

May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday

Our Gift of the Holy Spirit

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year. That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.*

*Reflection at <https://www.loyolapress.com/>

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. We celebrate today to recognize His gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy live in believers.

Lord of Power, Breath of Life, on this Pentecost Sunday, we ask that You breathe on us once again. Make our consciences tender to Your touch. We hunger for the life-changing power that Your Holy Spirit brings. May our lives exemplify the fruit of Your Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May we use the gifts of the Spirit that You have distributed to bless the church and build Your Kingdom on earth. Amen.

**First Saturday Mass
Next Saturday
June 3, at 8:30 a.m.**

**Request Cards for both
Outreach to The Sick and/or Homebound**

**Special Mass Intentions
are available in the vestibule**

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.

Parenting Night — Adoption & Fostering

Gathering for Families that have Adopted or Fostered
Children and Those Interested in Learning More

**Wednesday, June 7, @ St. Bernard's Community
Room from 6-8 p.m.**

Holy Cross Parish-Wide Picnic & New Parishioner Welcome

Sunday, June 11th, from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
@ Maple Park Pavilion, Wagoner

*Please sign-up in the vestibule to indicate the number in
your family attending, so food can be planned. Hamburgers
& Hot Dogs and Water provided! Please bring a side dish
or dessert to share and drinks for your family!!*

Diocese Jubilee Picnic

**Celebrating 50 Years for the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern
Oklahoma**

Saturday, June 24, 3-10 p.m.

*Procession from St. Henry to Redbud Festival Park Kick-Off,
Loads of Music, Food/Beer Sales, Children/Youth Activities, T-
shirt & Cookie Competitions.*

**Bishop Konderla is celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th,
and 50th+ Wedding Anniversary Mass**

**Sunday, June 25, 2:30 p.m. @ Holy Family Cathedral
followed by a reception in Heiring Auditorium**

If you, or a couple you know in the diocese, is celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries this year, please email religiousformation@dioceseoftulsa.org by June 1, so an invitation to the Mass and Reception can be sent.

Memorial Day Prayer

Father in Heaven,

Bring us peace and make us peacemakers.
Grant us the courage to work for your Kingdom
so that justice can flourish in our world.
In your mercy, gather in all of the brave men
and women

who have given their lives so we can be free.
Let them live forever with you in heaven
freed from pain in your loving embrace.
Comfort their families,
who have also sacrificed for us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Save the Date!

Parish-Wide Town Hall/Missions

Sunday

Sunday, July 9th, @ 5 p.m.

Pizza and Drinks Provided

**Confirmations and Mass will be
celebrated by Bishop Konderla
@ Holy Cross**

Saturday Vigil Mass, July 15th, 5 p.m.

NEW EPISODES

"Tulsa Time with Bishop Konderla"

Bishop David Konderla sits 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 podcast
video.

May 27 (Vigil)	May 28		June 3 (Vigil)	June 4
Carolyn Greer Sherry Ruyle	Rosalina Empuerto Raul Empuerto	USHERS/GIFT BEARERS	Kay Rodriguez Mary Feichtinger	Matthew Higginbottom Isaac Ervin
Larry Chekofsky	Liam, Carlos, & Makenna	ALTAR SERVERS		Carlos, Liam, & Makenna
Mary Feichtinger	Chris Holland	EUCCHARISTIC MIN	Carolyn G./Kay R.	Chris H./Mike H.
Judy Helms	Chris Holland	READERS	Paul Rodriguez	Kinney, Aceah, & Kinley

Happy Birthday!

James Ruyle 5/2	Candace Stuart 5/23
Greg Troxel 5/6	Robert Bond 5/24
Maria Elena Herl 5/7	Mark Jameson 5/25
Henry Leonard 5/12	Elijah McCaw 5/28
Issac Ervin 5/14	
Blake Jameson 5/14	
Amelia Wright 5/17	



Whatever you do for your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, **you do for Jesus. —Mother Teresa**

Weekend Collections May 20-21

General Collections	\$2,358.00
Capital Improvement	655.00
TOTAL	\$3,013.00

Daily Mass Readings—May 28—June 3*

Sunday	Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Monday	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday	Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
Thursday	Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52
Friday	Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26
Saturday	Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33

*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
Judy Wright, parishioner
Becky Harding, parishioner
Meredith Zehr, parishioner
Hope Watson, parishioner
Donna Senner, parishioner
Bill Scrimsher, 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>May</i>	Rosemary Kotas	Rosemary Kotas
<i>June</i>	Mary Feichtinger	Sherri Moe

**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,
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https://holycrosscatholicchurch5.flocknote.com/
dashboard**

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your financial need.**



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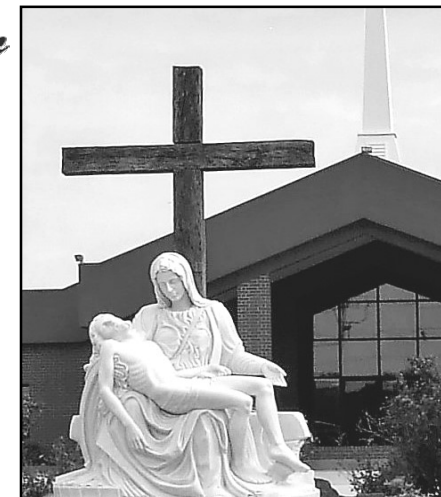
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MASS TIMES

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

Vigil—Pages 155-160

Sunday—Pages 161-164

Vatican II Hymnal

Vigil—Pages 508-509

Sunday—Pages 510-512

