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## January 31, 2021

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 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

*For More Information or to Register:*

Visit [TogetherInHoliness.org](http://TogetherInHoliness.org) or email  
[sara@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:sara@forlifeandfamily.org)

*In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" (Evangelium vitae 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God's gift of life.*

**First Saturday Mass**  
**Next Saturday, Feb, 6, at 8:30 a.m.**

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

<b>Collections from Jan. 23-24</b>	
Weekend Collections	<b>1,552.00</b>
Capital Improvements	<b>275.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,827.00</b>

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

Could it be that Jesus was purposely choosing the places to preach? I would say yes. He is God and knew a particular place for a specific message. The Jewish scribes had the custom of asking someone in the synagogue to come out and preach in the time of Jesus, but they expected the person to cite one of the ancient rabbis and then center his preaching on a known popular opinion. From what we heard in today's gospel Jesus defied this tradition.

Referring to His preaching in the gospel, we heard that, "**all were amazed and asked one another, What is this? A new teaching with authority**". Jesus' different style of preaching fulfilled what we heard in the first reading, "**I will . . . put my words into His mouth; he shall tell them all that I command[ed] him**". So, Christ preached the actual good news with authority and did not preach the politically correct things that the people heard every time. He probably chose this synagogue for two reasons: to debunk the politically correct teachings of the authorities of the synagogue and assert that He is the long-awaited Messiah. Remember that the demonic man told Christ, "**I know who you are – the Holy One of God.**" The man revealed Jesus to the entire people in the synagogue.

Jesus cast out the demon in the man in an unusual and very instant way (because there was a usual way of exorcism before Jesus' time that sometimes did not work) to authenticate who He is to the people; the Holy One, with the actual authority. The one who has power over Heaven and earth. The freeing of the man from the demon also indicates His love for us and His interest in freeing us from the devil. His authoritative teaching as the Holy one informs you and me to listen to Him because He has the message of love, generosity, and healing.

*Fr. Leo*

#### **Faith & Works Annual Appeal** **"One Family United In Christ"**

While our Diocese is geographically large and diverse (77 parishes and 2 missions), we unite as one family to bring the mission of Jesus Christ to all.

Your gifts allow this mission to come to life in practical ways through the shared ministries of the Diocese — it provides ministry resources and services to all parishes that no single parish could otherwise provide for itself.

Envelopes will be available in the pews in February or you can make an online gift at:

[www.dioceseoftulsa.org/annualappeal](http://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/annualappeal)

**Lent will soon be here**  
**(Ash Wednesday is February 17th)**

#### **Feed Your Soul with Prayer this Lent!**

Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. That's why this year Dynamic Catholic's BEST LENT EVER journeys through Matthew Kelly's latest book, **I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit.**

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God.

If you choose to throw yourself into this experience, you will be surprised by what God can do in your life with just an email, a short video and an open heart. So this year, have your BEST LENT EVER!

Sign Up for the Best Lent Ever @  
[DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com)

Position Available  
**Director of Communications**  
@ Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern  
Oklahoma in Broken Arrow, OK

For more information visit — <https://www.catholicjobs.com/job/7737143410>

[Apply by Email](#)

Send applications or inquiries to: [harrison.garlick@dioceseoftulsa.org](mailto:harrison.garlick@dioceseoftulsa.org)

<b>Weekend Mass Readers</b>	
Jan. 30	Laura Rodriguez
Jan. 31	Paul Stuart
Feb. 6	Charlie Moe
Feb. 7	Mark Sorell



**TODAY'S READINGS**  
**Breaking Bread Book**  
**Pages 66-68**



<b>Daily Mass Readings—Jan 31-Feb 6*</b>	
Sunday	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday	Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website: <a href="http://www.holycross-wagoner.org">www.holycross-wagoner.org</a>	

*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   
 Lucille Dickinson, parishioner

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD**

**Ministers for Mass**

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

	<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)

**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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