

# October 1, 2023

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Gift of Repentance

Our journey through life is filled with ups and downs, successes and failures. We stumble, we falter, and at times, we hurt those we love most. We strive to live by Christian principles, which call us to love unconditionally as Christ did, yet we fall short. In moments of reflection, we may find ourselves humbled by our human frailty, realizing how deeply we depend on God's grace.

This Sunday's readings offer us a profound opportunity to contemplate the gift of repentance, a divine gift extended to each of us. It's a message of hope, reminding us that regardless of our past actions, the door to God's mercy is always open. To access this gift, we must embrace God's call to repentance. The Bible poignantly illustrates repentance through metaphors, each conveying its depth and significance.

In the book of Ezekiel (18:25-28), we are introduced to the metaphor of turning. The prophet Ezekiel speaks of a person who turns away from righteousness to sin and another who turns from sin to righteousness. It's akin to finding ourselves on a misguided path, but God, in God's boundless mercy, invites us to make a U-turn. This act of turning signifies a change of heart and direction that repentance brings. It's akin to realizing that we've been moving away from our true home and choosing to reorient ourselves towards God, our loving father.

Repentance is also likened to washing or cleansing, as we find in Psalm 50 (51): 2, "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." In the same way that dirt and grime can cling to our bodies, sin can stain our souls. Repentance represents the spiritual purification that eliminates the impurities of sin from our hearts.

In Matthew 21:28-32, Jesus employs the metaphor of bearing fruit to convey the essence of repentance. He narrates the parable of two sons—one initially refusing his father's request but later experiencing a change of heart and obeying, and another promising obedience but ultimately failing to follow through. The first son, despite his initial disobedience, bears the fruit of obedience through repentance.

The gift of repentance is a divine offering, extending to us the opportunity to turn, to be cleansed, and to bear the fruits of righteousness. Let us wholeheartedly embrace this gift, acknowledging our need for God's forgiveness and guidance. Just as God's mercy knows no bounds, our repentance opens the door to restoration, renewal, and a deeper relationship with our heavenly father.

—Excerpt from Reflection by Sister Maria Ukamaka Okeke, I.H.M. at <https://uscatholic.org>

***Join Us! for Breakfast and Birthday Cake this Sunday after 8:30 a.m.***

***Mass to celebrate the birthdays of Oct. Breakfast and Birthday Cake are served on the first Sunday of each month.***

Visitors Welcome!

***Life Chain — Stand and Pray for Life!***

***Sunday, Oct. 1st, 2-3 p.m. at Church of the Madalene, 3188 E. 22nd Street, Tulsa***

***'Jesus and the Eucharist' Study***

***7 Week Study Beginning This Week  
Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Cross Parish Hall***

*Having a hard time explaining the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? Do you sometimes question the teaching?*

There is no preparation needed and no homework, you will watch a video and discuss it with others.

***Everyone is encouraged to come***

***First Saturday Mass  
Next Saturday, Oct. 7, at 8:30 a.m.***

***Thanks Again! to the Men of Holy Cross that constructed safe accessible home entry for parishioner, Becky Harding, this past week and for those that contributed financially to make this possible!***

***First Wednesday of Every Month***

***"Night of Encounter and Mercy"***

***Wed., Oct. 4th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.***  
Short Presentation followed by Adoration with Confessions also available

### MOctoberfest

**Saturday, October 7, 11 am-10pm**

**St Anne Catholic Church, Broken Arrow**

Activities include beer, food, kids petting zoo, games, and live polka music. MOctoberfest is a partnership between St. Anne and St. Benedict and all proceeds benefit the Catholic Charities Ministry of Compassion.

### The Three Hearts Pilgrimage

**Oct 12-14th**

For 2 Days and 35 Miles to Clear Creek Monastery join families from across the country on a ***Sacrificial Walk of Reparation Defending the Sanctity of Life and the Traditional Family — Pursuing that which is Good, True, and Beautiful***

**Register @ [ThreeHeartsPilgrimage.org](https://ThreeHeartsPilgrimage.org)**

**Pray A Rosary**

**October**

**Month of the Holy Rosary**

During this month, more than in any other, it would be appropriate to find some time to recite this **"powerful prayer to our Lady"**. Among all prayers, the Rosary is the one that brings us closer to Jesus the most, and does so through the sweet intercession from His Mother.

