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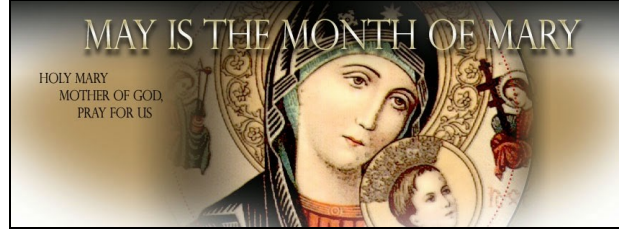
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## May 16, 2021

### The Ascension of the Lord

**Welcome to Fr. Matt Gerlach celebrating the Saturday Vigil Mass with us this weekend!**

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\* **Ascension of Our Lord** \*  
\* On the fortieth day of Easter, the **Ascension of the Lord** commemorates Christ's bodily ascension into heaven and is celebrated this weekend on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The weekdays from the Ascension up to and including the Saturday before Pentecost prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. \*  
\* The Ascension completes Jesus' earthly mission and signifies his enthronement as heavenly king. Jesus has completed his Father's mission and he now rules with all authority and intercedes with all sympathy as our mediator and high priest. \*  
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#### Congratulations & Blessings to our 2021 Graduates

Luke Zehr — Wagoner High School  
Josh Yoder — Fort Gibson High School  
Gunner Guinnip — Tahlequah High School  
Brian Bond — Subiaco Academy  
Paula Guinnip — OSU Master's Program

| Collections from May 8-9 |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Weekend Collections      | <b>\$1,475.00</b>        |
| Capital Improvements     | <u>100.00</u>            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b><u>\$1,575.00</u></b> |
| Collection for Pro-Life  | <u>484.78</u>            |

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

Whenever I think of the Lord's ascension, I think of my belief in the words of Christ that He has destroyed the shackles of death, which gives me hope of being also in the Heavenly Kingdom by His grace. He has gone to Heaven so that where he is, His followers will also be. He said in John 12: 26, "Where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." St. Paul also said, "if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus . . . lives within you, then He who raised Jesus Christ . . . shall also enliven your mortal bodies, through His Spirit living in you" (Romans 8:10)

The first reading reminds us that Christ ascended into Heaven but remains interested in the flock He left behind. The gospel adds that the ascension of Christ is a liberation from all restrictions of time and space, so He would always be present everywhere on earth. Hence the reason the disciples "went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs." The signs happened because of Christ's freedom from all restrictions of time and space and continuous presence in the world. The reference that His disciples "will pick up serpent with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them" is a metaphor that the disciples will triumph over every evil by the power of Christ who is always with them. St. Paul made it more explicit in his letter to the Romans (chapter 8) when he asserted that we are not walking according to the flesh but according to the Spirit, and the Spirit truly lives. May we remain faithful to Christ so that His Spirit in us will liberate us from the shackles of death. *Fr. Leo*

*Congratulations to Phyllis Hosey, winner of the Mother's Day basket, given away last weekend.*

#### Day of Reflection "Our Mother's Heart: The immaculate Treasure of Love" June 12, 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

**St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee**  
Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen will present this reflection in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, reflecting on how Mary carries each of us with her maternal love.

To register, call (405) 878-5656 or e-mail [retreats@monksok.org](mailto:retreats@monksok.org)  
Cost is \$30 for early registration (\$35 if paid at door) and includes lunch. All participants must pre-register.

#### Diocesan Policy Update Regarding Wearing Masks and Social Distancing

Diocesan Policy currently states that "masks are *highly recommended* at times when social distancing is not feasible (between persons of different households)." Concerning social distancing and other COVID-19 measures, Bishop Konderla intends to work with the Presbyteral Council to address the Diocesan COVID-19 policies and update them soon.

#### Parish Council Meeting Tues., May 18 @ 5:30 p.m.

Contact a Parish Council member, if you have a suggestion/concern to be addressed by the council.

#### Monks' Marketplace

**at St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee is now selling Mission Monks Farm Beef (high quality, pasture-raised, and hormone-free Oklahoma beef)**

The marketplace also has fresh eggs from their hens, honey from their bee hives, craft items made by the monks, their line of jellies/jams, seasonal candies, and baked goods. Plus they sell goods from other monasteries, along with hand-made rosaries, custom jewelry, natural personal care products, and books on spirituality.

**Open Thurs. and Fri. 1:30-4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:00 p.m.**



**TODAY'S READINGS**  
**Breaking Bread Book**  
**Pages 159-161**



| Daily Mass Readings—May 16-22*  |  |
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| Sunday  | Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20                |
| Monday  | Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33  |
| Tuesday   | Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a  |
| Wednesday   | Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19   |
| Thursday  | Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26  |
| Friday  | Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19   |
| Saturday  | Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jn 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 |
| *Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:<br><b><a href="http://www.holycross-wagoner.org">www.holycross-wagoner.org</a></b> |  |

|      | Readers       | Servers   |
|------|---------------|---|
| 5/15 | Carolyn Greer |   |
| 5/16 | Chris Holland | Max Herndon<br>Kinney Herndon<br>Kinley Herndon |
| 5/22 | Karol Watson  |   |
| 5/23 | Mark Sorell   | Carlos Sorell<br>Liam Wright                    |

*Happy Birthday!*



Dcn. Jim Ruyle 5/2  
 Greg Troxel 5/6  
 Jim Marsh 5/14

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

**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  
 Pat Sanco, parishioner



**WE PRAY TO THE LORD**

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

**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>May</i>  | Kathy Gordon        | Kendra Kuehn-Smith   |
| <i>June</i> | Sherry Ruyle        | Sherri Moe           |

**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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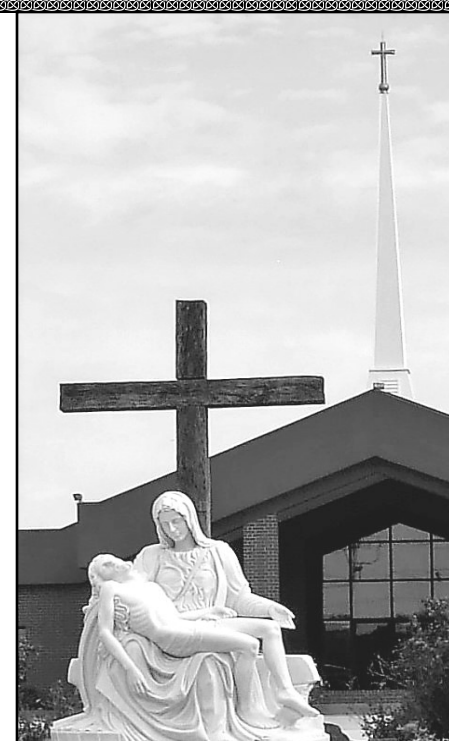


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