

June 1, 2025
The Ascension of the Lord (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Traditionally, the Solemnity of *The Ascension of the Lord* has been celebrated 40 days after Easter in keeping with the Scriptural reference in Acts: "To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking of the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). While Easter is a moveable feast, celebrated on a different date in March or April every year, the 40th day after Easter has always been, will always be, a Thursday. However, it is for pastoral reasons, that the Solemnity of the Ascension, which joyfully celebrates the completion of Christ's work of redemption, may be transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Whether we celebrate the Ascension on a Thursday or a Sunday, it is more important to remember that the Ascension is a joyful feast; it is the fulfillment of Christ's salvific mission. The Ascension is the culminating facet of the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into heaven (as mentioned in the Eucharist Prayer of the Mass).

Before he took his leave from this world, Jesus told his Apostles that he was returning to his Father and, when he did, he would send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. The Ascension leads to Pentecost, to the descent of this Holy Spirit.

Hans Urs von Balthasar wrote that the Lord is "just so far away that our heart's longing is kept alive, and just so near that this longing can give birth to further, vibrant longing." The Lord of all, seated at the right hand of the Father, is present to us always, and most uniquely, in the Eucharist, and with it sustains us in this world even as he uses it as food to bring us to the next.

The Solemnity of the Ascension is the joyful celebration of the Lord's closeness to us now and our hope to be with him forever in paradise. Truly and sincerely, we can join the psalmist in proclaiming, "God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord."

In these days, as we approach the Solemnity of the Ascension and look forward to Pentecost, let us also be vivified by Jesus' parting exhortation: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

—Reflection from <https://www.stjohnvianney.org/>

God our Father, make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for Those Currently Serving in the Military

Andrew Higginbottom

Kendall Woodard

Craig Dorsey

Anthony Guariglia

Congratulations!
to Holy Cross' five confirmants that were confirmed by Bishop Konderla last Thursday evening!

Dekota McDaniel, Carlos Sorell, Aceah Stuart, Amelia Wright & Liam Wright

First Saturday Mass
Next Saturday, June 7th, 8:30 a.m.

Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass with Bishop Konderla for Holy Orders & Consecrated Life
Next Saturday

June 7th, 10 a.m. @ Holy Family Cathedral
Tulsa

Contact Kay Rodriguez and meet at the church parking lot @ 8 am, if you would like to carpool.

***Breakfast in June* will be provided by M&M to celebrate our parish Fathers on Fathers' Day**

Sunday, June 15th, after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Visitors Welcome!

Next Weekend is Pentecost Sunday!



Make Time to Dwell in the Presence of Jesus!!

Adoration—"Night of Encounter and Mercy"

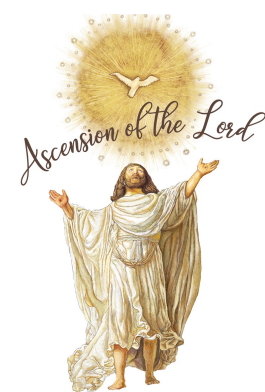
(First Wed. of the month)

Wed., June 4th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Short Presentation followed by Adoration; Confessions also available

Ascension of Our Lord

On the fortieth day of Easter, the **Ascension of the Lord** commemorates Christ's bodily ascension into heaven and is celebrated this weekend on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The weekdays from the Ascension up to and including the Saturday before Pentecost prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.



The Ascension completes Jesus' earthly mission and signifies his enthronement as heavenly king. Jesus has completed his Father's mission and he now rules with all authority and intercedes with all sympathy as our mediator and high priest.

The **Oklahoma March for Life** will be held on **Saturday, June 7, in Oklahoma City and live-streamed in Tulsa.**

In **Tulsa**, the event will be concurrent with the **First Saturday Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope**, held at Holy Family Cathedral at 10 am. Then immediately following Mass, there will be a short procession to Chapman Centennial Green in downtown Tulsa, where the Oklahoma City rally will be live-streamed from the Capitol.

Bishop's Anniversary Mass for Milestones
for those celebrating marriage anniversaries this year for 25, 40, 50+ years of marriage

Sunday, June 22nd
Holy Family Cathedral, Tulsa
Reception to follow in the Heiring Auditorium



Diocese of Tulsa
and Eastern Oklahoma

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025



Jubilee Year of Hope
Quote from the Bible on Hope
"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"
—Romans 15:13

Altar Flower Fund

M&M greatly appreciates your continued support of the ongoing Altar Flower Fund that financially assists with the purchase of flowers to decorate the altar each weekend during Ordinary Time.

The group is asking that parishioners sponsor a weekend in memory/honor of a loved one by donating \$25 to this Flower Fund.

To sponsor a weekend, please complete a Flower Fund envelope (available in the vestibule) and place the completed envelope and payment in the collection basket.

Also, thank you to the "M&M ladies" who decorate our lovely church each week throughout the year.

MASS INTENTION
May 31 & June 1 for Johnny Cunningham
by Earlyne Hutchens

Mass Ministers

	Ushers	Eucharistic Min	Reader	Servers
Sat 5/31—5 pm	Kay Rodriguez	Sherri Moe	Judy Helms	Larry Chekofsky
	Mary Feichtinger	Charlie Moe		
Sun 6/1—8:30 am	Heather Jordan	Raydean Yoder	Chris Holland	Carlos, Liam, Kaygan,
Ascension	Eric Jordan	Seth Yoder		& Amelia
Sat 6/7—5 pm	Sherry Ruyle	Kay Rodriguez	Paul Rodriguez	Larry Chekofsky
	Carolyn Greer	Mary Feichtinger		
Sun 6/8—8:30 am	Mike Cucchiara	Bille Cummings	Rosemary Kotas	Carlos, Liam, Elizabeth,
Pentecost	Chris Holland	Mike Hickman		& Amelia

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!

Offerings from May 17-18 & May 24-25

General Weekend Collections	5/17-18	\$1,443.00
	5/24-25	1,228.00
Capital Improvement Fund	5/17-18	\$225.00
	5/24-25	180.00
Building Projects Fund	5/17-18	\$43.00
	5/24-25	145.00
TOTAL (for 2 weekends)		\$3,264.00

Your Generosity & Support is Always Appreciated!



Happy Birthday!



Ari Kuehn 6/1	David Yakstis 6/18
Bille Cummings 6/1	Angela Jones 6/22
Vincent Kolb 6/1	Dorene McMahan 6/22
Mary Feichtinger 6/2	Judy Helms 6/24
Craig Campbell 6/9	Eileen Sommer 6/24
Bryan Robinson 6/15	Brian Kolb 6/25
Jack Duffy 6/16	Richard Helms 6/28
Raydean Yoder 6/17	Jane Linz 6/30



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Contact Karol Watson @ 918-640-5819 or karol_watson@yahoo.com for advertising opportunities and/or to place information in the bulletin or on the church website.

Also, **Sign Up** in the foyer to receive a copy of the bulletin each weekend in your email!

This Week's Daily Readings—June 1-7

Sunday	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
Monday	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

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

June

Altar Linens

Kay Rodriguez

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
WE PRAY TO THE LORD



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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

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Breaking Bread Book
Pages 164-166

Vatican II Hymnal
Pages 500-502



WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!