**The Rosary will be prayed at Holy Cross 30 minutes before the weekend Masses during October!**

| Sept. 30 (Vigil)                        | Oct. 1 (Youth)                    |                            | Oct. 7 (Vigil)                   | Oct. 8                            |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sherry Ruyle<br>Skip Gordon             | Abby Higginbottom<br>Isaac Ervin  | <b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b> | Mary Feichtinger<br>Sherry Ruyle | Heather Jordan<br>Eric Jordan     |
| Larry Chekofsky<br>Matthew Higginbottom | Carlos, Makenna,<br>Kaygan & Liam | <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>       | Matthew Higginbottom             | Aceah, Carlos,<br>Liam, & Makenna |
| Richard H./Judy H.                      | Mike H./Elaine H.                 | <b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>        | Paul R./Laura R.                 | Chris H./Bille C.                 |
| Kay Rodriguez                           | Carlos Sorell<br>Aceah Stuart     | <b>READERS</b>             | Judy Helms                       | Candace Stuart                    |

**respect life**  
*month*

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October is Respect for Life Month. Please pray for the protection of the unborn and support women and their children.



**The Pulse of the Eucharistic Revival, Every Thursday!**

Don't miss the newsreel, The Pulse! Each episode will include Revival news briefs from around the country to keep you informed, engaged, and inspired. Subscribe to the Pulse YouTube Channel, and look forward to more incredible content as we develop this new channel for Revival communications.

### Eastern Oklahoma Podcast

The "Eastern Oklahoma Podcast" is where you can find all things Catholic in the Diocese of Tulsa. Content from Bishop Konderla, homilies for pastors, keynote speakers, "Forming Our Faith with Deacon Kevin" podcast and so much more.

### Happy Birthday!

Mary Dufour 10/1      Todd Kuehn 10/20  
 Nathaniel Schmidgall 10/7      Sharon Carter 10/24  
 Kevin Moe 10/9      Bryan Bond 10/27  
 Mark Moe 10/9      Laura Rodriguez 10/27  
 Matthew Higginbottom 10/12  
 Kathy Hickman 10/14



### Weekend Collections Sept 23-24

General Collections      **\$2,370.00**  
 Capital Improvement      **\$175.00**  
**TOTAL      \$2,545.00**

*Jesus, I trust in You!*

### Daily Mass Readings—Oct 1-7\*

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| Sunday    | Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32 |
| Monday    | Zec 8:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10                      |
| Tuesday   | Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56                       |
| Wednesday | Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62                         |
| Thursday  | Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12            |
| Friday    | Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16                      |
| Saturday  | Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24                |

\*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  
 Hope Watson, parishioner  
 Lucille Dickinson, 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>Oct</i> | Elsa Kuehn          | Rosemary Kotas               |
| <i>Nov</i> | Bille Cummings      | Kathy Gordon<br>Sherry Ruyle |

**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>**

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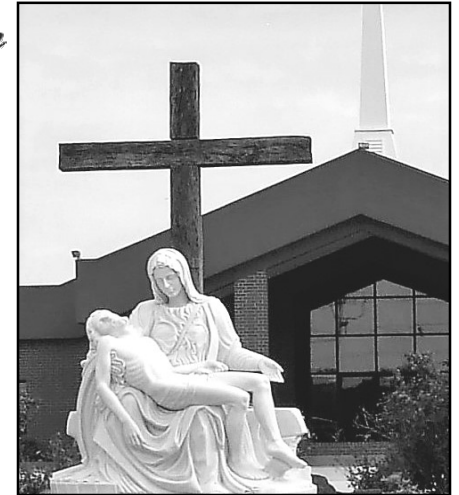
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### MASS TIMES

**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**

**1st Wed. of the Month — 6:30 p.m.**

### CONFESSIONS

**30 minutes before weekend Masses**

**Or by appointment/request**

### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**Breaking Bread Book  
 Pages 202-204**

**Vatican II Hymnal  
 Pages 642-643**

