

April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Fifth Sunday of Lent readings invite us into a profound period of introspection and spiritual renewal as we approach the culmination of the Lenten season. This time serves as a pivotal moment for believers to reflect deeply on their faith journey, embracing the themes of repentance, forgiveness, and the transformative power of God's grace.

The liturgical readings for this Sunday are rich with messages that encourage us to leave behind past transgressions and open our hearts to the new life offered through Christ.

The first reading from the Book of Isaiah (43:16-21) reminds us of God's promise to do something new, making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, symbolizing hope and renewal.

The responsorial Psalm (126:1-6) echoes this sentiment, celebrating the great things the Lord has done and the joy that follows restoration. In the second reading, from Philippians (3:8-14), Paul speaks of considering everything as loss compared to the supreme good of knowing Christ, emphasizing the pursuit of a deeper relationship with Him.

The Gospel reading from John (8:1-11) presents the powerful account of the woman caught in adultery, highlighting Jesus' boundless mercy and His call to sin no more.

This narrative challenges us to examine our own lives, encouraging us to move beyond judgment and embrace compassion, both for ourselves and others.

As we delve into the homily for this Fifth Sunday of Lent, let us open our hearts to the lessons embedded within these scriptures. May we be inspired to let go of the past, embrace the new paths God is carving for us, and step forward with renewed faith and commitment to live out His teachings in our daily lives. —Reflection from <https://homilysunday.com/>

The
Season
of
Lent



Lord, help us embrace new beginnings, strive toward our goals in Christ, and show mercy to others. Guide us to trust in Your promises and grow in our faith. Amen

Upcoming Lenten Services

Each Friday During Lent
(Mar. 7-Apr. 11)

Mass @ 8:30 a.m.**
Adoration @ 5:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 6 p.m.
Light Lenten Meal @ 6:30 p.m.

**Note time change

Theology Talk on Tap
Tuesday, April 8

Topic: "From Grief to Grace" w/ Fr. Medina
followed by Lenten Confessions

Social Time 6:00 pm; Speaker 6:30 pm

Men's Club Fish Fry

Friday, April 11, after Stations of the Cross

****(please sign-up in the foyer, if you can
attend, so plans can be made for food)

Community Ministerial Alliance Holy Week
Lunch Services

Monday through Friday, April 14-18
(Holy Cross will host the lunch/talk on Monday)

Doors Open at 11 am for fellowship,
luncheon/short spiritual talk from 12-1 pm

First Baptist Church, 401 NE 2nd St.,
Wagoner

Youth Faith Formation Classes

Each Sunday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

A Personal Intention Book is available in the vestibule for you to add your personal intention for that Mass. The book is carried up to the altar along with the other gifts during the Offertory.

Don't Forget to Sign-up,
if you plan to come to the
Lenten Fish Fry
This Friday, April 11,
after Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross with Bishop Konderla
Pray the **Way of the Cross** by St. Alphonsus Liguori with
Bishop Konderla this Lent

Stream, Listen, and Pray with the Bishop every Friday in
Lent on the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic Podcast

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/eastern-oklahoma-catholic>

Easter Lilies for the Altar

As set forth by the Church's liturgical guidelines, there will be no flowers on the altar during Lent, but please assist with the purchase of lilies for the upcoming Easter season.

To purchase a lily in memory or in honor of loved ones, please complete a Flower Fund/Easter Lily envelope (available in the vestibule), enclose your \$20 suggested donation, and place the completed envelope in the collection basket.

Thank you for your support in decorating the altar in our lovely church throughout the year.

WAGONER AREA NEIGHBORS DONATIONS

Continue to remember our local families in need. A box for your food donations is located in the vestibule. There's a current need for peanut butter and tuna.

Monetary Donations are also welcomed. These should be marked for WAN in a separate envelope or on your check and can be placed in the offering basket. You can also take your donations to **100 NE 8th St., Wagoner**

Mon., Wed., & Fri. — 8:30 to 12:00
Tuesdays & Thursdays — 11:00 to 3:00

All are invited to pray and chant the ancient
Liturgy of the Hours during Solemn Vespers
at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday evening during Lent at Holy Family Cathedral

Also, On Palm Sunday, April 13th, Holy Family will offer a Tenebrae Service which foreshadows the darkness of Good Friday.



Diocese of Tulsa
and Eastern Oklahoma



Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

Jubilee Year of Hope
Quote from a Saint of Hope

"For in our Hope we are saved." —St. Augustine

We Hope You've Noticed Our New Piano,
Choir Area, and Sound System Updates!

We greatly appreciate the generous donation
of John Chandler for the piano
and the donations from supportive parishioners
for the updates.

We are indeed blessed to have such a
wonderful music ministry and generous donors.

Dignity for All Human Life

In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" (Evangelium vitae 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God's gift of life.

Eastern Oklahoma Catholic Podcast

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

Check out Eastern Oklahoma Catholic
on Apple Podcasts

Mass Ministers

	Ushers	Eucharistic Min	Reader	Servers
Sat 4/5—5 pm	Linda Steinheil	Sherri Moe	Charlie Moe	Mike Hickman
	Kay Rodriguez	Charlie Moe		
Sun 4/6—8:30 am	Abby Higginbottom	Chris Holland	Elizabeth Sullivan	Carlos, Liam, Kaygan,
Youth Mass	Isaac Ervin	Elaine Hall	Carlos Sorell	& Amelia
Sat 4/12—5 pm	Sherry Ruyle	Kay Rodriguez	Judy Helms	Matthew Higginbottom
	Mary Feichtinger	Mary Feichtinger	Voice—Dorene M.	
Sun 4/13—8:30 am	Chris Holland	Chris Holland	Paul Stuart	Carlos, Liam, Aceah,
Palm Sunday	Mike Hickman	Rosemary Brauner	Voice—Chris H.	& Elizabeth

Daily Mass Readings—Apr 6-12	
Sunday	Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website: www.holycross-wagoner.org	

Please Consider Serving as a Mass Minister
Contact Mary Feichtinger
Call or text 303-519-0605, if you are able to serve.



Happy Birthday!

Ryan Duffy 4/3
Michelle Robinson Buscemi 4/6
Chris Holland 4/8
Joseph Dufour 4/10
Leonard Acevedo 4/11
Rosemary Kotas 4/19
Sherry Ruyle 4/20
Rebecca Buscemi 4/26

Offerings from Mar 29-30	
General Weekend Collections	\$1,363.22
Capital Improvement Fund	\$155.00
Building Projects Fund	\$60.00
TOTAL	\$1,578.22
2 nd Coll. - Solidarity w/ Foreign Churches	\$417.00

Your Generosity & Support is Always Appreciated!


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

Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord!

FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker
Judy Wright, parishioner
Becky Harding, parishioner
Hope Watson, parishioner
John Spieker, husband of Jackie Spieker
Marie Herndon, parishioner
Geraldine Wallace
Bill Scrimsher, parishioner
Laura Rodriguez, 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>April</i>	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Sherry Ruyle</i>
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Daily Readings, Daily Prayer of the Day, Bulletins, Catholic & Holy Cross News/Events

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(Facebook) Holy Cross Catholic Church - Wagoner OK; and
<https://holycrosscatholicchurch5.flocknote.com/dashboard> (message system)



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**Next Jubilee Pilgrimage: Saturday, May 3rd
10 a.m. Mass with Bishop Konderla
Immaculate Conception — Pawhuska**

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
Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Breaking Bread Book
Pages 96-97

Vatican II Hymnal
Pages 438-439

