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November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

Advent Prayer

Father in Heaven, increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth.

Advent Program & Penance Service Wednesday, December 9 @ 6 p.m.

The program/service will be held in the main church with the same precautionary restrictions (social distancing and masks) as during Mass. More info. closer to the date.

WAN Angel Tree Special Collection

Due to the current pandemic situation, it has been suggested that we have a **second/special collection** these remaining weeks of November for those that would normally be on our Angle Tree. To remove the risk of exposure from shopping during this time, your monetary donation from this special collection will be used by WAN to purchase gifts for the Angel Tree recipients. There will be a basket in the back of the church for this donation. Please make checks payable to Wagoner Area Neighbors.

**First Saturday Mass
Next Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8:30 a.m.**

Collections from Nov 21-22

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| General Collection | \$2,707.00 |
| Capital Improvements | 225.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2,932.00 |
| 2nd Collection for Social Justice | 230.00 |

Reflection of the Week by Fr. Leo Ahanotu

Today, the Holy Mother Church begins the season of Advent. It is a period when the Church encourages us to prepare ourselves with prayer, penance, acts of mercy, and meditation on the meaning of Christ's coming into the world to us. It is a time to meditate on how the first coming of Christ re-introduces love, peace, and light into a world of wrongdoings. The Church invites us to prepare for the celebration of Christmas by joining Christ to be the light of the world and rescue it from sin and suffering.

This time of preparing for Christmas – the period of Advent, is also a time to join the prophet, Isaiah, to remind God that we are the work of His hands (1st reading) and pray for His forgiveness, mercy, and the spiritual gifts to welcome Christ in our hearts always. In the second reading, we join Paul to pray for the firmness to keep Christ in our hearts forever. Having the Spirit of Christ continually in our hearts helps us to be watchful and alert so that He will not come suddenly and find us unprepared (Gospel).

Fr. Leo

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

— Blessed Stanley Rother

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 8, @ 6 p.m.

The Immaculate Conception of Mary means that the most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill. "The word of the Lord came to me thus: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." (Jeremiah 1:5-6)

Share the Joy of the Advent Season

Prepare and create a space for Christ in your day and in your heart.

There are two programs available online you may want to consider to get the most of Advent:

- 1) Dynamic Catholic's "Best Advent Ever" — A free daily video program (sent straight to your email) that will help you prepare for Christmas like never before! Sign-up @ <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html#form-signup>
- 2) FORMED Daily Advent Reflections — Daily meditation, formation, and motivation in preparation for Christ's coming. Sign up @ <https://formed.org/advent>

Please continue to pray for an end to abortion and the protection and sanctity of all human life.

**New 2021 Catholic Calendars
with Feasts & Saints
Available in the Vestibule**

Weekend Mass Readers

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| Nov. 28 | Dorene McMahan |
| Nov. 29 | Mark Sorell |
| Dec. 5 | Lucille Dickinson |
| Dec. 6 | Mark Mason |



TODAY'S READINGS Breaking Bread Book

Pages 31-32

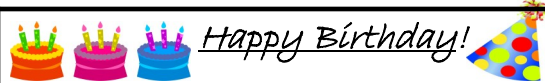


Daily Mass Readings—Nov. 29-Dec 5*

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| Sunday | Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37 |
| Monday | Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 |
| Tuesday | Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 |
| Wednesday | Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 |
| Thursday | Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 |
| Friday | Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 |
| Saturday | Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 |

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

www.holycross-wagoner.org



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| Linda Steinheil | 11/2 | Makenna Wright | 11/14 |
| Karol Watson | 11/2 | Bill Scrimsher | 11/21 |
| Anthony Herndon | 11/3 | Elizabeth Sullivan | 11/21 |
| Skip Gordon | 11/8 | Liam Wright | 11/27 |
| Kinney Herndon | 11/8 | Earlyne Hutchens | 11/30 |
| Mark Sorell | 11/8 | Carlos Sorell | 11/30 |

Whatever you do for your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife
you do for Jesus —Mother Teresa

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 the world. As your disciples, help us to touch the hearts of everyone in a way that enhances human spirituality and will bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm

Sunday — 8:30 am

Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 am

First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 am

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Friday following 5:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 to 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 to 8:20 am
 or by appointment/request

To Request Mass Intentions

1) Fill out info. on intention envelope provided in vestibule, 2) Place donation inside, 3) Give to Theresa or place in the offertory basket, 4) Take a card to send to the recipient.

FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Patty Chandler  Jerry Hickman
 Paula Moore

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

| | <i>Altar Linens</i> | <i>Altar Flowers</i> |
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| <i>Nov</i> | Laura Rodriguez | Kathy Gordon Dee Startzman |
| <i>Dec</i> | Sherry Ruyle | None during Advent Poinsettias for Christmas |

Ministers for Mass

Contact Mary Feichtinger by phone or text @ 303-519-0605, if you are able to serve.

**Stay Connected — Stay Informed
 with your Catholic Faith & your Holy Cross Family**

*Daily Readings, Daily Prayer of the Day, Bulletins,
 Catholic & Holy Cross News/Events*

**www.holycross-wagoner.org &
 Holy Cross Catholic Church - Wagoner OK (FB)**

Weddings—Please contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to your anticipated date

Baptisms—Please contact the Pastor for Preparation

**Bulletin Deadline
TUESDAY 8pm**

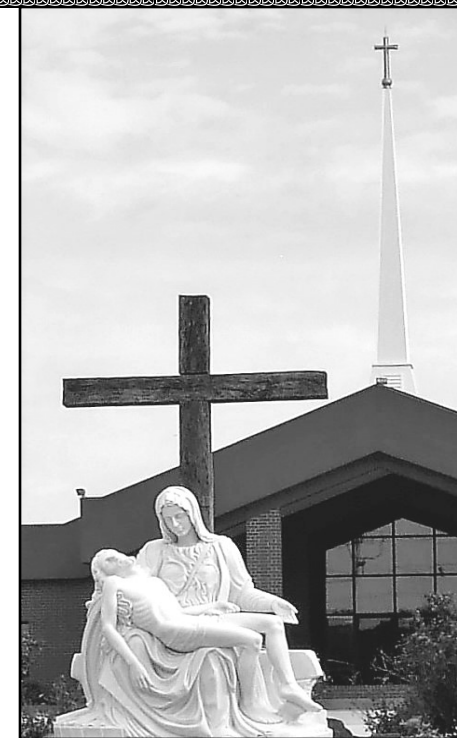
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