

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Humility in Suffering and Service

Today the Church celebrates the entry of Christ into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. This Sunday is called Palm or Passion Sunday. While Palm Sunday signifies royalty and triumph, Passion Sunday signifies both suffering and love. By freely going to Jerusalem, Christ demonstrates his humility and willingness to save us.

On this day, the Christian community begins to re-enact a crucial phase of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. We re-enact the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, as well as his passion. Hence today's celebration reminds us of the dual nature of our Christian lives and journey. We are celebrated today and persecuted tomorrow. Today we are loved, while the next day, we are hated. Today we are praised and castigated the next day.

A vital lesson we must learn from all these is that, as life unfolds, it presents us with its different dimensions. The same people who sing our praise in good times might be the same people to criticize us in the future. Today, the same people applauding Christ by singing: "Hosanna to the son of David" might equally be the same people to shout: "Crucify him!"

This is the mystery and dialectics of life. It is a mystery because, at times, understanding it is beyond our imagination. It is dialectical because these two aspects of life help us know who we are and what we mean to people.

A look at today's readings portrays the humility with which Christ approached these situations. Our first reading is from one of the "ebed Yahweh" (suffering servant of Yahweh's) songs. This song prefigures Christ as the suffering servant of God. Christ humbly endured his suffering without any resistance.

Also, in Paul's letter to the Philippians, we see humility at its apogee. This is the kenosis or self-emptying of Christ: "Though he was in the form of man, He did not regard equality with God."

Our gospel today is on the Last Supper of Christ with his disciples. At the Last Supper, Christ humbled himself by serving his disciples and eating at the same table with the one who was to betray him. "...And yet behold the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table." Despite all these, he taught his disciples to humble themselves just as he humbled himself before Pilate and the chief priests even till death.

In all of these, the lesson for us today is that humility is essential in all life circumstances. This includes both good and bad times. Christ was strong, but he humbly became weak for our salvation. He taught us that true power lies in service. He also taught us that humility is one of

The Season of Lent

symbolizes humility. In his suffering, Christ abandoned himself to his enemies without resistance or striking back. Let us, therefore, pray this Sunday that the Almighty God may grant us the humility with which to follow and serve Christ all the days of our life.

—Reflection by Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka
at <https://frcanicenjoku.com/>

Upcoming Easter Services

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 talk from 12-1 pm

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

Holy Thursday, Apr. 17

Mass @ 6 pm

Chapel of Repose from 7–10 pm
(sign up for an hour Adoration)

Good Friday, Apr. 18

Stations of the Cross @ 5 pm

Good Friday Passion Liturgy @ 5:30 pm

Easter Vigil/Easter Morning, Apr. 19/20

Vigil Mass @ 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday Mass @ 8:30 am

All are invited to a Tenebrae Service
(which foreshadows the darkness of Good Friday)

On Palm Sunday, April 13th, 7:30 p.m. @ Holy Family Cathedral

Jesus, I Trust in You!

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.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Andrew Higginbottom Kendall Woodard

Craig Dorsey Anthony Guariglia

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.

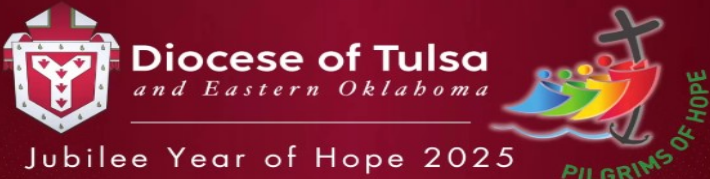
Eastern Oklahoma Catholic Podcast

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

Helpers Needed!

Holy Cross is hosting the Community Ministerial Alliance Holy Week Lunch/Service on Monday, April 14, @ noon at First Baptist Church, Wagoner. A few extra volunteers are needed to assist Kathy Gordon on the morning of Monday, April 14, to prepare for the meal. Please contact her at 918 606-2488, if you can help. Also, please plan to attend this Community-Wide Christian Easter Event throughout Holy Week!



Jubilee Year of Hope
Quote from a Saint of Hope

"Hope is the key that unlocks the door of possibilities." —St. Francis of Assisi

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

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.

Congratulations to Kay Rodriguez!

Kay was nominated by Judy Helms and the Holy Cross M&M Society and will receive a "Woman of Achievement Award". The award will be presented at a recognition luncheon on April 24th at St. Benedict's Church in BA and hosted by the Tulsa Council of Catholic Women.

Mass Ministers

	Ushers	Eucharistic Min	Reader	Servers
Sat 4/12—5 pm	Sherry Ruyle	Kay Rodriguez	Judy Helms	Matthew Higginbottom
Palm Vigil	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
Thurs 4/17—6 pm	Sherry Ruyle	Kay Rodriguez	Kay Rodriguez	Carlos, Liam, & Amelia
Holy Thursday	Dorene McMahan	Mary Feichtinger		
Fri 4/18—5 pm	Chris Holland	Linda Steinheil	Karol Watson	Luke, Carlos, & Liam
Good Friday	Mike Hickman	Carolyn Greer	Voice—Chris H.	
Sat 4/19—8:30 pm	Sherry Ruyle	Bille Cummings	Kay Rodriguez	Luke & Liam
Easter Vigil	Linda Steinheil	Linda Steinheil	Bille Cummings	
Sun 4/20—8:30 am	Chris Holland	Rosemary Brauner	Chris Holland	Carlos, Liam, Kaygan,
Easter	Mike Hickman	Katzy Hale		& Elizabeth

Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord!

This Week's Daily Readings—Apr 13-19

Palm Sunday	Lk 19:28-40 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Good Friday	Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Holy Saturday	Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:
www.holycross-wagoner.org

April

Altar Linens

Sherry Ruyle

Offerings from Apr. 5-6

General Weekend Collections	\$1,396.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$130.00
Building Projects Fund	\$231.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1,757.00</u>

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

The Business Above Helps Make This Bulletin Possible! Please support, when you can.

You Are Invited to Help Support Our Parish By Advertising Your Business Here!

Contact Karol Watson @ 918-640-5819 for advertising opportunities. Also, **Sign Up** in the foyer to receive a copy of the bulletin each weekend in your email.

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
Judy Helms, parishioner
Skip Gordon, 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!

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
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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

Lk 19:28-40 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Breaking Bread Book
Pages 104-109

Vatican II Hymnal
Pages 450-453



WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!