

February 25, 2024  
Second Sunday in Lent

Reflection on the Readings by Fr. Leo

Remain Strong in Faith and Expect God's Salvific Reward!

In today's readings, we encounter the story of faith and the salvation that goes with it. The first reading reminds us of the unwavering faith of Abraham to willingly sacrifice his only son, Isaac, in obedience to God, before God asked him to stop and instructed him to use the ram beside him for the sacrifice. Abraham was a wealthy man who had hundreds of cattle and sheep. Yet, he obeyed the command of God to leave his wealth and move to another land (Gen 12:4). Abraham's faith in doing the will of God reminds us of the sacrifices we make in this period of Lent because of our faith in God as we journey to the Glory of being with God in heaven forever. Abraham surrendered his will to God's will. Likewise, we are called to surrender our will to God's will for the Glory that awaits us. In all situations, good or bad, let us not give up God's will and perfect plan for us.

St. Paul put it better in the second reading by asking us to have confidence in God's love and protection no matter the challenges or obstacles we face. Nothing should separate us from the love of God.

An exciting connection between the first reading and the gospel is that Jesus, whom God wanted to be sacrificed for the salvation of humanity, is also a descendant of Abraham. Unlike Isaac, Jesus became the natural sacrificial lamb that was slain for the salvation of the world. The story of the transfiguration in the gospel reveals a glimpse of the heavenly Glory that awaits us if we obey God with true faith in good times and bad times. At the mountain, the Father said, "This is my beloved son; listen to him." In the voice, we are called to pay attention to the teachings of Christ in our journey of faith.

Very Rev. Leo Ahanotu

Fridays During Lent

(Feb. 16-Mar. 22)

5 pm Mass

5:30 pm Adoration

6 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Light Lenten Meal



Parish Council Elections  
This Weekend — Feb. 24/25

This weekend you are asked to elect fellow parishioners to represent our parish/parishioners on the parish council.

**Please complete and turn in your ballot**

Holy Cross Chapel Blessing & Mass by Bishop Konderla

Tuesday, February 27, at 5:00 pm

First Saturday Mass  
Next Saturday, Mar. 2, at 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast and Birthday Cake next Sunday, Mar. 3, after 8:30 a.m. Mass to celebrate the birthdays of Jan.

Breakfast and Birthday Cake are served on the **first Sunday of each month.**

Visitors Welcome!

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

Weekly Reflection on the Eucharist

My sweetest Joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the holy Sacrament. How I would miss Our Lord if He were to be away from me by His presence in the Blessed Sacrament!

—St. Katharine Drexel

Men's Group Fish Fry —Friday, March 8

The Men's Group will have a Fish Fry for Lent after Mass, Adoration, and Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8.

They are asking that parishioners bring a side dish or dessert to contribute to the meal. **Please Sign Up in the Vestibule**, if you plan to attend, so they know how many for which to plan.

Don't Miss an Informative Evening on Eucharistic Miracles with Karlo Broussard  
Coming to Holy Cross on  
Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Karlo is one of the most dynamic and gifted Catholic speakers on the circuit today, communicating with precision of thought, a genuine love for God, and an enthusiasm that inspires. Karlo is a speaker for the Diocese and the national organization, Catholic Answers. Presentation, Finger Food, and Wine.

**Friends and Family are Welcome!**

NEW EPISODES

"Tulsa Time with Bishop Konderla"

Bishop Konderla talks about all things Catholic in eastern Oklahoma.

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

Welcome New Parishioners,  
The Buscemi Family!

Joseph, Rebecca, & Felicity—we're happy to have you at Holy Cross.

Raising Saints Youth Group Meets Today

Sunday, Feb. 25th, 4—7 p.m. @ Coweta

The Best Time You Will Spend on Earth!  
This is What It's All About—Spending Time in the Presence of Jesus!!

First Wednesday of Every Month

"Night of Encounter and Mercy"

Wed., Mar. 6th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Short Presentation followed by Adoration  
Confessions also available

Dealing with the effects of abuse or trauma?

Trauma or abuse can leave someone with feelings of shame, guilt, depression, anger, substance abuse, anxiety and more. Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma is sponsoring a five-day Grief to Grace retreat. A priest and therapists bring healing that includes the sacraments, living scriptures and group somatic exercises.

For more information about Catholic Charities' Healing Ministries and the next retreat on April 14, 2024, visit [cceok.org/healing](http://cceok.org/healing) or contact us at 918-508-7122 or [healing@cceok.org](mailto:healing@cceok.org).

Mass Ministers

	Ushers	Eucharistic Min	Reader	Servers
Sat 2/24-5 pm Vigil	Linda Steinheil	Paul Rodriguez	Judy Helms	Larry Chekofsky
	Kay Rodriguez	Laura Rodriguez		Matthew Higginbottom
Sun 2/25-8:30 am	Emily Ledgerwood	Chris Holland	Paul Stuart	Liam, Carlos, Amelia,
	Brian Ledgerwood	Elaine Hall		& Kaygan
Sat 3/2—5 pm Vigil	Laura Rodriguez	Carolyn Greer	Charlie Moe	Larry Chekofsky
	Paul Rodriguez	Mary Feichtinger		Matthew Higginbottom
Sun 3/3—8:30 am	Isaac Ervin	Chris Holland	Aceah Stuart	Carlos, Liam, Kaygan,
Youth Mass	Abbey Higginbottom	Rosemary Brauner	Elizabeth Sullivan	& Makenna

*Happy Birthday!*



Felix Acevedo 2/1	Joe Cummings 2/17
Joseph Buscemi 2/1	Robyn Higginbottom 2/18
Kathy Gordon 2/2	Christina Robinson 2/20
Walter Mazil 2/7	Rose Dufour 2/21
Traci Sorell 2/7	Raul Empuerto 2/24
Lucille Dickinson 2/10	Paul Rodriguez 2/24
Jackie Spieker 2/12	John Watson 2/24
Amber Wright 2/13	Marie Herndon 2/27
Kay Rodriguez 2/16	

**Offerings from Feb 17-18**

General Weekend Collections	<b>\$1,586.76</b>
Capital Improvement	<b>\$205.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,791.76</b>

**Daily Mass Readings—Feb 25-Mar 2\***

Sunday	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

\*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:

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

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**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  
Theresa Fosburg, 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 to the world. As your disciples, help us love others, pray for all souls, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Feb</i>	Mary Feichtinger	Lent — No Flowers
<i>Mar</i>	Kay Rodriguez	Lent — 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) &  
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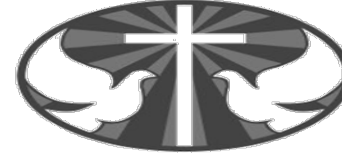


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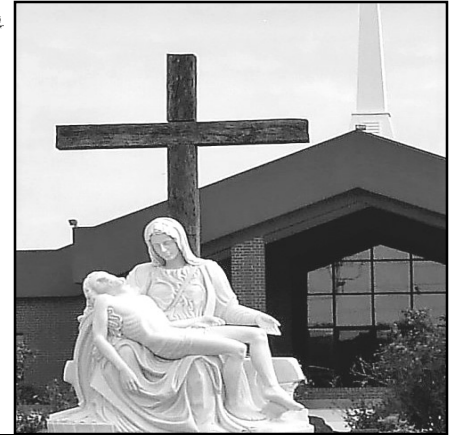
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**MASS TIMES**

**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 74-75**

**Vatican II Hymnal  
Pages 418-419**

