

# November 19, 2023

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 \* Today's **Gospel** parable, from *St. Matthew*, like all the  
 \* teaching of the gospel, is as applicable to us today as it was to  
 \* the first generation of Christians. In its relation to Christ and to  
 \* his divine Father, our world today is very similar to first century  
 \* Palestine. Christ and God have opponents and followers. Their  
 \* opponents today have the very same reasons that moved the  
 \* Pharisees and leaders of the people in Christ's day. They want  
 \* their messianic kingdom here on earth, a kingdom of pleasure  
 \* and plenty; they want no limits set to their freedom to follow their  
 \* own earthly inclinations. Their pride in their own self-exalted  
 \* dignity will not let them bow the head to any deity or divine  
 \* authority which does not conform to their standards. Like the  
 \* Pharisees, they keep on trying to convince themselves that  
 \* Christianity is not true, that Christ will not reign, that there will be  
 \* no day of reckoning.  
 \* Yet with all their efforts to get rid of Christ and God, the small  
 \* inner voice of conscience is not completely silenced. It has the  
 \* nasty habit of reminding them of their folly. They have their  
 \* troubled moments when the epicurean motto "eat, drink, sleep  
 \* and be merry" does not somehow ring true.  
 \* For the followers of Christ who are sincere in their efforts,  
 \* the parable has a message of encouragement and consolation.  
 \* At times the road we have to travel seems strewn with  
 \* obstacles, our battles seem never-ending, yet God has provided  
 \* each one of us with the necessary helps to ensure the final  
 \* victory. These helps are given according to each one's need.  
 \* Those servants in the parable who received five and two talents  
 \* used them faithfully and successfully. He who received one  
 \* talent needed only one, and could have succeeded with it had  
 \* he been a faithful servant.  
 \* Eternal happiness is the divine reward for an earthly service  
 \* faithfully rendered. The false excuse of the third servant is  
 \* repeated in many forms among us still "*God is too austere, he  
 \* could not expect me to make such sacrifices. I have to provide  
 \* for myself; his promises and threats may be only empty words.  
 \* He may never return to demand a reckoning, to settle accounts  
 \* with us.*" These and all other such excuses are proved false in  
 \* this parable.  
 \* God is a kind Father who has our eternal interests at heart.  
 \* He does expect us to make the necessary sacrifices. He showed  
 \* us the way on Calvary. When working for God, we are really  
 \* providing for our own future; his external glory and our eternal  
 \* salvation are the fruits of the same labor. He will certainly return  
 \* to settle accounts—it will then be too late to make any changes.  
 \* Let us be wise and make the changes now while we have time  
 \* and then our books will be in order on the day of reckoning.  
 \* —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan,  
 \* O.F.M. at <https://www.catholicculture.org/>  
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**Thanksgiving Day Masses**  
 Thursday, November 23rd  
 8:30 am — Holy Cross, Wagoner  
 10:00 am — St. Vincent de Paul,  
 Coweta

*I will give thanks to the  
 Lord with my whole heart;  
 I will recount all of  
 your wonderful deeds.*

*Father God, we give thanks to you with  
 all our hearts; we tell of all your  
 wonderful deeds. We tell of your  
 provision, your protection and your  
 mercy. In Thanksgiving, we tell of all  
 your great blessings lavished on us  
 this year. We ask for your continued  
 grace in the coming year when we  
 again give you glory.*

Join Other Wagoner Christians for an  
 Evening of Thanksgiving and Prayer!

Wagoner Ministerial Alliance  
 Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19, 7 p.m.

Revive Church  
 Highway 69 North, Wagoner

**Second Collection This Weekend**  
*For Social Justice*

Catholic Relief Services & Catholic  
 Campaign for Human Rights

### 'Jesus and the Eucharist' Study

There is only one more session! We will not meet this  
 week, due to Thanksgiving; therefore, the final session  
 will be Nov. 28, at the new time 6—8 p.m.

**So Join Us!**

**Tuesday, November 28, at 6 p.m.**  
**Holy Cross Parish Hall**

*A Wonderful Way to Reconnect with the Real Presence of  
 Jesus in the Eucharist!*

***Everyone is encouraged to come! Each week not  
 dependent upon previous attendance; therefore, come  
 to one or all, even if you haven't attended previous  
 sessions.***

*Are you or do you know of someone that is considering  
 joining the church? Or are you or someone you know  
 Catholic and want to return to or learn more about the  
 Catholic faith?*

### RCIA Classes

**Each Thursday from 5-6:15 p.m.**

Questions? Contact Dcn Jim (retired) at [jandsruyle@gmail.com](mailto:jandsruyle@gmail.com),  
 918-638-0605, for more information and to register.

