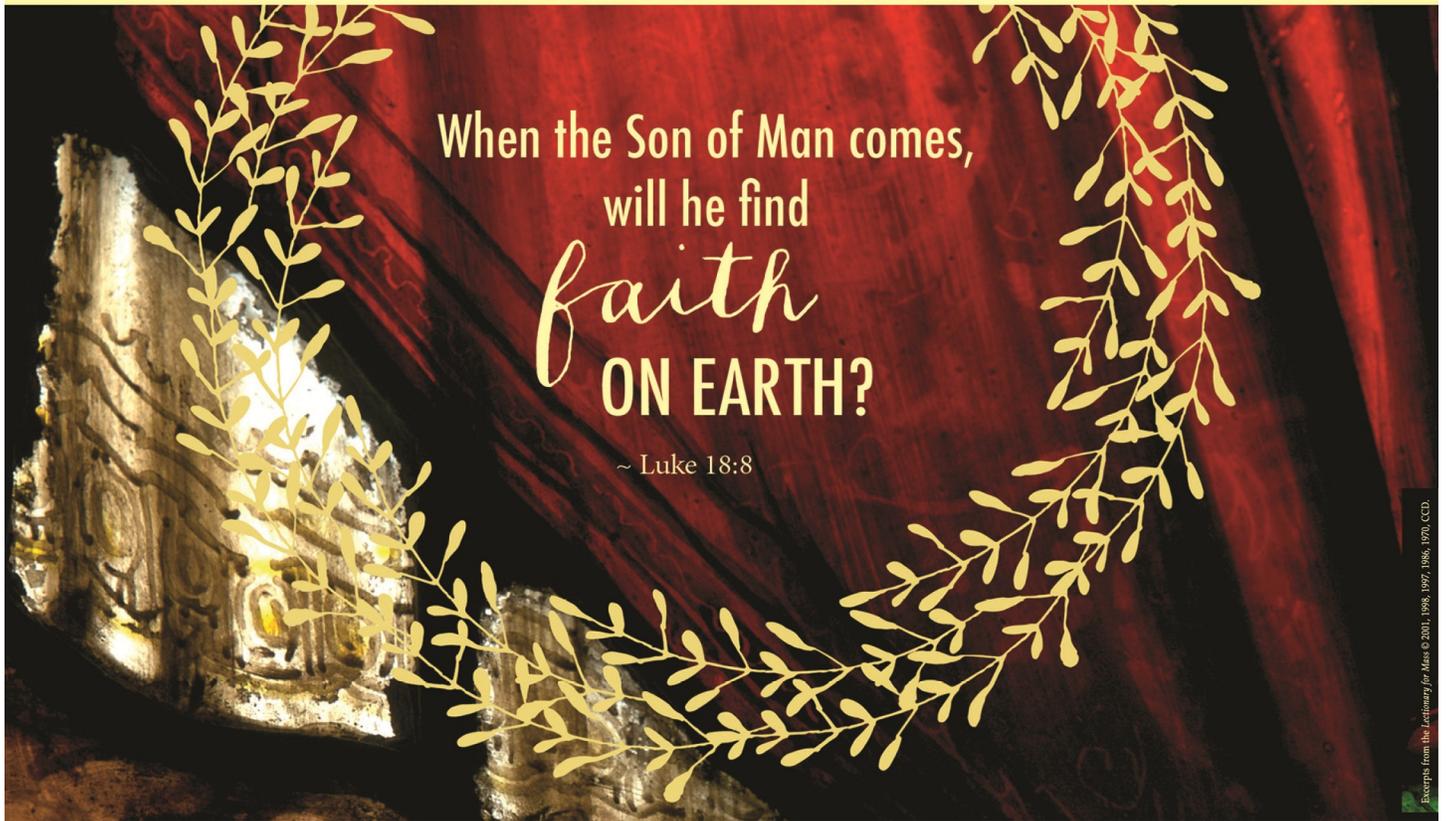
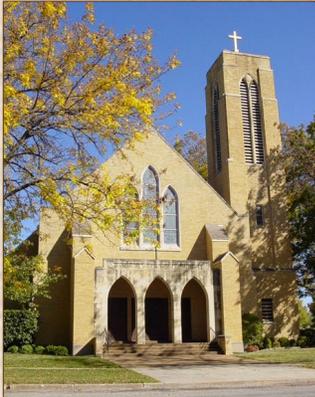


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OCTOBER 16, 2022 | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Wednesday 6:00 pm

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MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEK

All ministries temporarily suspended due to coronavirus pandemic.

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If you, a family member, or a friend is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please speak with Fr. Cashen.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: By appointment only during pandemic. Call Father Cashen at 918.256.2281.

