January 26, 2025 The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Having watched for Jesus in Advent; having celebrated his coming in the flesh at Christmas; having praised his universal sovereignty at Epiphany, adoring him with the magi; and then having found him so near to us in his baptism, we have moved on. That is, having finished our Christmas and Epiphany * celebrations, seeing how Christ has come, how he dwells among * * us in wonder and sacrament, now we have come to Ordinary *Time, which, scripturally speaking, is simply a season of following. Having found Jesus in Bethlehem, having witnessed his baptism in the Jordan, now we follow him to Jerusalem. Now we make our slow, miraculous and darkening way to Calvary.

But first it's as if the church wants to give us a heads-up. That * k is, these first two weeks of Ordinary Time point out the purpose ★ of the journey — where we are headed and why. Last Sunday, * we heard the story of the wedding at Cana, "the beginning of his signs" (Jn 2:11). And then we come to this Sunday's Gospel reading, from Luke, in which the passage begins with the first few verses of chapter one, to frame what we'll hear as a beginning; but then the reading skips to chapter four, to the story of Jesus in the story of Jesus in the story of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. He's given a scroll; he reads it, * words from Isaiah about "glad tidings to the poor" and "liberty to * captives." He reads the words, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me:" and then at the end he says. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Lk 從 4:14-21).

Here the church, it seems, wants to remind us of the moral point of this journey with Jesus we've just begun. Not only does this journey lead to mystical union, to the wedding banquet of the * Lamb, it also leads to justice, to jubilee. This is where Jesus is taking us. We are following him to the wedding supper, to the heavenly Jerusalem and to the truly just kingdom of God. That's what the journey is about; all these stories from Jesus' life and ministry, which the church will share with us in the coming weeks,

* are meant ultimately to carry us toward mystery and justice. Following Jesus is meant to lead us to heaven, and it's also meant to lead the least of our brothers and sisters to heaven too. So, the questions then are these: Is this where you want to go? Is * this why you're following Jesus? The church is telling us that the point of following Christ, the end point of the journey, is mystical and moral. The challenge then is to order our spiritual and ethical 🔆 k lives to this mystical and moral end.

It's all offered as fair warning. This is what following Jesus is * about: mystical and moral perfection. Are you okay with that? Do you want to continue? Do you want to keep going? The journey will not be easy. It will involve suffering and death, suffering for others, even for enemies. Are you ready to go? That's what God, 🌋 I think, wants to know. What only you can answer as you keep walking with him.

—Reflection by Father Joshua J. Whitfield at https:// catholiccourier.com

Theology on Tap with Special Speaker, Karlo Broussard * Topic: Communion of Saints

Thursday, Jan. 30th

Social Time begins at 6 p.m. Speaker at 6:30 p.m.



Pilgrimage Saturday, February 1st 10 a.m. Mass with Bishop Konderla (Confessions available 8:30—9:45 a.m.)

Sacred Heart Church, 2515 N. Main, Miami

Jubilee Year of Hope—Bible Quote "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." —Romans 12:12

Breakfast and Birthday Cake to celebrate the birthdays of February Next Sunday, Feb. 2, after 8:30 a.m. Mass & the first Sunday of each month.

(Volunteer Helpers-Dorene & Sherri M.)

: Make Time to Dwell in the Presence of Jesus!! Adoration—"Night of Encounter and Mercv"

Wed., Feb. 5th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Short Presentation followed by Adoration, Confessions also available

Please Consider Servina as a Mass Minister

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

Altar Flower Fund 2025

The Altar Flower Fund provides the funds to assist the M&M volunteers who are responsible for the arrangement and placement of flowers on the altar each week. To sponsor a weekend, please complete a Flower Fund envelope (available in the vestibule), enclose your donation, and place the completed envelope in the collection basket.

Thank you for your support and thanks to the "M&M ladies" who decorate our lovely church each week throughout the year.

Thank You for Your Support of the Altar Flowers

Richard Senner January

For Donna Senner

Together, we are Love Changing Lives! **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Cooking Up Compassion: Saturday, Feb. 8th Last year's event sold out early, so reserve your patron table today! cceok.org/cuc

Grief to Grace: Feb. 15th to Feb. 20th

A five-day program for anyone who has suffered physical, emotional, or spiritual abuse. To register, or find more information call (918) 508-7142

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Ed and ESL Teachers | No Spanish needed | contact sseck@cceok.org Porta Caeli House Caregiver Assistant | contact charlan@cceok.org Bring a Meal to Porta Caeli House | contact charlan@cceok.org

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To emphasize the importance of creating a personal relationship and spending time in the Presence of Jesus, there will be a **New Opportunity for Adoration**

Immediately after weekend Masses on the last weekend of the month. This 10-12 minutes after Mass will be in lieu of Father's homily, so please stay and adore our Lord.

2024 Contribution Reports Available

A Signup Sheet is located in the vestibule for those wanting a 2024 donation summary for tax purposes.

Mary & Martha (M&M) Society Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 6:00 p.m.

M&M is a great opportunity for the women of the parish to share and enjoy fellowship, while serving the altar society ministry of Holy Cross.

> Dinner will be served at the meeting. Hostesses: Dorene & Kathy H.

2025 Charlemagne Ball Fine Dining & Formal Dancing Feb. 14th, @ 6 pm, Scissortail Ballroom, 9500 E. 51st St., Tulsa

Tickets (\$80 per couple) and info available at www.dioceseoftulsa.org/charlemagne-ball

Mass Ministers					
	Ushers	Eucharistic Min	Reader	Servers	
Sat 1/25—5 pm	Kay Rodriguez	Kay Rodriguez	Dorene McMahan		
	Skip Gordon	Mary Feichtinger			
Sun 1/26—8:30 am	Mike Hickman	Mike Hickman	Chris Holland	Carlos, Liam, Amelia	
	Chris Holland	Elaine Hall		& Kaygan	
Sat 2/1—5 pm	Sherry Ruyle	Linda Steinheil	Kay Rodriguez	Matthew Higginbottom	
	Skip Gordon	Carolyn Greer			
Sun 2/2—8:30 am	Abby Higginbottom	Rosemary Brauner	Carlos Sorell	Carlos, Liam, Makenna,	
Youth Mass	Isaac Ervin	Rosemary Kotas	Aceah Stuart	& Kaygan	



Happy Birthday!

David Camargo 1/1 Jessica Soto 1/2 Diane Robinson 1/4 Parker Sullivan 1/4 Seth Yoder 1/5 James Harris 1/7 Joshua Yoder 1/8 Gemma Hammett 1/9

Maxis Herndon 1/10 John Hall 1/11 Peter Linz 1/11 Fr. Leo 1/13 Richard Steinheil 1/13 Sean Schmidgall 1/20 Kerie Harris 1/24 Julie Ash 1/25 Zachary Robinson 1/26

Daily Mass Readings—Jan 26-Feb 1			
Sunday	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30		
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Monday	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30		
Tuesday	Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35		
Wednesday	Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20		
Thursday	Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25		
Friday	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34		
Saturday	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41		

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

www.holycross-wagoner.org

Offerinas from Jan 18-19

General Weekend Collections \$1,136.50

Capital Improvement \$575.00

Building Projects (incl. \$150 in memory of Richard Steinheil)

\$782.00

TOTAL \$2,493.50

Your Generosity & Support is Always Appreciated!

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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

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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!

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 p.m. **Sunday** — 8:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday (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

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday mornings — 9:15 a.m.

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

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