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**TODAY'S READINGS**  
**Breaking Bread Book**  
**Pages 40-41**



<b>Daily Mass Readings—Dec 13-19*</b>	
Sunday	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Friday	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

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

## December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent



### Christmas/New Year's Mass Schedule

#### \*Nativity of the Lord December 24th

Wagoner Vigil Mass @ 5 p.m.

Coweta Vigil Mass @ 7 p.m.

Wagoner Midnight Mass @ 11:30 p.m.

#### December 25th

Wagoner Christmas Day Mass @ 8:30 a.m.

Coweta Christmas Day Mass @ 10 a.m.

*Christmas Carols will begin 30 minutes before each Nativity Mass*

#### \*Solemnity of Mary December 31st

Wagoner Vigil Mass @ 6 p.m.

#### January 1st

Wagoner New Year's Day Mass @ 8:30a.m.

Coweta New Year's Day Mass @ 10 a.m.

#### \*Holy Days of Obligation



#### Collections from Dec. 5-6

General Collection	\$1,628.00
Capital Improvements	400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,028.00</b>

#### Reflection of the Week by Fr. Leo Ahanotu

Today's readings remind me of the ancient philosophers and their arguments about right living and virtuous life. Their arguments were influenced by different opinions about the concept of a good life. While some of them saw a good life from an angle of acting right and avoiding evil, some cynics like the Epicureans believed that seeking natural pleasure and avoiding natural pains should be a good life. The emergence of the Greek philosophers such as Socrates and Aristotle and particularly Plato, who influenced Catholic thinkers like St. Augustine, believed that one could not think of being virtuous if he/she is far from acting right and being morally good. What does Christ think?

Today's readings not only teach us what should be a virtuous life, it goes further to remind us that the virtuous life of being righteous - doing good and avoiding evil - is the mission statement of Christ. It was prophesied by Isaiah and later foretold by John the Baptist. As prophesied by Isaiah, Christ tells us, "the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, . . . announce a year of favor", etc. These words of Christ point to doing the right thing and avoiding evil. As His followers, this mission statement of Christ should be ours too. Thus, St. Paul encourages us in the second reading to avoid evil and do good, for it is God's will and the vocation of all Christians.

*Fr. Leo*

#### Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias will adorn the altar and sanctuary again this Christmas. Envelopes are located in the vestibule for those that would like to donate \$15 per plant in honor or in memoriam of a loved one.

#### 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.*

#### WAGONER AREA NEIGHBORS DONATIONS

Please remember our local families in need by donating food and personal items to the **Wagoner Area Neighbors**. Currently, they are in need of personal items such as, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please place donated items in the box in the vestibule.

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

#### Together in Holiness

#### Marriage Enrichment Conference

**Saturday, February 6, 2021**

#### **Christ the King Parish, Tulsa & Online**

Dynamic Presentations, Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration

In Person: \$59/couple or \$35/Individual  
At-Home Experience: \$15

Early Bird Discount and Scholarships Available Through Jan. 6

For More Information or to Register:  
Visit [TogetherInHoliness.org](http://TogetherInHoliness.org)  
or email [sara@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:sara@forlifeandfamily.org)

#### **Weekend Mass Readers**

Dec. 12	Charlie Moe
Dec. 13	Mark Sorell
Dec. 19	Karol Watson
Dec. 20	Paul Stuart



### Happy Birthday!

Jan Martin 12/1  
 Hope Watson 12/4  
 Harold Hutchens 12/5  
 Matthew Wright 12/5  
 Kenneth Herndon 12/20  
 Vicky Schottel 12/27  
 Charles Moe 12/31



### 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, parishioner  
 Jerry Hickman, brother of Mike Hickman  
 Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker  
 Paula Moore, parishioner



### WE PRAY TO THE LORD

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Dec</i>	Sherry Ruyle	None during Advent
<i>Jan</i>	Mary Feichtinger	Christmas Poinsettias

### 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!

### Youth Religious Education Classes

are held each Sunday morning following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

### 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

### Bulletin Deadline

**TUESDAY 8pm**

To place information in the bulletin, contact Karol Watson, karol\_watson@yahoo.com or 918-640-5819

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