

November 16, 2025
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

 * The scene in the gospel today is really shocking. Some people were *
 * rightly admiring the beauty of the superb temple of God in Jerusalem and *
 * loved by the people of Israel. Only for Jesus to reply to their horror, there *
 * will come a day when not one stone will be left lying on another. That's just *
 * unthinkable. Shocking. Although the temple of Jerusalem was not just any *
 * old building, it was God's house.
 * So, it would be more like, in modern days, admiring the beauty of St. *
 * Peter's Basilica in Rome, and rightly to be unable to comprehend if anyone *
 * were to say that this focal point of our universal faith could one day lie in *
 * ruins. What a horrific thought. But that's just how shocking these words *
 * were to the listeners.
 * And when the temple did indeed lie in ruins, as predicted by Christ, after *
 * the Roman armies destroyed it, the people felt utterly lost, as if their soul *
 * had been torn out from inside them. It must have seemed like the end of *
 * the world had come.
 * The gospel today shines its insightful light upon the massive efforts we *
 * put into building up a vision, only for it to somehow be torn down by *
 * circumstances, whether it's by natural disaster or accident, or even by *
 * negligence or even malice of others. It's timely to think of things like this, *
 * as our Lord warns us to put our efforts into building up that which lasts *
 * forever, that which can never be touched or torn down. This weekend, *
 * Jesus warns his disciples that there are tough, stormy times ahead, for all *
 * who follow him, and in fact the wider community, including the Jewish *
 * people of Israel in his time. But amid this, he still offers hope. Don't be *
 * fooled, the end has not come. Even if it feels like it, the end has not *
 * arrived.
 * He rightly predicted that there would be wars and natural disasters, and *
 * many would shake the foundations of society and frighten people. But *
 * amid all these things, he calls us to remain resolute and keep focusing on *
 * the gospel. In all of this, he says, don't be shaken. Do not be thrown by the *
 * tumult around you. Keep on working diligently without hesitation. I will be *
 * with you. I will be faithful to you. Even if following me causes persecution.
 * But again, this is an invitation to think and pray carefully about what *
 * we're putting our energies into. What are we building? Physical buildings *
 * will not last forever, and Jesus is not just talking about physical buildings, *
 * of course. What we're putting all our hopes and dreams and energy into is *
 * also building up something. Because there may be a time when exactly *
 * that which is the object of all our time, all our effort and energy, could be *
 * knocked down, whether by accident or design. So, Jesus implores us to *
 * put our energies and priorities into his kingdom and its values that can *
 * never be torn down. The reason that the early Christians endured such *
 * persecution, such horrors, and kept faithful, was that they knew Jesus.
 * They had met him. They had walked with him. They had been touched by *
 * his preaching and his ministry. It was on solid ground.
 * We need to throw a rope around God and really tie ourselves to the one *
 * true spiritual building that does endure forever—Christ, which is the *
 * foundation stone and fortress. We need to daily deepen our knowledge *
 * and love of the person and message of Jesus. To deeply allow our Lord to *
 * immerse us in his heart and mind. So that we might catch on fire with his *
 * person, his message, and values. And let us reflect often, opening *
 * ourselves up to this spiritual question about what our real priorities and *
 * choices are. What are we building? Are we building something so closely *
 * connected to Christ's gospel that it truly can never be torn down?
 * --Reflection by Fr Paul W. Kelly at <https://homilycatholic.blogspot.com/>

Families with Children
Please Plan to Attend —Holy Cross Faith Formation Family Catechesis
Family Catechesis Classes—this Sunday
and the Third Sunday of each month
after 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Talk by Dr. Karlo Broussard This Week
Diocesan Apologist and Speaker for Catholic Answers, Karlo Broussard, will provide a talk on “Evangelization”
Wednesday, November 19th
@ 6 p.m. (after 5:30 Mass)
In the Holy Cross Parish Hall
Food will be Provided

The Holy Cross Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, Nov. 20th
9 a.m.—until supplies are gone
Food Boxes Available & Distributed using a drive-through format.
 Contact Earlyne, if you can volunteer to help.

Advent by Candlelight
Friday, November 21st
6:00 p.m.—Parish Hall

 Join us as we set aside a special time to prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Christmas, the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior, into the world and into each one of our souls. The evening combines an inspirational message with music, food and fellowship.
Please sign up in the foyer, if you plan to attend!

