

# July 30, 2023

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**King Solomon: A Divine Wisdom and Flawed Legacy**

King Solomon, known as the son of King David, played a vital role in the history of ancient Israel as depicted in the Bible. He ascended to the throne after his father's death and became one of the most renowned and influential kings in Israel's history.

While King Solomon was known for his extraordinary wisdom and accomplishments, his life was not without flaws and challenges. Solomon's life is a rich source of valuable lessons that we can apply to our own lives. From his successes and failures, we can gain insights into the complexities of human nature, the consequences of our choices, and the importance of seeking wisdom and discernment.

One of the key lessons we can learn from Solomon's successes is the power of wisdom. Solomon's renowned wisdom brought prosperity, stability, and admiration to his kingdom. It underscores the significance of seeking wisdom in our own lives, recognizing that true success and fulfillment come not only from knowledge or accomplishments, but from a deep understanding of ourselves, others, and God's ways.

On the other hand, Solomon's story also reveals the dangers of compromise and straying from one's faith. His accumulation of wealth, alliances through marriage, and subsequent engagement in idolatry led to spiritual decline and division within the kingdom. From his failures, we learn the importance of guarding our hearts, staying true to our beliefs, and being mindful of the choices we make, as they can have far-reaching consequences.

On this 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we encounter the story of King Solomon. Solomon finds himself facing a daunting task: ruling over God's people with wisdom and discernment. When given the opportunity to ask for anything, he humbly requests wisdom. God, pleased with his selfless request, grants him exceptional wisdom that surpasses all others. This passage reminds us of the importance of seeking divine wisdom in our own lives, especially when faced with difficult decisions and challenges. Like King Solomon, may we too recognize the value of wisdom and approach our journey with a humble heart, seeking guidance from the One who is the source of all wisdom.

\*Reflection from <https://young-catholics.com/>

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**2 New Online Forms Available!**  
Forms can now be accessed on the Holy Cross Website

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

### 1) New Parishioner Registration

For new members of our faith community, please register yourself/family by completing a Parishioner Registration form.

The printed forms are located in the vestibule and are also ***now available on the church website to be completed and submitted online on the website.***

We welcome and appreciate your Holy Cross registration and it assists us with getting to know you, communication and Holy Cross ministry efforts.

**Also, for both new and established parishioners**

### 2) Ministry/Volunteer Opportunities

Please complete the Ministry Opportunities Survey Form to find ministry and service opportunities that suit your God-given talents. Everyone is encouraged to complete this form as a new parishioner or any parishioner that would like to update their interests and ministry involvement.

This form is also located in the vestibule and ***now available as an online form to be completed and submitted on the church website.***

**We are excited to have you join us in finding ways to build God's Kingdom!**

### A Special Thank You

to Liz and Vinny Guadagno for opening their home to host the high school Totus Tuus movie night/conclusion party!

### NEW EPISODES

#### **"Tulsa Time with Bishop Konderla"**

Bishop David Konderla talks about all things Catholic in eastern Oklahoma.

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

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.

**Request Cards for both Outreach to The Sick and/or Homebound & Special Mass Intentions**  
are available in the vestibule

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for **JULY**

#### **For a Eucharistic life**

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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

July 29 (Vigil)	July 30		Aug 5 (Vigil)	Aug 6
Judy Helms Richard Helms	Heather Jordan Eric Jordan	<b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Linda Steinheil Sherry Ruyle	Isaac, Kennedy & Aceah
Larry Chekofsky	Liam, Makenna, & Larry	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Larry Chekofsky	Liam, Makenna, & Aceah
Carolyn G./Paul R.	Bille C./Chris H.	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>	Kay R./Mary F.	Elaine H./Mike H.
Dorene McMahan	Chris Holland	<b>READERS</b>	Carolyn Greer	Carlos & Kennedy

### **Dignity for All Human Life**

*In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" (Evangelium vitae 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God's gift of life.*

***First Saturday Mass***  
***Next Saturday, Aug 5, at 8:30 a.m.***



***BE HOLY: THE ART OF CHRISTIAN LIVING***  
***AUGUST 18-19, 2023***

***Tulsa Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center***  
Registration at <https://dioceseoftulsa.org/faith-formation-conference-registration-1>

Friday ONLY - \$25; Saturday ONLY - \$35,  
Both Days - \$50

***Observance of the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & Elderly Persons***  
***Sunday, July 30th***

May the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen.

### Happy Birthday!

Samuel Dufour 7/1  
Mike Hickman 7/7  
David Atanasio 7/8  
Blair Kuehn-Smith 7/9  
Carolyn Greer 7/12  
Fr. Leo Ord. Anniv. 7/17  
Leah Jameson 7/21  
Denise Jones 7/30



*Lord Jesus, help me. I surrender my burdens to You. Grant me the grace to find rest and hope in Your loving embrace.*

### Weekend Collections July 22-23

General Collections	<b>\$2,080.00</b>
Capital Improvement	<b>145.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$2,225.00</u></b>

### Daily Mass Readings—July 30-Aug 5\*

Sunday	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

\*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  
Sam Sanco, 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>July</i>	Kay Rodriguez	Karol Watson Carolyn Greer
<i>Aug</i>	Sherry Ruyle	Kathy Hickman

**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](https://holycrosscatholicchurch5.flocknote.com/dashboard)**

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your financial need.**



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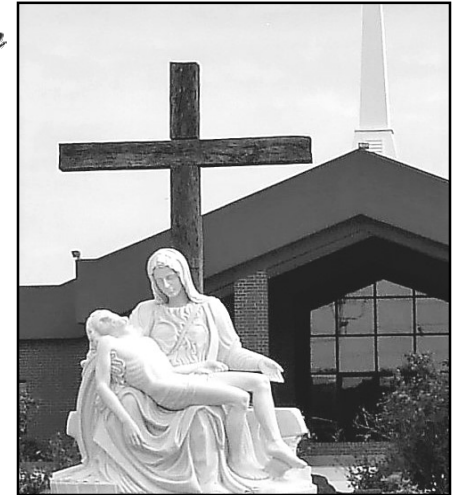
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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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 181-182**

**Vatican II Hymnal**  
**Pages 601-602**