BAPTISM: Contact Father several weeks in advance if you have a child or a relative to be baptized.

MARRIAGE: Contact Father six (6) months prior to the wedding. Do not schedule a wedding date prior to talking to Father.

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Schedule of Masses

Sunday, October 16	10:00 am	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday, Oct. 19	6:00 pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 23	10:00 am	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday, Oct. 26	6:00 pm	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 30	10:00 am	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday, November 1	6:00 pm	All Saints Day
Wednesday, Nov. 2	-----	No Mass

Wednesday night Mass is a socially-distanced Sunday Mass alternative

Today's Readings

First Reading — As long as Moses' hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).

Along your journey of faith you have undoubtedly been tempted to give up. **Persistence** is the word of the day today, as each reading teaches the importance of persistence in carrying out God's will. In Exodus, Moses must persist in raising his arms and holding the staff of God in order for Joshua to defeat the enemy in battle. Paul instructs Timothy to be persistent even when it's inconvenient. Jesus' parable features a widow who successfully influences a dishonest judge to render a just verdict because of her persistence. May God's word inspire us to persist in doing what is right without giving up. We do not have to do it alone. The support from our faith community can help sustain us. - Pastoral Patterns



- Socially distanced seating options:
 1. **10 am Sunday:** Front section to the left of the center aisle (the pews in front of the ambo) is reserved for social distancing.
 2. **6 pm Wednesday:** All socially-distanced seating.
- Holy Ghost Masses: Enter through west door; exit at both doors.
- Sanitizing procedures in Church occur before each Mass. Hand sanitizing stations are located in each entrance.
- The wearing of masks is encouraged, but not mandatory.
- Bulletins and other handouts will not be used.
- The collection basket will remain near the entrance or donations may be mailed to: 120 W. Sequoyah Ave., Vinita, OK 74301.
- Take home any prayer aids, and please do not leave items in pews.
- Rosary, choir, religious education and lay ministries remain suspended at this time.

Thank you for your cooperation!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

Many people say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before becoming an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of church, walk next week. If driving, park a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure!

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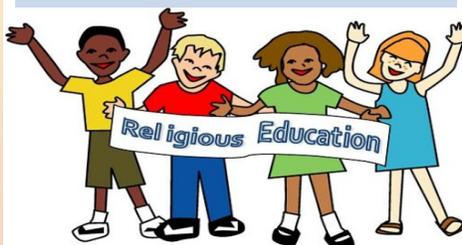
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Ramona Thornton

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CCD SIGN-UP SHEETS

for 2022—2023 school year are in the entrances. Complete a form for each child in Grades K-12 or submit online at holychostvinita.org.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Navy

Jason Williams, Reserve, Mayport Naval Station, Jacksonville, FL

Air Force

Zerek Alvarez, Tiffany Calabasa,
Sgt. Adam Crane, Cale Schumacher
Michael Ecterhoff, Afghanistan
Eric Wilks, Reserve, Tinker, OK

Marines

Lance Cpl. Gage Gardner, South Korea



Weekly Mass at Heartsworth Nursing Center remains suspended due to the coronavirus.



SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch; National Boss's Day
Tuesday: St. Luke
Wednesday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Thursday: St. Paul of the Cross
Saturday: St. John Paul II; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

- Monday:** Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

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ALL DAY ENTERTAINMENT UNDER THE BIG TENT
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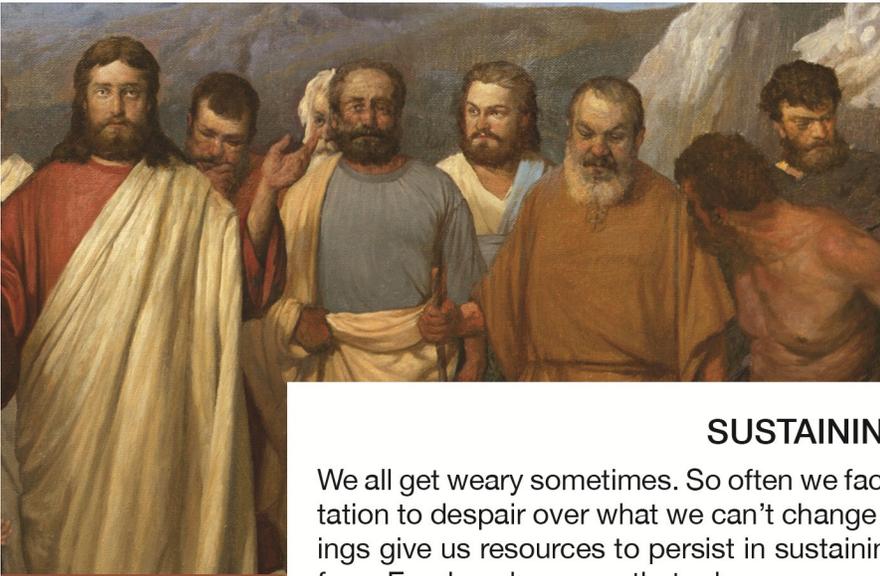
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THANK YOU to everyone involved with making our 35th Oktoberfest in Vinita a huge success!