“Pray for us that we may be a sign of the love of Christ for our people.”
 —Blessed Stanley Rother

Holy Cross Youth—Mark Your Calendar for
“RISE” —DISCIPLESHIP CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE
 Nov. 22, 9am-6pm @ Arvest Convention Center, Tulsa



A Time of Worship, the Word, & Fellowship
Wagoner Ministerial Alliance Community
Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 23rd at 6 p.m.
Wagoner Civic Center

Personally Reach Out and Invite Someone
that is considering joining the church or wants to learn more about the Catholic faith! Also, consider coming with them!!
Fr. Donovan's Catholicism 101
Each Tuesday after 5:30 pm Mass in the Parish Hall

Special Diocesan Collection Next Sunday
For Social Justice—Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Mass Ministers			
	Ushers	Reader	Servers
11/16	Mike Hickman	Paul Stuart	Carlos, Aceah,
	Mike Cucchiara		Liam, Kaygan
11/23	Seth Yoder	Kay Rodriguez	Carlos, Makenna
	Mike Cucchiara		Liam, Elizabeth

MASS INTENTIONS
Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21
for Pat Sanco
Requested by Sam Sanco

Come and Have a Cup of Coffee
 &
 Enjoy Fellowship
 Each Sunday After Mass

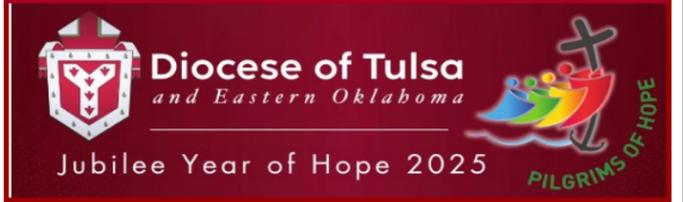


St Nicholas Feast Day Sat., Dec. 6th
Mass at 9 a.m. followed by a Pancake Breakfast and a visit from St. Nick!
 Please bring your children and plan to attend!
 Sign-up in the Foyer so that we can plan for the number attending.

Advent Day Retreat @ St. Gregory's Abbey
“Our Lady of the Sign for Pilgrims of Hope”
 Presented by Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen, OSB
Saturday, Dec. 6th, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 Cost is \$30. Pre-registration is required. Lunch is included.
 Register at www.monksok.org or call 405-878-5656

THE PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER
November — For the Prevention of Suicide
Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

First Saturday Jubilee Mass w/ Bishop Konderla
 For Prisoners and Those Being Persecuted
St. John the Evangelist, McAlester at 10 a.m.



Jubilee Year of Hope—Quote from the Saints on Hope
“God would never inspire me with dreams which cannot be realized! So in spite of my littleness, I can HOPE to be a saint.
 —St. Therese of Lisieux

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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
Laura Rodriguez, parishioner
Bill Scrimsher, parishioner
Pat Jones, parishioner

WE PRAY TO THE LORD



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This Week's Readings—Nov 16-22

Sunday	Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

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

www.holycross-wagoner.org

November M&M Volunteers

<i>Altar Linens</i>	Elaine Hall
<i>Altar Flowers</i>	Karol Watson
<i>Sunday Hostess</i>	11/16-Karol Watson 11/23-Tammy Creed 11/30-Sherri Moe

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Offerings from November 9, 2025

General Weekend Collections	\$1,752.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$620.00
TOTAL	\$2,372.00
Special Collection-Military in Service	\$317.00
Fr. Francis' Mission	\$936.00

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WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!

MASS TIMES

Sunday
8:30 a.m. (English)
11:00 a.m. (Latin)

Weekdays

Tuesday & Wednesday — 5:30 p.m.
Thursday & Friday — 8:30 a.m.
First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays from 6:00—7:00 p.m.
(following 5:30 p.m. Mass)

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Masses
or by appointment/request

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Holy Cross Faith Formation Classes

High School Bible Study & Youth Group
Each Sunday at 5 p.m.

Family Catechesis Classes—Third Sunday of each month after 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Adult Faith Formation—Fourth Sunday of each month after both 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses.

Bible Study—Friday mornings at 9 a.m.

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!

TODAY'S READINGS

Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Breaking Bread Book
Pages 232-233

Vatican II Hymnal
Pages 676-677