*Welcome New Parishioner, Kerie Harris!*  
*Glad to have you join us at Holy Cross*

**Note: Change of Date Due to Holiday**  
**Parish Council Meeting**

**Thursday, Nov. 30 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Contact a Parish Council member, if you have a  
 suggestion/concern to be addressed by the council.

*"Behold the wood of the Cross on which hung the  
 Savior of the world."*

Nov 18 (Vigil)	Nov 19		Nov 25 (Vigil)	Nov 26
Linda Steinheil Kay Rodriguez	Emily Ledgerwood Brian Ledgerwood	<b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Sherry Ruyle Linda Steinheil	Bill Scrimsher Mike Cucchiara
Larry Chekofsky Matthew Higginbottom	Carlos, Liam, Kaygan, &	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Larry Chekofsky Matthew Higginbottom	Aceah, Carlos, Liam, & Makenna
Dorene M./Mike M.	Bille C./Chris H.	<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>	Carolyn G./Mary F.	Mike H./Elaine H.
Karol Watson	Paul Stuart	<b>READERS</b>	Kay Rodriguez	Candace Stuart

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for  
 NOVEMBER

### **For the Pope**

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his  
 mission, may he continue to accompany the  
 flock entrusted to him, with the help of the  
 Holy Spirit.

Limited Space Available, so please signup in  
 the vestibule, if you plan to attend!

### **Advent By Candlelight**

a special spiritual evening of  
 dinner and a speaker for the  
 women of our area to prepare  
 for the Christmas season



**Friday, Dec. 1**  
**Parish Hall @ 6:30 p.m.**

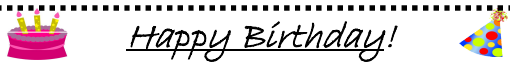
### **Thank You! Thank You!**

*To all those that contributed and purchased  
 items at the Annual Christmas Bazaar last  
 weekend*

### **Our Spiritual Journey of Advent Begins Dec. 3**

*A season of prayer, fasting,  
 and repentance, followed by anticipation,  
 hope, and joy.*

As you light your advent candles, may God's  
 spirit transform the days leading up to  
 Christmas into a time of holy anticipation—a  
 time we joyfully await the chance to  
 celebrate the arrival of our king.



Abigail Higginbottom 11/1	Mark Sorell 11/8
Angela Schmidgall 11/1	Makenna Wright 11/14
Karol Watson 11/2	Michelle Atanasio 11/19
Lance Dufour 11/2	Bill Scrimsher 11/21
Anthony Herndon 11/3	Elizabeth Sullivan 11/21
Michael Snyman 11/4	Liam Wright 11/27
Vinny Guadagno 11/6	Earlyne Hutchens 11/30
Skip Gordon 11/8	Carlos Sorell 11/30

### Offerings from Nov 11-12

General Collections	\$2,332.47
Capital Improvement	650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,982.47</b>
<b>Military Services</b>	<b>\$472.00</b>

### Daily Mass Readings—Nov 19-25\*

Sunday	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

\*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  
John Spieker, husband of Jackie Spieker



### 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>Nov</i>	Bille Cummings	Kathy Gordon Sherry Ruyle
<i>Dec</i>	Carolyn Greer	Advent (no flowers)

**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)

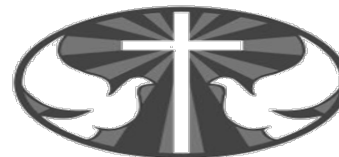
## Finding solutions for your financial need.



**Seth A Yoder**  
Financial Advisor  
114 East Cherokee  
Wagoner, OK 74467  
918-485-0992

**Edward Jones**  
BROKER/DEALER IN SECURITIES  
[edwardjones.com](http://edwardjones.com)

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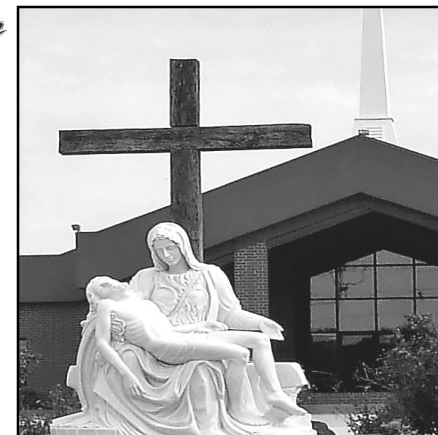
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Wagoner, Oklahoma*

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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**

**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 219-220

**Vatican II Hymnal**  
Pages 673-674