Whether you visited, baked, worked, donated, purchased, or simply prayed for good weather, we were blessed to welcome our community for a day of fellowship and family-friendly fun.

2022 OKTOBERFEST COMMITTEE:

**Vanessa Hicks, Brittany Selby,
Donna Koon, Linda Lucas**



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2022

SUSTAINING HOPE

We all get weary sometimes. So often we face frustration, discouragement, and temptation to despair over what we can't change in our lives, or in the world. Today's readings give us resources to persist in sustaining hope and trusting in God. The reading from Exodus shows us that when our arms get weary, we are not alone, that God provides us companions to sustain us. The letter to Timothy reminds us that we are rooted in scripture, the story of God's past actions and promises for the future. The Gospel passage from Luke gives us the image of a persistent widow, who has a passion in her heart to sustain her relentless efforts to secure justice. This passion, this faith and hope, are God's gifts. But they require ongoing practices of prayer to stay alive and growing. Let us encourage each other in prayer when our arms get weary.

GOD'S PERSISTENCE

Today's Gospel is set within Jesus' instruction to his disciples to prepare for a future after his ascension, and before Christ's final return. The early Church lived in an unjust and violent world, and likely wondered when Christ would return to complete his work. In this context, we hear a parable of a corrupt judge and a widow seeking justice. The widow has no worldly resources to affect the judge, but only her own persistence. And that was enough.

We today also live in an unjust world, and we the Church long for Christ to fulfill God's promises. But we are not asked to wait passively; instead we must join God's work in bringing justice. We can imitate the widow with our persistence in prayer and action to be instruments of peace in our own place and time. These efforts might well extend beyond our own lifespans, but God will inspire new instruments of peace in future generations. God's persistence will be enough.

A DEEP BREATH

In today's passage from 2 Timothy, we hear that "all scripture is inspired." The Greek word translated as "inspired" literally means "God-breathed." That is, God breathes God's own life in and through scripture. We can see ourselves also as "God-breathed," as God's creation was the result of God's speech in Genesis, and as the Church received the Spirit from Jesus' breath (John 20:22). God breathes in and through these writings, and in our encounters with each other, to enliven and to transform us.

Using this word, Paul invites Timothy to engage with scripture, to allow it to teach, correct, and train. Scripture is not a set of rules or an answer book, but a breath of God's fresh air. It is the record of flawed human beings encountering a loving yet mysterious God. It is the story of God and humanity where we can place our life stories in dialogue with God's story. Take a deep breath.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 17:8–13
Psalm 121:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8
2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2
Luke 18:1–8

**"Will not God then secure the rights
of his chosen ones who call out
to him day and night?"** Luke 18:7

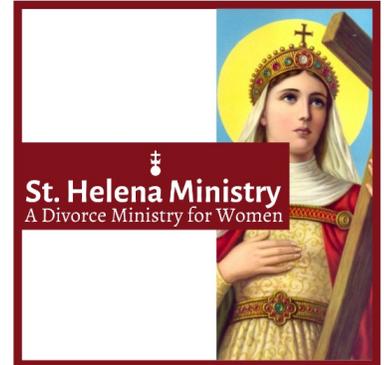
UPCOMING EVENTS



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September 28, 2022 - May, 2023: **St. Helena, A Divorce Ministry for Women**

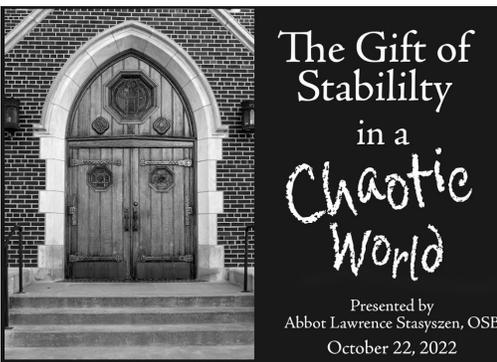
The experience of a broken marriage can leave one feeling in need of both spiritual and peer-to-peer support. The Parish of Christ the King is offering a new healing ministry that will launch on Wednesday, September 28 in Fletcher Hall on the church campus. Meetings will be held once or twice monthly through May, 2023 and childcare is provided. This ministry will provide support in a confidential setting for divorcees. Using the Ascension Press program titled "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", the ministry will help participants find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Designed for women newly separated and divorced, and those still struggling with issues many years later. Cost is \$20 for the book, but financial assistance may apply. Contact the parish office in Tulsa at 918-584-4788 x200 to register.



