

December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

Reflection of the Week by Fr. Leo Ahanotu

Every one of us listens to multiple voices. They come from Facebook, radio, television, tweets, Instagram, newspapers, family, friends, etc. While some of the voices are good and informative, some could be distractive or destructive. The prophet, Isaiah, invites us in today's Gospel to listen to the eternal life-saving voice of John the Baptist – the John who came as a messenger to ask us to "prepare the way of the Lord" and "level its paths." John's words are words of invitation to prepare for the Lord, who comes into the world to teach us to love God and one another, free us from sin, and deliver us from evil.

How do we prepare? We prepare by living a life of holiness, love, peace, honesty, justice, integrity, honesty, humility, etc., - an invitation to right living that requires fidelity to the one and God.

John indicated the greatness of the Lord by saying that he, John, is not worthy to untie the Lord's sandals. We should not forget that Our Lord exemplified His greatness with services such as washing feet and looking after others for us to emulate.

Isaiah asks us in the first reading to lower every mountain and hill and make a highway for the Lord, which refers to preparation for the Lord to enter our hearts and homes. He was referring to the mountain of hostility, domestic violence, taking what does not belong to us, and unforgiving attitudes. Like John, Isaiah wants us to embrace spirituality, morality, and love. These will remove the hills and mountains in our hearts and make a highway for the Lord to cruse directly into our hearts and direct our Christian life.

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Advent Prayer

Father in Heaven, increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12, 6-9 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul, Coweta

All are invited to see our children and youth reenact the story of Juan Diego encountering the Blessed Virgin at Tepeyac Hill. Play at 6 pm; Mass at 6:30 pm; with Fiesta to follow! Don't miss out on the festivities to celebrate the patroness of the Americas.

Mary & Martha (M&M) Society Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6:00 p.m.

All Women of the Parish Welcome!

Please Join Us
for the Annual Christmas Party/Meeting

Please Bring Finger Food to Share & a wrapped (less than \$20) gift, if you wish to participate in the Dirty Santa Exchange

Second Collection At All Christmas Masses for the Retired Priest Fund

There will be a Second Collection at all Christmas Masses to benefit the diocesan Retired Priest Fund. This fund is the primary support given by the Diocese to our infirm and retired priests so please be generous.

Weekly Reflection on the Eucharist

On Tuesday, Mr. Sorell gave a great reflection at Holy Cross Parish and raised an important question, "Is there a room or space in the 'inn' — in your personal 'inn' — the inn of our personal hearts, in our souls to receive Jesus?"

In 2017, Edward Sri reminded us that "Jesus wants to shine his light on the dark corners of our soul." We need to draw nearer to Jesus and allow him into our personal inn to change us (***Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ, 2017, p. 34.***)

Are we ready? Let us meet him in the Eucharistic Adorations. God bless you!

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Holy Cross Advent Day of Prayer & Reconciliation with Fr. David Medina

Thursday, December 14th, at 6 p.m.

Advent Reflection by Fr. Medina, Q&A, and Reconciliation
(snacks & beverages will be served)

Mark Your Calendar/SignUp in Vestibule for the **Next Eucharistic Study** based on

"Beautiful Eucharist"

(copies of the book available in the vestibule)

Beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, for 4 weeks

"Beautiful Eucharist" is a book of collections of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives.

Raising Saints Youth Group

For the 6th-12th grade youth of Holy Cross and St. Vincent de Paul to gather for Fun, Fellowship, and Faith Formation

This Month's Activity — Feast Day Preparations

This Sunday, Dec. 10, 4—7 p.m.

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?

OCIA (formerly RCIA) Classes Each Thursday from 5-6:15 p.m.

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

St. Anne Men's Theology Unhinged Thurs., Dec 21st (3rd Thurs. of ea. mo.)

Men of Holy Cross Are Invited to join other men from across the diocese at this monthly event at St. Anne in Broken Arrow

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

A Meal, Craft Beer and a Quality Speaker are provided.

Do You Wish to Volunteer to Serve as a Mass Minister?

Please contact Mary Feichtinger — call or text 303-519-0605, if you are able to serve.

Dec 9 (Vigil)	Dec 10		Dec 16 (Vigil)	Dec 17
Judy Helms Richard Helms	Heather Jordan Eric Jordan	USHERS/GIFT BEARERS	Linda Steinheil Mary Feichtinger	Mike Cucchiara Bill Scrimsher
Larry Chekofsky Matthew Higginbottom	Liam, Carlos, Makenna & Aceah	ALTAR SERVERS	Larry Chekofsky Matthew Higginbottom	Carlos, Liam, Kaygan, & Makenna
Dorene M./Mike M.	Chris H./Elaine H.	EUCCHARISTIC MIN	Kay R./Carolyn G.	Mike H./Elaine H.
Paul Rodriguez	Emily Ledgerwood	READERS	Charlie Moe	Eric Jordan

Happy Birthday!

Jan Martin 12/1	Claire Dufour 12/20
Judy Wright 12/2	Kenneth Herndon 12/20
Sandy Grace 12/3	
Joseph Kolb 12/3	Rosalina Empuerto 12/30
Hope Watson 12/4	
Matthew Wright 12/5	Charles Moe 12/31
Jane Duffy 12/7	Aceah Stuart 12/31
Anne Linz 12/7	
Amanda Mendick 12/10	
Andrew Higginbottom 12/12	



Offerings from Dec 2-3

General Collections	\$4590.00
Capital Improvement	320.00
TOTAL	\$4910.00
Military	\$100.00

Daily Mass Readings—Dec 10-16*

Sunday	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

*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
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!

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Dec</i>	Carolyn Greer	Advent (no flowers)
<i>Jan</i>	Dorene McMahan	Poinsettias Bille Cummings

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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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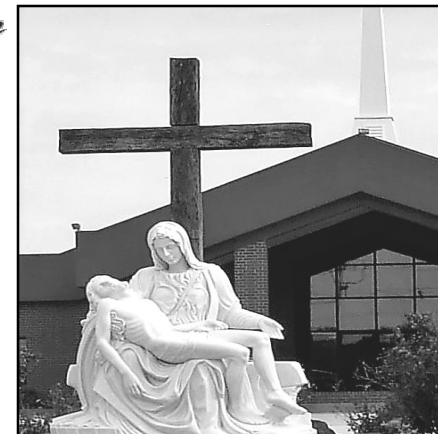
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MASS TIMES

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 36-37

Vatican II Hymnal
Pages 380-381

