

April 20, 2025  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**We Are Called into Community**

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead"

A miracle: we think that way about the Resurrection. Unfortunately, for us, seeing is believing, so it seems the more we think about the notion of a miracle, the less likely we are to believe it. Sad, because a fundamental reality of Christianity is acknowledging that we are not God, and God is bigger than we are. We need to open ourselves up to this notion, this possibility of receiving God. This movement: we move towards God because we are drawn to truth, drawn to love.

Because God is bigger than we are, we often use the word "mystery" to describe the relationship. But it's not a "whodunit" or a detective story; it's a relationship, built on movement and growth. In a relationship, we should not seek to control. We seek instead to be let into another person's life, another person's world. We seek the gift of themselves that they freely give, and we choose to give ourselves in the same way. We have to enter into a relationship with God, not seek to control it. This is a challenge. We crave control. But God is bigger. And we are not God.

But God is a part of us. God tells us about God, God communicates to us. This communication is a part of our growth with God. In communicating, God creates. God gives us life. It's true that we grapple with God, because God chooses to be present in our complexity. God is communicating in the context of our relationship.

The fullness of God's communication is known to us as the person of Jesus Christ. Because in Jesus, God is communicating as we do. God became human to be with us, to communicate with us. It's about intimacy. We're invited into a relationship with God through Jesus, and we're each invited into a relationship with each other. How God envisions the world, and how we should act in the world, is shown to us in the person and works of Jesus Christ—a different sort of person, and a different way of being. We say that Jesus rose on Easter, and we see that Jesus is the ultimate bridge between God and us. Through our shared humanity, we reach out to divinity. In following Christ, that means we have a relationship, that means we are in the world, as he was in the world. We are all called into community with each other, in this world together.

Easter is the birth of possibility, this recognition of the power of God at work in the world, the power of being part of a community, a Church that Christ put in place to bring us together. It is the recognition of the power that comes from living as Jesus did, serving one another, helping one another, and loving one another. This is the Easter message, and the continual message of the Church today, and every day. —Reflection by Fr. Michael Carter at <https://uscatholic.org/>

*God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy! This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his Father's glorious presence.*

*May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life.*

*Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Happy Easter!



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**A Big Thanks to the cooks for the fabulous Lenten Friday Fish Fry!**

**And to Kathy Gordon and all those that helped host the luncheon for the Ministerial Alliance Holy Week Luncheon this past Monday.**

**The Holy Cross Catholic Charities  
Mobile Food Pantry**



**Thursday, Apr 24th,**

**10 a.m.—Noon**

**Food Boxes Available &  
Distributed while supplies last  
using a drive-through format.**

Contact Earlyne, if you can volunteer to help.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patty Chandler's daughter, **Laura (Chandler) Jester.***

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Next Sunday is

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Please Plan to Attend a Special Liturgy at  
Holy Cross**

**Sunday, April 27, @ 3 pm**

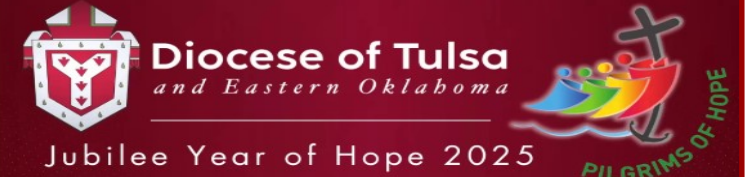
**Special Diocesan Collection Next Weekend**

**April 26/27**

**For National Missions**

**Easter Lilies for the Altar**  
**Thank You for Your Support of the Lilies for the Altar at Easter**

Joe & Bille Cummings	For Bill & Marrion Peak and Albert & Josie Cummings
Jackie Spieker	For Family
Judy Wright	For Leonard & Pat Wright, Leonard Charles Wright, Jr., and Leonard Charles Wright III
Kay Rodriguez	For Earline Wyman and John & Mary Seratt
Patty Chandler	For Dan Chandler and Theresa (Chandler) Hathcoat
Paul & Laura Rodriguez	For Their Parents
James D. Harris	For Mary and Lisa Harris
Len & Mary Feichtinger	For Magnuson & Feichtinger Families
Martha Cornelison	For Doug Cornelison Family, Paul & Nelma Rodriguez, Bud Stirling, and Diana & George Calvert
Jim & Sherry Ruyle	For Ruyle & Siebert Families
Sharon Carter	For Russell & Viola Guisinger, Mary Wilson, Zhanae Rothger, and Keith Gruhlkey
Richard Senner	For Donna Senner
Charles & Sherri Moe	For Their Parents
Richard & Linda Steinheil	For Catalani & Steinheil Families



*Jubilee Year of Hope  
Quote from a Saint of Hope*

**"Hope is the gift that God bestows on those who seek Him with a sincere heart."**

**—St. Bernard of Clairvaux**

**Next Jubilee Pilgrimage: Saturday, May 3rd  
10 a.m. Mass with Fr. Kastl, Vicar General @  
Immaculate Conception — Pawhuska**

**FAITH & CULTURE  
CONFERENCE**

**MAY 2ND & 3RD**

**HUMAN HAPPINESS &  
THE INTELLECTUAL VIRTUES**

*Friday Night*



DR JENNIFER FREY

*Saturday*



DR JOSHUA HOCHSCHILD

DR KENT LASNOSKI



DR RICHARD MELOCHE

DR MATTHEW POST

**\$20**

**INCLUDES:**

- 5 TALKS
- AN OPEN MIC PANEL
- FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SOCIAL
- BREAKFAST AND LUNCH SATURDAY

**DIoceseofTulsa.org/faith-and-culture-conference**

**Mass Ministers**

	<b><i>Ushers</i></b>	<b><i>Eucharistic Min</i></b>	<b><i>Reader</i></b>	<b><i>Servers</i></b>
<b>Sat 4/19—8:30 pm</b>	Sherry Ruyle	Bille Cummings	Kay Rodriguez	Luke & Liam
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	Linda Steinheil	Linda Steinheil	Bille Cummings	
<b>Sun 4/20—8:30 am</b>	Chris Holland	Rosemary Brauner	Chris Holland	Carlos, Liam, Kaygan,
<b>Easter</b>	Mike Hickman	Katzy Hale		& Elizabeth
<b>Sat 4/26—5 pm</b>	Judy Helms	Kay Rodriguez	Paul Rodriguez	Matthew Higginbottom
	Richard Helms	Mary Feichtinger		
<b>Sun 4/27—8:30 am</b>	Chris Holland	Raydean Yoder	Seth Yoder	Carlos, Liam, Aceah,
	Mike Hickman	Seth Yoder		& Amelia



*Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord!*

**This Week's Daily Readings—Apr 20-26**

Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Andrew Higginbottom      Kendall Woodard  
Craig Dorsey      Anthony Guariglia

<i>April</i>	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Sherry Ruyle</i>
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**Offerings from Apr. 12-13**

General Weekend Collections	<b>\$2,140.93</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	<b>\$725.00</b>
Building Projects Fund	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$2,965.93</u></b>

*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  
Rebecca Buscemi 4/26

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## *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

**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**

**Breaking Bread Book**  
**Easter Vigil—Pages 131-143**  
**Easter Sunday—Pages 150-153**

**Vatican II Hymnal**  
**Easter Vigil—Pages 467-476**  
**Easter Sunday—Pages 477-478**



**WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!**