we are invited to let the Spirit take us 'to the wilderness' (1st Sunday) and renew our relationship with Jesus. Over the past four Sundays we have come to recognize Jesus as 'Son of God' (1st Sunday), 'beloved Son of the Father' (2nd Sunday), 'life-giving water' (3rd Sunday), and 'light' (4th Sunday). On this fifth Sunday we meet Jesus our life.

Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promises to 'open our graves' that sin has buried us in and to 'raise us from our graves.' God is the one who gave us life in the beginning, when he breathed into the nostrils of the first man (Genesis 2:7); he now promises to return us to new life in his Son. The apostle Paul reminds us that though we are dead through our sinfulness, life in Christ is more powerful and will overturn death caused by sin. Through Baptism, which we renew at the Vigil of Easter, we gain new life in Christ, the giver of all life.

In the gospel, Martha and Mary, Jesus' friends, grieve the loss of their brother Lazarus. They have faith in Jesus, the Son of God, and ask him to heal their brother, but Jesus waits until Lazarus is dead before he visits the grieving family. Although they believe that Jesus is 'the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world,' they do not fully understand what this really meant.

Jesus declares that he is life and that whoever believes in him, even if he died in this world, would live forever. As proof of this, Jesus calls Lazarus forth into earthly life. Lazarus is still bound by sinfulness and mortality, and Jesus orders the onlookers to 'unbind him and let him go free,' but, after all, this is only a metaphor of what real life in God means. We are still required to have faith in Jesus, our life! For in God, life is love.

\*Reflection from <https://web.paulistmissionaries.org/>

*God of all consolation and compassion,  
your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary;  
your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls.*

*Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair  
and death with the hope of resurrection and faith in the  
One who called Lazarus forth from the grave. Amen*

## Lent 2023



### Fridays During Lent

Mass—5:00 pm

Adoration—5:30 pm

Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm

Light Lenten Meal—6:30 pm

**The Last Lenten Meal will be a  
Fish Fry this week after Stations of  
the Cross.**

**Please sign up in the vestibule, if you  
plan to attend! Also, donations to  
help defray expenses (either prior to  
or at the event) are appreciated.**

### First Saturday Mass

Next Saturday

Apr. 1, at 8:30 a.m.

### Clean-Up Day!!

Please come at **9am next Saturday**  
(after first Sat. Mass, April 1), to help  
clean the church for Easter!

Your help with this is greatly  
appreciated.

### Easter Lilies for the Altar

A sign-up sheet and envelopes have been placed  
in the vestibule for those that wish to purchase  
a lily for the altar during the Easter season in  
honor or in memory of a loved one.  
Suggested donation \$15

### Holy Week Services

**April 2, Palm Sunday**—8:30 am English Mass;  
10:30 am TLM (pending availability of priest)

**April 6, Holy Thursday**—6 pm English Mass with  
Washing of Feet; followed by Adoration in the Chapel  
until Midnight

**April 7, Good Friday**—5 pm Stations of the Cross;  
5:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy

**April 8, Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)**—8:30 pm English  
Mass

**April 9, Easter Sunday**—8:30 am English Mass;  
10:30 am TLM (pending availability of priest)

**April 16, Divine Mercy Sunday**—8:30 am English Mass;  
3 pm Joint English/TLM Divine Mercy Service

### New Parishioner Registration

Holy Cross Registration forms are located in the back of  
the church and will assist with information for  
communication and Holy Cross ministry efforts.

Please pick up a form, complete, and return to the church  
secretary. The form can also be found and printed from  
the church website.

### Second Collection on Good Friday

Apr. 7th —For the Holy Land

### 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.

### Camp Rother Registration is OPEN!

Resident Summer Camp options are available  
for Grades 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12  
More Details Available at  
[dioceseoftulsayouth.org](http://dioceseoftulsayouth.org)  
Contact Sky Creed with scholarship requests,  
questions or concerns at 918-307-4907 or  
[sky.creed@dioceseoftulsa.org](mailto:sky.creed@dioceseoftulsa.org)

### Coffee, Cookies, & Fellowship

after Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass  
(No First Sunday Breakfast on April 2nd,  
Palm Sunday)

**All Welcome!**

### Day of Reflection

"A Day of Silence at the Abbey—Preparing  
for Easter"

Facilitated by Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen, OSB  
**Saturday, April 1, 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.**  
**St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee**

Cost is \$30 (lunch included). 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).

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for

**MARCH**

### For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm  
from members of the Church; may they  
find within the Church herself a concrete  
response to their pain and suffering.

Mar 25 (Vigil)	Mar 26		Apr 1 (Vigil)	Apr 2
Carolyn Greer Linda Steinheil	Mike Cucchiara Bill Scrimsher	<b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Sherry Ruyle Mary Feichtinger	Rosalina Empuerto Raul Empuerto
Larry Chekofsky	Aceah, Liam, Carlos, & Amelia	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Larry Chekofsky	Aceah, Liam, Carlos, & Amelia
Kay Rodriguez	Bille Cummings	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>	Richard Helms	Bille Cummings
Paul Rodriguez	Chris Holland	<b>READERS</b>	Charlie Moe Dorene (Voice)	Seth Yoder Chris H. (Voice)

## Happy Birthday!



David Frost 3/1	Gabriel Schmidgall 3/13
Alexis Murphy 3/3	Liz McKay 3/15
Patty Chandler 3/4	Mary Jo Kolb 3/19
Kevin Higginbottom 3/6	Susan Mason 3/19
Jen Duffy 3/10	Emmett Wells 3/23
Mike Cucchiara 3/11	Richard Senner 3/27
Diane Bond 3/12	Hope Duffy 3/29

	<u>Altar Linens</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>
<i>Mar</i>	Kathy Gordon	Lent (no flowers)
<i>Apr</i>	Sherry Ruyle	Lent & Easter Lilies

### 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—Mar 26—Apr 1\*

Sunday	Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

\*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  
Sunny Marsh, parishioner  
Donna Senner, parishioner  
Mary Harris, parishioner  
Matthew Gordon, son of Skip & Kathy



### WE PRAY TO THE LORD

### Weekend Collections Mar 18-19

General Collections	\$1,715.00
Capital Improvement	205.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,920.00</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering for Foreign Churches	353.00

### Please Pray for Our Military Men & Women Deployed for a Safe Deployment and Return Home

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  
918-485-0992

**Edward Jones**  
Member Since 1977  
[edwardjones.com](http://edwardjones.com)

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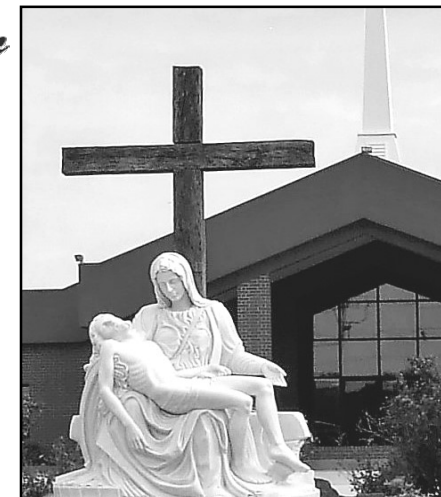
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*Wagoner, Oklahoma*

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Website: <http://www.holycross-wagoner.org>

Facebook: Holy Cross Catholic Church—Wagoner, OK



*March 26, 2023*  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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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 83-85**

**Vatican II Hymnal — Pages 434-435**

