

January 25, 2026
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
(TLM—Third Sunday after Epiphany)

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

In encountering Jesus, the disciples encountered the Word of God made flesh – and their lives were forever changed. May we, too, recognize that same living Word calling us today.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us. —Reflection from <https://www.loyolapress.com/>

*Lord Jesus,
 Your Word is a lamp for our path.
 Help us to follow You with joy,
 to share Your love with others,
 and to live as children of Your light.
 Amen.*

MASS INTENTIONS

- Jan. 20 for Pat Jones** – Requested by Doug & Monica Stuart
- Jan. 21 for Addy Kelly** – Requested by Jim & Sherry Ryule
- Jan. 25 for Addy Kelly** – Requested by Jim & Sherry Ryule
- Jan. 27 for Charlie Moe** – Requested by Mike & Judy Piggott
- Jan. 28 for Charlie Moe** – Requested by Mike & Judy Piggott
- Jan. 30 for Pat Sanco** – Requested by Sam Sanco

Adult faith formation is a lifelong process aimed at deepening the understanding and practice of faith among adults, fostering personal growth, community engagement, and spiritual maturity.

Adult Faith Formation Today!

All Adults are invited to come have a cup of coffee and attend Father's Donovan's Faith Formation Class TODAY after both the 8:30 & 11 am Masses.

Catholicism 101

For anyone that wants to learn more about the Catholic faith!

Each Tues. after 5:30 pm Mass

Come and Bring a Friend!

Breakfast and Birthday Cake!

to celebrate the birthdays of February



Next Sunday, Feb. 1, after 8:30 a.m. Mass

& the first Sunday of each month.

(Volunteer Helpers-Bille & Sherry R.)

Martha & Mary (M&M) Society Meeting

Mon., Feb. 2nd, 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.

All Women of the Parish Welcome!

(Hostesses: Sherri M. & Dorene)

2025 Contribution Reports

A Signup Sheet is located in the foyer for those wanting a 2025 donation summary for tax purposes.

Prayers & Sacrifices for Our Country and Holy Mother Church Project

Want to change the world from your own home? When the apostles asked Jesus why they were not successful in their work among the people, Jesus said that some sins can only be driven out with prayer and sacrifices. In this project, the participants sign up for one day of the month on which they agree to offer extra prayers and sacrifices for the conversion of our nation and for the sanctification and empowerment of Holy Mother Church. The choice of what prayers or sacrifices is left entirely to them, although fasting is suggested as a sacrifice to offer. If fasting isn't possible, another sacrifice, such as going without dessert or coffee, or doing an unpleasant task without complaint, etc. could be considered. We are confident that our small efforts will have a huge impact over time, since God is very generous to magnify the "widow's mite" and the "loaves and fishes".

Adele Healey is the organizer of this project, so contact her if you have questions or want to sign up for a day at adelehealey@prodigy.net or call 918-850-8862.



Young Adults (18-35) of Holy Cross Invited!

Carnival Dance

Saturday, Feb. 7th, 7-9 p.m.
 105 E. Main St., Locust Grove

Free (donations accepted to pay the venue rental); Semi-formal attire; No dancing experience required – a simple lesson will be given at the beginning of the event.

Questions? Contact Anthony Schuckel at aschuck12@pm.me

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
 —Romans 12:12

We're grateful for our parish community and the power of our prayers for our parish, family, and friends.

Please share your prayer requests with us so we can pray for you. Use the QR code below to request prayer using the Flocknote Prayer Request page.



Prayer requests are sent out to our Flocknote Prayer Team that supports our prayer chain. Also, you can sign up in Flocknotes to be a part of that Prayer Team group so that you can pray for others as well.

| Mass Ministers | | | |
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| | Ushers | Reader | Servers |
| 1/25 | Mike Cucchiara Mike Hickman | Gary Edwards | Carlos, Liam, Kaygan |
| 2/1 | Grant Edwards Gary Edwards | Emily Downum | Carlos, Liam, Amelia |

Welcome New Parishioners!

Maria Chavez
 Ashley Bertalot
 We're happy to have you as part of our Holy Cross Family

A Night of Encounter & Mercy
 Adoration on Wed., Feb 4th, 6-7pm
 Come Spend Some Time with Jesus!

Confessions also available

Classical Catholic Drama Club
 of Eastern Oklahoma
 Presents

Mark Twain
THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER
 Story Adapted and Directed by
 Kenneth Henderson

Adventure is Comin' to Town!

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| Fri, Jan 30 – 7:30 PM | | Fri, Feb 6 – 7:30 PM |
| Sat, Jan 31 – 2 PM & 7:30 PM | | Sat, Feb 7 – 2 PM & 7:30 PM |
| Sun, Feb 1 – 2 PM | | Sun, Feb 8 – 2 PM |

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 1800 South Main Street
 Broken Arrow, OK 74013

To Request Mass Intentions

- 1) Fill out info. on a Mass Intention Request envelope provided in foyer,
- 2) Place donation inside,
- 3) Place envelope in the offertory basket.

Oklahoma March for Life (Rose Day at the Capitol), Feb. 4th, State Capitol, 7:30 am - 1 pm

All are invited to the **Mass for the Sanctity of Life** at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 1616 N. Kelly Ave., in downtown Oklahoma City at 7:30 a.m. and then to the **March around the State Capitol** at 9 a.m. The Rose Day events will be held inside the Capitol building, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., in Oklahoma City **Speeches on the House Floor** begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by **Benediction by Archbishop Paul Coakley** at 1 p.m.

First Saturday Mass Resumes at Holy Cross
 February 7th, 10 a.m.

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Offerings from January 18, 2026

General Weekend Collections **\$1,884.88**
Capital Improvement Fund **175.00**
TOTAL \$2,059.88

Your Generosity & Support is Always Appreciated!



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This Week's Readings—Jan 25-31

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| Sunday | Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 |
| Monday | 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30 |
| Tuesday | 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35 |
| Wednesday | 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20 |
| Thursday | 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25 |
| Friday | 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34 |
| Saturday | 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 |

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

January M&M Volunteers

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| <i>Altar Linens</i> | Kathy Gordon |
| <i>Sunday Hostess</i> | 1/25-Kristan Edwards 2/1-Bille & Sherry R. |

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

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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

ENGLISH
Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23
Breaking Bread Book—Pages 63-64

TLM
Epistle: Rom 12:16-21; Gospel: Mt 8:1-13

Pray the Rosary with us!

Rosary on Sundays 30 min. before both Masses (8 am & 10:30 am)

To volunteer to lead the rosary, contact Dcn. Steve Creed for 8 am & Bob Healey at bhealey@prodigy.net or 918-269-3786 for 10:30 am

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