

November 23, 2025
 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Today's Gospel places us right in the middle of the crucifixion of Jesus! Is this odd for late November, as we head into Advent

and Christmas? Not really. Remember, for the past several months of Ordinary Time, the Gospel of Luke has focused exclusively on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem to meet his destiny with the Cross. The Passion and death of Jesus is not something that we celebrate only on Holy Week. It lies at the heart of our faith.

The placement of this Gospel today also jars us into remembering that Jesus has a very different notion of kingship from the world's views on royalty. This has been a consistent teaching of Luke from the beginning of his gospel, when Jesus was born not in royal trappings but in poverty. Today, we are reminded that Jesus wore not a crown bedecked with jewels but, rather, a crown of thorns.

The early Church would need to broaden its appeal beyond its Jewish roots, and Saint Paul was able to do that remarkably in the Second Reading with his teaching on Christ as the firstborn of all creation who reconciles the world to himself. This was very appealing to the Gentiles who were seeking divine wisdom, and the hymn in the first chapter of Colossians sings eloquently of that. Note especially Verse 12: "He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Thus, Jesus Christ is King not only of the Jews, not only of the Gentiles, but of the entire universe. Yet he is a personal Lord who has walked in our shoes and understands our suffering since he himself suffered on the Cross. And he is the mighty Lord whose Spirit permeates all creation, binds us together, and lifts us up from our petty earthly divisions to our glorious fulfillment in the Kingdom of God.—Reflection from <https://www.ocp.org/>

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and King of my heart, I bow before Your majesty and surrender my life to Your reign.

Rule over my thoughts, my words, and my actions, that I may live in truth, justice, and love.

Bring peace to our world, unity to Your Church, and hope to the weary and forgotten.

Strengthen me to serve You faithfully, and to see Your face in every person I meet.

May Your Kingdom come in my heart today, and may I proclaim You as my King forever. Amen.

Adult Faith Formation Today!
 Please Plan to Attend —Holy Cross' Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Donovan this Sunday and the Fourth Sunday of each month after both 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses

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

Special Diocesan Collection This Sunday, Nov. 23rd
 For Social Justice—Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Campaign for Human Development

St Nicholas Feast Day Sat., Dec. 6th
 To celebrate the Feast, Holy Cross will have Mass at 9 a.m. followed by a Pancake Breakfast and a visit from St. Nick!

Please bring your children and plan to attend!

In a time where Christmas is highly commercialized, families try to keep the focus on what Advent and Christmas is all about. Advent is preparing for Christ's birth, both internally and externally. To shift the focus from a materialistic Christmas, try giving stocking gifts on December 6 instead of Christmas Day. Shoes can be left outside the bedroom door or on the hearth, or stockings are hung by the fire on December 5th evening. St. Nicholas (instead of Santa Claus) comes by to bring cookies or gifts in the shoes or stockings.

It's Important to Sign-up in the Foyer so that we can plan for the number and age of children attending the Holy Cross Feast.

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



Advent Begins Next Sunday, Nov. 30th

Advent, derived from the Latin word adventus (meaning "coming"), marks the start of the Christian liturgical year. Spanning four Sundays before Christmas, it's a time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth and anticipate His second coming.

Martha & Mary (M&M) Society Meeting & Christmas Party
 Mon., Dec. 1, at 6:00 p.m.

M&M is a great opportunity for the women of the parish to share and enjoy fellowship, while serving the altar society ministry of Holy Cross.

Please bring Finger Food to share and a Gift for the Dirty Santa Gift Exchange

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

A Night of Encounter & Mercy
 (First Wed. of the month)
 Adoration on Wed., December 3rd from 6-7 p.m.

Short Presentation followed by Adoration; Confessions also available

Mass Ministers			
	Ushers	Reader	Servers
11/23	Seth Yoder	Kay Rodriguez	Carlos, Makenna
	Mike Cucchiara		Liam, Elizabeth
11/30	Grant Edwards	Charlie Moe	Carlos, Kaygan
	Gary Edwards		Liam, Elizabeth

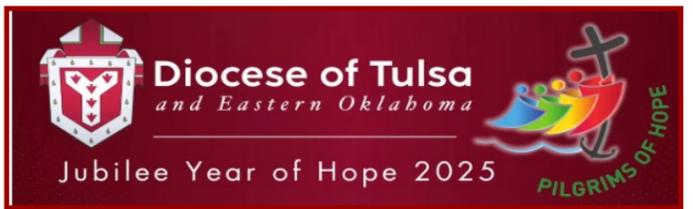
Welcome Parishioners!

The Logan & Gloria Blackburn Family and children Henry, Olivia, Isabella, & Samuel
 We're happy to have you as part of our Holy Cross Family

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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. Lunch is included. Pre-registration is required.
 Register at www.monksok.org or call 405-878-5656



Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord!

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

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.

Pray for Those Currently Serving in the Military
 Andrew Higginbottom Kendall Woodard
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"Behold the wood of the Cross on which hung the Savior of the world."

This Week's Readings—Nov 23-29

Sunday	2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

*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>	11/23-Tammy Creed 11/30-Sherri Moe 12/7-Kathy G, Judy H.

Offerings from November 16, 2025

General Weekend Collections	\$2,742.75
Capital Improvement Fund	\$185.00
TOTAL	\$2,927.75
Special Collection-Military in Service	\$247.00
Fr. Francis' Mission	\$562.00

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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.

Catholicism 101—Each Tuesday after 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass

TODAY'S READINGS

2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Breaking Bread Book—Pages 234-235

Vatican II Hymnal—Pages 680-681



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



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