

# August 13, 2023

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Today's Gospel is from St. Matthew 14:22-33. Our Lord sent His disciples to row across the lake, knowing that they would meet strong, gale-force head-winds and be in danger. He did this because He wanted to strengthen their faith and trust in Himself. He intended to come to them at the right moment, working two miracles — walking on the water and calming the storm. This He did and the result was as He had intended — their faith in Him was strengthened, they declared He was the Messiah, the Chosen of God. Peter, already the recognized leader, and always the most daring among them, showed himself ready to risk drowning in order to prove his trust and confidence in Christ. While he trusted in Christ, all went well, but when his faith weakened he would have been lost were it not for the outstretched helping hand of his master. This was also a very necessary lesson in the education of Peter and his companions.

For us, too, there is a necessary lesson in this incident. It is that we must continue to trust in Christ and his loving Father, even when God seems to have deserted us. Most of the troubles and trials of our lives are caused by the injustice and lack of charity of our fellowmen. The remainder can be attributed to our own defects and sins or to some weakness in our mental and bodily make-up. But God foresees all these misfortunes, and can prevent them. Instead he lets them take their course, because they can and should be the means of educating us in our knowledge of life's true meaning and they should draw us closer to him.

Christ foresaw the storm and the grave risk His Apostles would run when He sent them off across the lake. But that trial and the grave danger they ran was for their own good, because they learned to realize that He was from God and they could always trust Him. Our trials and our earthly ailments are also foreseen by God and permitted by him (even if inflicted on us by a sinful fellowman) so that they will draw us closer to Him and help us on the road to heaven.

This they will do, if we accept them and bear with them until He comes to our aid. Our troubles in life are like the growing pains of our youth — they are necessary if we are to arrive at our full stature as sons of God. They form, mold and shape our religious character and bring us closer to God — if we allow them to do so. For the lukewarm Christian who rebels against God because of his earthly sufferings, they can do the opposite. He cannot see the purpose and value of suffering because he has never seriously pondered or grasped the real meaning of this life and God's loving plans for him.

As in the first reading today, God may not be in the tornadoes or earthquakes or roaring fires, nor does He cause them perhaps, but He is ever near to His true children when such calamities occur. He has a purpose in every trial or tribulation which crosses the path of our lives, a purpose always to our eternal advantage if only we will see and accept his will in these trials.

—Reflection by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan at [www.catholicculture.org/](http://www.catholicculture.org/)

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### The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Tuesday, August 15th**  
**Mass — 6 p.m. @ Holy Cross**  
**7:30 p.m. @ St. Vincent de Paul**

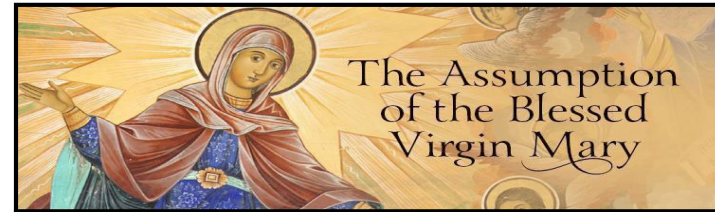
"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor."  
 --Blessed Mother Teresa

#### Parishioners Helping Parishioners Accessibility Project

There are parishioners in need of railings and ramps to improve access to their homes. The Men's Group has volunteered to build these necessary home accessibilities, but are seeking funds to pay for the building materials.

If you would like to donate to this project, please place Parishioners Helping Parishioners on the memo line of your check or place cash in an envelope with the project name on the envelope, so that these funds can be earmarked for this project. Both can be placed in the collection basket. For more information or to volunteer, contact Seth Yoder, 918-869-9129

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



*All-powerful and ever-living God, You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.*

Faith Formation Conference  
**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>

Mark Your Calendar  
 As part of this year's Parish Eucharistic Revival Program  
 First Wednesday Every Month @ Holy Cross,  
**beginning Sept 6th**  
**"Night of Encounter and Mercy"**  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
 Short Presentation followed by Adoration  
 Confessions available

The Holy Cross Catholic Charities  
**Mobile Food Pantry**  
**Thursday, Aug 24th, 10 a.m.—Noon**  
**Food Boxes Available & Distributed While Supplies Last**  
**using a drive-through format**

Aug 12 (Vigil)	Aug 13		Aug 19 (Vigil)	Aug 20
Kay Rodriguez Skip Gordon	Mike Cucchiara Bill Scrimsher	<b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Sherry Ruyle Carolyn Greer	Rosalina Empuerto Raul Empuerto
Larry Chekofsky Matthew Higginbottom	Carlos, Liam, & Makenna	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Larry Chekofsky Matthew Higginbottom	Carlos, Liam, & Aceah
Judy H./Richard H.	Bille C./Chris H.	<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>	Dorene M./Mike M.	Elaine H./Mike H.
Karol Watson	Candace Stuart	<b>READERS</b>	Paul Rodriguez	Emily Ledgerwood

**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!**

### Happy Birthday!

Sherri Moe 8/2 Rachel Rodriguez 8/20  
 Elsa Kuehn 8/7 Mary Vreeland 8/22  
 Sam Sanco 8/9 Kinley Herndon 8/26  
 Rosemary Bravner 8/11 Liz Guadagno 8/28  
 Mark Mason 8/13 Raphael Schmidgall 8/31  
 Mike McMahan 8/16  
 Peter Buscemi 8/19  
 Cate Duffy 8/20  
 Pat Jones 8/20



### Weekend Collections Aug 5-6

General Collections **\$1,865.00**  
 Capital Improvement **195.00**  
**TOTAL \$2,060.00**

### Daily Mass Readings—Aug 13-19\*

Sunday	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday	Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday	Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

\*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  
 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!

	<u>Altar Linens</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>
<i>Aug</i>	Sherry Ruyle	Kathy Hickman
<i>Sept</i>	TBA	TBA

**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,  
 Holy Cross Catholic Church - Wagoner OK (FB) &  
 https://holycrosscatholicchurch5.flocknote.com/  
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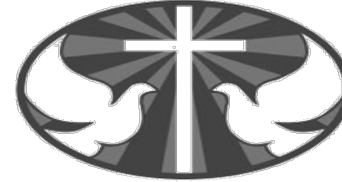
**Finding solutions for  
 your financial need.**



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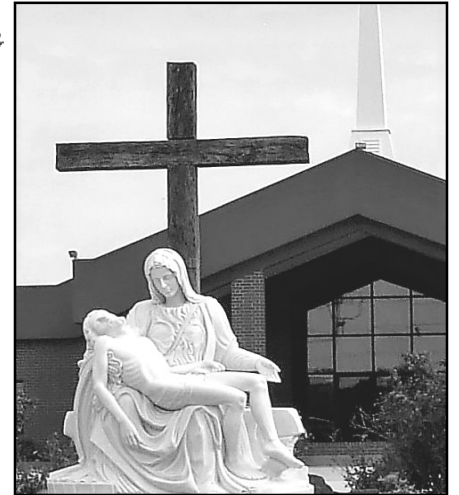
**Holiness - Disciples - Community  
 Wagoner, Oklahoma**

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 539-209-9988

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**Facebook:** Holy Cross Catholic Church—Wagoner, OK



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<b>Pastor</b>	Very Rev. Leo Ahanotu holycrosswagoner@gmail.com 539-209-9988
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<b>Men's Group</b>	Seth Yoder seth.yoder@edwardjones.com 918-869-9129

### 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 185-186**

**Vatican II Hymnal  
 Pages 611**

