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**TODAY'S READINGS**  
**Breaking Bread Book**  
Pages 85-86



**Daily Mass Readings—Mar 14-20\***

Sunday	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Monday	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

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

**March 14, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Join Our Spiritual Journey in Preparation for Easter**

**Friday, during Lent (Feb. 19-Mar. 26)**

Mass @ 5:00

Adoration @ 5:30

Stations of the Cross @ 6:00

Light Lenten Meal @ 6:30

Followed by a Short Presentation based on the book "The Last Week" lead by Mark Sorell concluding at approx. 7:30

**Easter Lilies for the Altar**

A sign-up sheet and envelopes have been placed in the vestibule for those that wish to purchase a lily for the altar during the Easter season in honor or in memory of a loved one.

**Sing Praise!**

**Wednesday, March 24 @ St. Benedict in BA or St. Pius X in Tulsa**

Evening of fellowship, reflection, and praise and worship of the Blessed Sacrament. Contact youth.office@dioceseoftulsa.org for more information and to RSVP by March 22.

**Special Collection This Weekend, March 13/14 for Solidarity with Foreign Churches**

(The Church in Latin America, Central & Eastern Europe, Africa, and World Missions)

**Collections from Mar. 6-7**

Weekend Collections	<b>\$1,784.00</b>
Capital Improvements	<b>198.18</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,982.18</b>

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

Today's gospel made me laugh – joyful laugh. Nicodemus, a pharisee, the group that despised Jesus, hangs out with his group but snicks away in the nights to visit with Jesus, so his members would not know that he was a secret admirer of Jesus. He believed in Jesus and did not want to miss the opportunity of salvation. In one of his meetings with Jesus, he asked Jesus what he might do to be born again. "Must I enter my mother's womb and be born again?". Jesus answered that being born again necessitates genuine belief in the Lord and trying our best to live a life of faith so that we might have eternal life. This informs me that the validity of our faith depends on how we try our very best to do the will of the Lord even if our best is not good enough. We condemn ourselves by not sincerely trying our best to follow Christ. Christ is God and God is LOVE. He does not condemn anyone. Instead, we condemn ourselves by our negative response to the love he has offered us. That is why St. John tells us in the gospel not to reject the light of Salvation – Jesus Christ who came into the world for our salvation.

In the first reading, the sins of the people got them into trouble, but towards the end of the reading, one observes that God's love of His children is not nullified. His love and mercy are seen in the home-coming of His children who were exiled in Babylon. The second reading expresses the magnificence of God's love and mercy. These are demonstrated in the "immeasurable riches of His grace" (2<sup>nd</sup> reading) through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ, so death might not have power over us. Our part in our salvation is to accept the love God has offered us by being authentic Christians. He loves us so much that "He gave His only son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (gospel).

*Fr. Leo*

**Year of St. Joseph**

Prayers and resources for the Year of St. Joseph are available on the **Alcuin Institute Website**  
<https://alcuininstitute.org/year-of-st-joseph>  
A link is also on both the **Diocese of Tulsa & Holy Cross Websites**

The hope is that these resources will increase your devotion to this illustrious saint, and inspire you to imitate his hidden virtues!

**Please welcome new parishioners:**

**David and Michele Atanasio**  
We're happy to have you as a part of our Holy Cross family.

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph."

**Friday, March 19, is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,** and an excellent opportunity to increase our love and knowledge of St. Joseph as we "implore his intercession and imitate his virtues and his zeal" (*Patris Corde*).

**Prayer to Saint Joseph**

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

**Weekend Mass Readers**

Mar. 13	Charlie Moe
Mar. 14	Mark Sorell
Mar. 20	Carolyn Greer
Mar. 21	Paul Stuart

*Happy Birthday!*

Elizabeth Zaferis	3/3
Mike Cucchiara	3/11
Liz McKay	3/15
Susan Mason	3/19
Richard Senner	3/27



**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

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

**Baptisms**—Please contact the Pastor for Preparation

**Youth Religious Education Classes** are held each Sunday morning following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Bulletin Deadline**  
**Wednesday 8pm**

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

**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  
 Kay Rodriguez, parishioner  
 Mark Mason, parishioner



**WE PRAY TO THE LORD**

**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!

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Mar</i>	Elaine Hall	Lent (no flowers)
<i>Apr</i>	Carolyn Greer	Easter Lilies

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

**Finding solutions for your financial need.**



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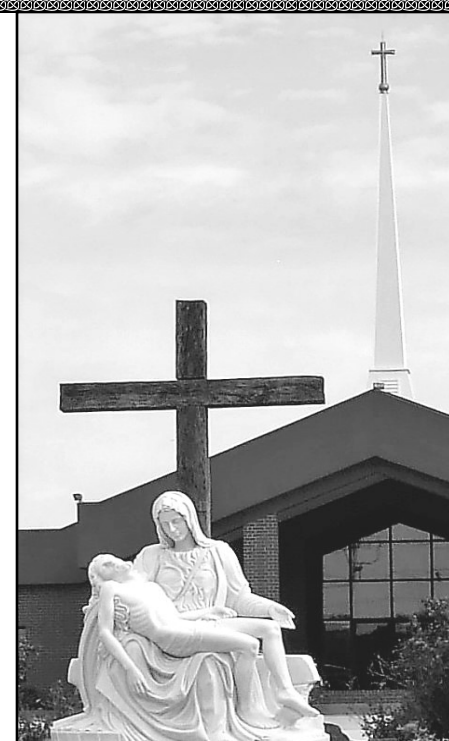


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