September 28-November 6: **40 Days for Life Campaign**

Demonstrate your pro-life commitment by praying at the Garden of Hope, across from Tulsa Women's Clinic. Your testimony to the sanctity of life has the power, by God's generous grace, to change minds and save lives! Details at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/tulsa> or e-mail: hannah.truetken@dioceseoftulsa.org.

October 22: **Days of Reflection at St. Gregory's Abbey (Shawnee, OK)**



Registration is open for "**The Gift of Stability in a Chaotic World**" on Saturday, October 22 at St. Gregory's Abbey. In recent decades mobility and adaptability have been promoted as fundamental virtues in a rapidly changing world. But incessant change in one's life, surroundings and culture also can be profoundly unsettling, leaving one overwhelmed by personal and societal uncertainty and displacement caused by illness, economic insecurity, violence and perhaps even environment change. St. Benedict and earlier monastic tradition understood the importance of stability in

fostering peace of heart and growth in holiness. Participants will explore how this ancient monastic virtue can bring needed stability in a chaotic world. Cost is \$30 per session if prepaid, or \$35 at the door. Preregistration is required and lunch is included. To register and pay on-line go to www.monksok.org, by e-mail to: retreats@monksok.org, or call (405) 878-5656. St. Gregory's Abbey is located at 1900 W. MacArthur St. in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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October 27: **Ministry Meeting** (Collinsville, OK)

Clergy, Religious Education, Adult Education, RCIA Coordinators, and Catechists are invited to the Ministry Meeting featuring guest speaker Carlos Proano on **Encouraging Families to Practice and Embrace the Divinity of the Sacraments Together** from 9am to 3pm at St. Therese Church in Collinsville. RSVP by October 25: religiousformation@dioceseoftulsa.org. Bishop Konderla begins event with Mass.

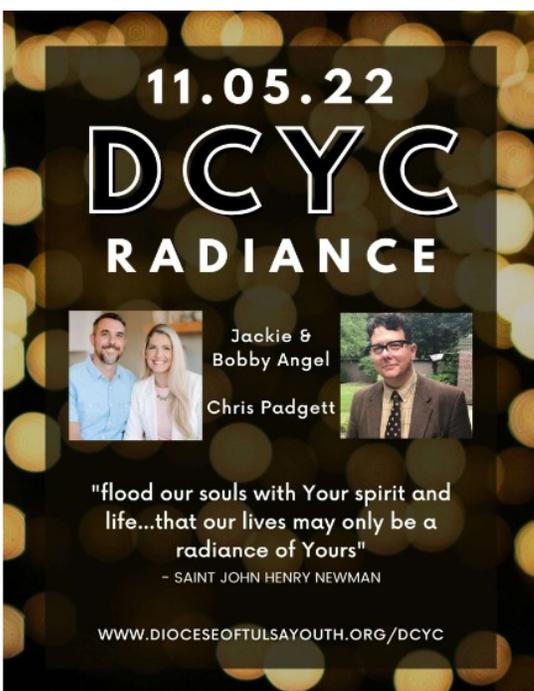
November 5: **Discipleship Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)** (Tulsa, OK)

The 2022 Discipleship Catholic Youth Conference is an annual day-long experience of faith, fun and fellowship for high school youth at the Cox Business Center in Tulsa. Registration fee is \$49/person; confirmation candidates \$19/person. Details available at <https://dioceseoftulsayouth.org/dcyc>.

November 12: **Days of Reflection at St. Gregory's Abbey** (Shawnee, OK)

People tend to see Advent as a "countdown" to Christmas. While it is that, it is much more. In the season of Advent, we await the coming of Christ on all the levels in which we experience time: In the past - as a babe in the stable of Bethlehem; in the present - as grace in our souls; and in the future - as the Judge at the end of time. **"Advent...Resetting the Clock"** will focus on these three actions of Christ's coming and how we might use this time of preparation to deepen our awareness of them.

Register at St. Gregory's Abbey by calling (405) 878-5656, by e-mail to: retreats@monksok.org or visit our website at monksok.org. Lunch is included. Preregistration is required. Cost is \$30 (if prepaid) or \$35 at the door. The day begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. in the Abbey church and ends around 3:00 p.m.



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