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April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children.

Our faith also calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children and youth from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal.

During Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. As Jesus entrusts to Peter the care of the flock, we are reminded that this responsibility belongs to everyone as a matter of charity and justice.

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

Special Collection April 24/25 for National Missions

(Black & Indian Missions; Catholic Home Missions;
Catholic Communications; Catholic University;
Retirement Fund for Religious)

Collections from Apr. 10-11

Weekend Collections	\$3,355.00
Capital Improvements	700.00
TOTAL	\$4,055.00

Reflection of the Week by Fr. Leo Ahanotu

The midpoint of the ministry of Christ is REPENTANCE for salvation. The Apostles later continued with this ministry of repentance. What is repentance? The Church teaches us that repentance is turning away from sin. It is an internal conversion to do God's will – a return to God with all our heart. St. Augustine further explained it as a humble admittance of our sins and turning away from them, and doing what is right in the sight of God. It is changing our thoughts and actions in a profound way that they change us to pursue the will of God. St. Pope John Paul II described it as a change that takes place in the inmost heart (interior conversion) to seek God's will (Marcellino D'Ambrosio/ Catholic News Service, 2018). The great thing about repentance is the promise of God to forgive a repentant heart (St. Augustine). Thus, today's first and second readings hinge on the importance of repentance.

Thomas Kemp (1976) expressed that a person in a severe sin may not have tranquility in his or her soul and may continue to be at war with God, hence the importance of repentance to have the serenity of mind and soul. In the Gospel, Christ greeted His Apostles with, "peace be to you." This "peace" is more than the avoidance of war and violence. It addresses the importance of tranquility in our mind and heart so that the Spirit of God will find a home in our soul, and we shall have a great rapport with God. So, let us repent and be at peace with God.

Fr. Leo

It is only in the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to engage in the task that Jesus has entrusted to us — to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

We could pray this prayer especially during those times when we find ourselves struggling to pass on to others the gift of forgiveness that we continue to receive from the Lord.

COUNSELING & PASTORAL CARE AVAILABLE THROUGH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Do You or Someone You Love Need
Help with:

- Depression/anxiety • Relationship difficulties • Marital issues or conflicts • Help for addictive behaviors • Sexual difficulties • Problems of daily living • Abuse recovery • Healing after abortion • Parenting issues • Family therapy • Life transitions • Pre-marital preparation • Pregnancy loss

The staff of professional and licensed counselors work in an office-based setting to provide help to individuals, marriages and families. Counseling is available in both English and Spanish.

Service Hours & Locations:

- CATHOLIC CHARITIES—2450 N. Harvard Ave. • Tulsa, 8:30 am--4:30 pm, or by appointment
- MINISTRY OF COMPASSION—1012 E. Fort Worth St. • Broken Arrow, (behind St. Anne Parish) 8:30 am—4:30 pm or by appointment
- TELETHERAPY: Virtual counseling services available throughout the diocese

Fees for counseling visits are based on a sliding scale that is determined by a) the income of the person(s), b) number of people in the household, c) the ability to pay. In some cases, insurance may apply.

The FIRST STEP is to contact Catholic Charities by phone 918-508-7136 or email cceok.org/counseling

Mass Readers

Apr. 17	Laura Rodriguez
Apr. 18	Paul Stuart
Apr. 24	Charlie Moe
Apr. 25	Chris Holland

TODAY'S READINGS

Breaking Bread Book
Pages 151-152

Daily Mass Readings—Apr 18-24*

Sunday	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

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

www.holycross-wagoner.org

Happy Birthday!



Chris Holland 4/8
 Rosemary Kotas 4/19
 Sherry Ruyle 4/20

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

— Blessed Stanley Rother

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

Jerry Hickman, brother of Mike Hickman
 Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker
 Paula Moore, 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>Apr</i>	Carolyn Greer	Easter Lilies
<i>May</i>	Kathy Gordon	Kendra Kuehn-Smith

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

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

Finding solutions for your financial need.



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