

June 25, 2023
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do Not Be Afraid

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test.

We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up.

For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm.

As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel.

Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him.

Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell.

We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see John 2:17). As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see Romans 15:3).

By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.*

*Reflection by Scott Hahn at <https://stpaulcenter.com/>

First Saturday Mass
Next Saturday
July 1, at 8:30 a.m.

JOIN US

Cookies & Coffee are served after the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass each weekend & a Birthday Cake to celebrate the birthdays of the month will be served next Sunday after 8:30 a.m. Mass and on the first Sunday of each month.

Visitors Welcome!

Confirmations and Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Konderla @ Holy Cross
Saturday, July 15th

4:30 p.m. Confirmations for Latin Mass candidates

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (English) and Confirmations for English Mass candidates

6:00 p.m. Reception for both TLM and English Mass confirmands to celebrate being "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

Parish-Wide Town Hall/Missions
Sunday Rescheduled!

Date changed to
Sunday, July 16th, @ 5 p.m.

Come Be a Part of the Missions of Your Church —Holy Cross
Pizza and Drinks Provided

Second Collection This Weekend

June 24/25 — For Peter's Pence

The Alcuin Institute is pleased to partner with St. Michael Catholic Radio to bring you the **Catholic Speaker Series**—a joint initiative designed to bring some of the best and most engaging Catholic speakers to the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma!

Join us on **Friday, June 30, at Holy Family Cathedral** as we discuss the virtue of Justice, the related virtue of Mercy, and the balance that must be struck between the two. Fr. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P. is a Dominican friar of the Province of St. Joseph, and cohost of Godsplaining, a Dominican podcast launched by the friars.

In addition to the lecture, in true Alcuin fashion, plenty of drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and merriment will be had. Please contact us at alcuin@dioceseoftulsa.org with any questions you may have about this event!

Due to the Recent Storm Damage and Power Outages

The Diocese Jubilee Picnic Has Been Rescheduled

New Date will be
Saturday, October 28, 3-10 p.m.

Wagoner Area Neighbors
is in need of bottled water!

Please take donations to 100 NE 8th St.

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays — 8:30 to 12:00

Tuesdays & Thursdays — 11:00 to 3:00

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and can be mailed to P.O. Box 993, Wagoner, OK 74477

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of parishioner,

Helene McCann

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.

*Eternal God,
in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.*

The Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus most simply because the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated during this month.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the symbol of a love that conquers sin and transcends death, the symbol of the One who loved us to the end. Jesus invites us to learn from his heart and to imitate his love, his meekness, and his humility.

Let us draw close to Christ in the mystery of his heart, which will enable us to dwell on the great mystery of our faith, that *God is love*.

In our lives and in our work in the Church, we must place all our hope in the One who said "*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.*"

And let us unite our hearts with the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

June 24 (Vigil)	June 25		July 1 (Vigil)	July 2
Judy Helms Richard Helms	Mike Cucchiara Bill Scrimsher	USHERS/GIFT BEARERS	Linda Steinheil Sherry Ruyle	Matthew Higginbottom Isaac Ervin/Abby H.
Larry Chekofsky	Aceah, Carlos, Liam, & MaKenna	ALTAR SERVERS	Larry Chekofsky	Liam, Makenna & Larry
Charlie M./Sherri M.	Elaine H./Mike H.	EUCCHARISTIC MIN	Dorene/Mike Mc	Bille C./Chris H.
Carolyn Greer	Heather Jordan	READERS	Karol Watson	Kinney, Kinley, & Aceah

Happy Birthday!

Ari Kuehn 6/01 Dorene McMahan 6/22
 Bille Cummings 6/01 Judy Helms 6/24
 Vincent Kolb 6/01 Eileen Sommer 6/24
 Mary Feichtinger 6/02 Brian Kolb 6/25
 Craig Campbell 6/09 Richard Helms 6/28
 Donna Senner 614 Jane Linz 6/30
 Jack Duffy 6/16
 Raydean Yoder 6/17
 David Yakstis 6/18
 Angela Jones 6/22



Weekend Collections June 10-11 & 17-18

General Collections—6/10 & 11 **\$4,459.24**
 6/17 & 18 **1,321.00**
 Capital Improvement—6/10 & 11 **130.00**
 6/17 & 18 **155.00**

TOTAL \$6,065.24

Daily Mass Readings—June 25-July 1*

Sunday	Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
Monday	Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday	Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday	Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17

*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



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>June</i>	Mary Feichtinger	Sherri Moe
<i>July</i>	Kay Rodriguex	Karol Watson Carolyn Greer

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 with your Catholic Faith & your Holy Cross Family**

*Daily Readings, Daily Prayer of the Day, Bulletins,
 Catholic & Holy Cross News/Events*

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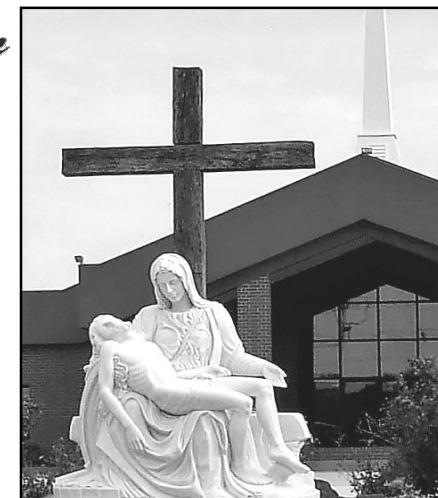
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 Wagoner, Oklahoma**

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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 171-172**

**Vatican II Hymnal
 Pages 578-579**

