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January 24, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time

9 Days of Life
January 21-29
No worries if you missed the first few days. You can still join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life. This novena prays for the protection of human life. Also, get this novena along with daily intentions, brief reflections and suggested actions to build a culture of life.
Sign up at 9daysforlife.com

Reflection of the Week by Fr. Leo Ahanotu
After looking at today's readings, the theme that jumped to my mind is "**Repentance.**" In the gospel, Christ said, "the kingdom is at hand. Change your ways and believe the good news". I see this as an invitation to repentance to be a member of the Kingdom of God. What is repentance? On December 12, 2014, Pope Francis preached that repentance involves listening to the Lord, accepting correction, and trusting God. It consists of opening our hearts to God and giving God a full list of our sins for His mercy and forgiveness and trying our best to do His will. The Pope advised that "only God can save us from evil, from our hatred, selfishness, pride, greed, revenge, and idolatry. Only God can embrace us and restore us to our dignity as His children". Embedded in the Pope's words is an indication that Christ's invitation to repentance requires an answer - turning away from sin to God, and it is a continuous process, not a one-time event.
The people of Nineveh listened to Jonah and answered the call to repentance (1st reading). They turned from their evil ways and started to seek the will of God. In the second reading, St. Paul tells us that "time is running out," which is his way of asking us to start seeking the way of God before it becomes too late. He is asking us to repent. So, we pray that we begin now to reject all aspects of evil and line up ourselves towards the city of God in our thoughts and deeds (St. Augustine). Amen! *Fr. Leo*

Participating at Mass
"In the celebration of Mass, the faithful form a holy people, a people of God's own possession and a royal Priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. They should, moreover, take care to show this by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration. ... Moreover, they are to form one body, whether in hearing the word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord's table" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, nos. 95, 96).

"With a Father's Heart"
Reflections for the Year of St. Joseph
Presented by Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen, O.S.B.
Saturday, March 13, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
at St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee
Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. The Pope's Apostolic Letter "With a Father's Heart" will provide the backdrop during this day for reflecting on what we know about St. Joseph from the Gospels and what we can learn from him for the conduct of our lives as Christians.
Due to Covid-19, registration will be limited to 32 attendees. Facial coverings and social distancing are required. Attendees must pre-register by e-mailing retreats@monksok.org or call (405) 878-5656. Cost is \$30 for early bird registration or \$35 if you pay at the door. Lunch is included.



Lord our God,
we bless you.
As we come together today to ponder the Scriptures,
we ask you in your kindness
to fill us with the knowledge of your will
so that, pleasing you in all things,
we may grow in every good work.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

2020 Contribution Reports Available
Signup sheet is located in the vestibule for those wanting a 2020 donation summary for tax purposes.

Collections from Jan. 16-17	
Weekend Collections	1,188.00
Capital Improvements	250.00
TOTAL	\$1,438.00

Daily Mass Readings—Jan 24-30*	
Sunday	Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website: www.holycross-wagoner.org	

Weekend Mass Readers	
Jan. 23	Paul Rodriguez
Jan. 24	Mark Sorell
Jan. 30	Laura Rodriguez
Jan. 31	Paul Stuart

Happy Birthday!

Jessica Soto	1/2	Max Herndon	1/10
Parker Sullivan	1/4	Fr. Leo	1/13
Seth Yoder	1/5	Richard Steinheil	1/13
James Harris	1/7	Pat Sanco	1/14
Joshua Yoder	1/8		



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

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>Jan</i>	Mary Feichtinger	Christmas Poinsettias
<i>Feb</i>	Karol Watson	Karol Watson Lent (no flowers)

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

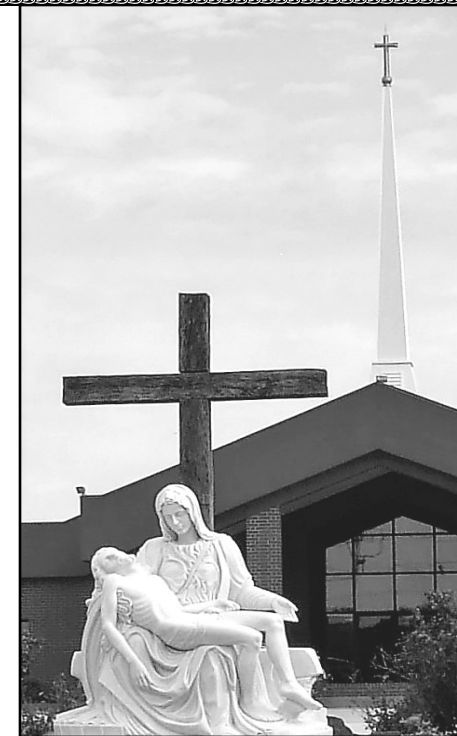
To place information in the bulletin, contact Karol Watson, karol_watson@yahoo.com or 918-640-5819

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