

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

Let God's Peace and Justice Flourish Through Your Lives

In this season of Advent, the church presents John the Baptist to us as a model. John teaches us that waiting for the coming of Christ is not merely a joyful expectation—it is also careful preparation. It requires a commitment to making the world more just for everyone. It involves fearlessly challenging the structures of sin and oppression. Often, it means standing courageously against abusive power, protesting if necessary. Most importantly, it demands that our lives, at every moment, embody the fullness of the gospel of Christ, especially its emphasis on love, justice, mercy, and peace.

John the Baptist's total commitment to his mission as the herald of the Messiah is therefore very instructive. Pope Francis reminds us, in his 2013 apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) that, through our baptism, God has called us all to be missionary disciples. This means that, like John the Baptist, everything about us must point to the Christian message. It is not enough to proclaim the gospel with our lips; we must live it.

As in John the Baptist's time, our world today faces a myriad of challenges. Many parts of the world are experiencing violent crises: Nigeria, Sudan, Ukraine, Israel-Palestine. Numerous people continue to live under repressive regimes and inhuman conditions. We must never forget that we are the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus to a world desperately in need of peace, justice, and mercy.

The good news is not just the imminence of justice and peace, but that it is through our lives and ministry that the justice and peace of God will flourish.

—Excerpt from Reflection by William Orbih at <https://uscatholic.org>



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.

Prayer for Lighting the Second Candle—Peace:

"God of peace, as we light the second Advent candle of peace, may your peace fill our hearts and our world. Help us to be peacemakers in our relationships and communities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Breakfast and Birthday Cake to celebrate the birthdays of December

This Sunday, Dec. 7, after 8:30 a.m. Mass

& the first Sunday of each month.
(Volunteer Helpers-Kathy G., Judy)



Jubilee Year of Hope is Coming to a Close!

Closing Jubilee Mass—For the People of God Sunday, December 28, at 2:30 p.m.

Holy Family Cathedral, Tulsa

"They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength . . ."—Isaiah 40:31

Poinsettias for the Altar at Christmas

Envelopes are located in the foyer for those that would like to donate \$15 per plant to be placed on the altar during Christmas in honor of or in memoriam of a loved one.



Mass Ministers			
	Ushers	Reader	Servers
12/7	Skip Gordon Richard Helms	Dorene McMahan	Carlos, Liam, Elizabeth
12/14	Grant Edwards Gary Edwards	Emily Downum	Liam, Makenna, Kaygan

December Feast Days Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 8

5 pm – TLM @ Holy Cross
6 pm – English @ Holy Cross
7:30 pm – St. Vincent de Paul, Coweta

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 12

8:30 am – Holy Cross
6 pm – St. Vincent de Paul, Coweta

The Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

5 pm – English @ Holy Cross
7 pm – St. Vincent de Paul, Coweta
Midnight – Holy Cross

Thursday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:30 am – English @ Holy Cross
11 am – TLM @ Holy Cross

Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

6 pm – English @ Holy Cross
7:30 pm – St. Vincent de Paul, Coweta

Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

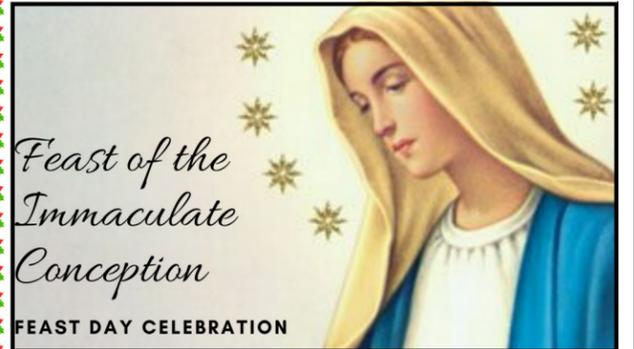
8:30 am – English @ Holy Cross
11 am – TLM @ Holy Cross

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 2, 3, 4 for **Paula Lyman**
Requested by Jim & Sherry Ruyle

Dec. 5 for **Harold Hutchens**
Requested by Earlyne Hutchens

Dec. 7, 14, 21 for **Pat Sanco**
Requested by Sam Sanco



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call to their own vocation in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary's "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan.

1 From the **National Eucharistic**

Our Spiritual Journey of Advent

A season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy.

As you light your advent candles, may God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation—a time we joyfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

Sources to assist you on your journey:

1. From **Dynamic Catholic.com**, sign up for the Best Advent Ever to get Free Daily Advent Reflections by scanning the QR code below or visit their website to sign up.
2. From the **National Eucharistic Congress**, download the **Manna App** from the App Store or Google Play and sign up for free to pray, learn, and grow in your love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

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Make this Advent a season of presence and peace.

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Offerings from November 30, 2025

General Weekend Collections **\$1,832.00**
Capital Improvement Fund **\$380.00**
TOTAL \$2,212.00

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This Week's Readings—Dec 7-13

Sunday	Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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

December M&M Volunteers

<i>Altar Linens</i>	Kay Rodriguez
<i>Altar Flowers</i>	No Flowers during Advent
<i>Sunday Hostess</i>	12/7-Kathy G, Judy H. 12/14-Kay Rodriguez 12/21-Kathy Gordon

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
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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

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
Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Breaking Bread Book—Pages 34-35

Vatican II Hymnal—Pages 379-380

