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*April 25, 2021*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter  
(Good Shepherd Sunday)*

*This Sunday we are invited to deepen our awareness of the protective, caring love that surrounds us, holds us and sustains us. This love was made incarnate in Jesus, the Good Shepherd.*

**Saturday Work Day, May 1, @ 9 a.m.**

The front flower beds against the church need some of the soil removed and will be replaced with rock to improve the drainage near the church. Please bring a shovel, wheelbarrow, and some muscle next Saturday, May 1, to assist with this project. Your help is greatly appreciated!

*Request Cards for both Outreach to The Sick and/or Homebound and Special Mass Intentions are available in the vestibule*

**First Saturday Mass  
Next Saturday, May 1, at 8:30 a.m.**

**Special Collection This Weekend, April 24/25  
for National Missions**

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

**Collections from Apr. 17-18**

Weekend Collections	<b>\$2,099.25</b>
Capital Improvements	<b>125.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,224.25</b>

Reflection of the Week by Fr. Leo Ahanotu

Before a Dutch painter, Vincent Van Gogh, became famous, he once expressed that even though he was not financially wealthy, he considered himself rich because his love of painting enriched his heart and soul with the greatest joy no amount of money could give him. One could say the same thing about Peter and his pastoral work of witnessing Christ to the people of his days. The pastoral work of Peter (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) was challenging and risky to his life, but witnessing Christ enriched his heart and soul and gave him great joy to the extent of not being afraid to lose his life. His joy was motivated by his knowledge of Jesus, as Jesus describes Himself in today's gospel, "I am the good shepherd . . . I know mine and mine know me". In the Bible, to know is to love, and Peter knew that Christ loves His own and expects them to love him and others. The words of Jesus in this gospel is similar to the covenant words in the several chapters of the Old Testament, "I will be your God, and you shall be my people . . . walk in the way that I command you, and it may be well with you" (Jeremiah 7:13). Nothing was more enriching to Peter than doing the will of the Lord so that the Lord would bless him and others with salvation. Those words of Jesus in Jn 10:14 indicate that He loves us and invites us to imitate Him in acts of love. Peter imitated Him, and in the name of Jesus, the cripple man walked (1<sup>st</sup> Reading). Christ, the Good Shepherd, loves us and asks us to do the same. St. Mark, whose feast day falls on this weekend, loved (God and others) as the Lord commanded. The Good Shepherd would also like us to follow Him and emulate His caring love as much as we can. *Fr. Leo*

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

	Readers	Servers
Apr. 24	Charlie Moe	
Apr. 25	Chris Holland	Carlos Sorell Liam Wright
May 1	Kay Rodriguez	
May 2	Mark Sorell	Max Herndon Kinney Herndon Kinley Herndon

**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 INTENTIONS**

*May 2<sup>nd</sup> +Linda Scrimsher  
+deceased*

**To Request Mass Intentions**

- 1) Fill out info. on intention envelope provided in vestibule, 2) Place donation inside, 3) Place envelope in the offertory basket, 4) Take a card to send to the recipient.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**Breaking Bread Book**

Pages 153-154

**Daily Mass Readings—Apr 25-May 1\***

Sunday	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

\*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*

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

**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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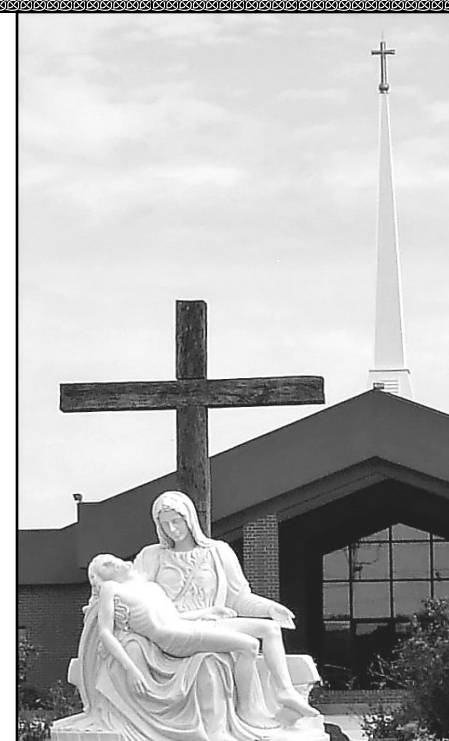


*Holy Cross Catholic Church*



*Holiness - Disciples - Community*  
*Wagoner, Oklahoma*

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*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



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