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Pastor's Corner

Throughout most of this liturgical year (which began last December on the First Sunday of Advent and continues until the last Sunday of November, when we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe), we have been listening to passages from the Gospel of Mark on each of the Sundays of Ordinary Time. We do this each "B" year of the three-year Sunday lectionary cycle. (The lectionary is the official list of appointed readings for each Sunday and weekday of the year. The Sunday lectionary consists of years A, B, and C, each of which is dedicated to passages from one of the three synoptic gospels - Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The weekday lectionary consists of years 1 and 2.) Since Mark's is the shortest of the four canonical gospels, there is not enough Markan material to fill all of the Sundays of Ordinary Time, so during the summer of each "B" year, the Church interrupts our regular Markan diet in order to feed us instead with the Bread of Life discourse from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. And this is the weekend that we begin that triennial detour. The Bread of Life discourse resonates well with our Catholic Eucharistic spirituality because it is in this section of John's gospel that Jesus identifies himself as "the living bread that came down from heaven" and calls his flesh and blood "true food" and "true drink." As Catholics, we interpret these passages as references to the sacrament of the Eucharist, in which we are fed, nourished, and strengthened by the Body and Blood of Christ. So as we focus on the Bread of Life discourse from now until the end of August, this is the perfect opportunity for us to reflect on the meaning and importance of the Eucharist in our lives as Christians. We Catholics claim that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of our lives," but what exactly does that mean? How does the Eucharist shape who we are and all that we do? How is the Eucharist the lens through which we view God, ourselves, and the world around us? How does the four-fold structure of the Mass reflect the pattern of Christian discipleship? Thinking through these questions as we listen carefully to the words of Jesus in John 6 hopefully will help us to better understand what it means for us to be a Eucharistic-centered people.

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Thanks for all of your prayers this past week. Please continue to pray as I travel back to Houston on Monday and Tuesday for my first treatment in this clinical trial!

This Week at St. Ann's July 30 - August 5

Note: Any unanticipated changes to the daily Mass schedule will be communicated through Flocknote.

Monday, July 30

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, July 31

No Mass Today - Fr. Busch is in Houston

Wednesday, August 1

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Glenn Ramaekers)

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

Thursday, August 2

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For Souls in Purgatory)

Friday, August 3

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Bud Shaw)

Saturday, August 4

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For Fathers)

Sunday, August 5

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For Carl Hartman Family)

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For the People of God)

Upcoming Events

August 7 I ♥ Canyon Rally (for volunteers)
 August 8 I ♥ Canyon Festival
 August 9 Fallback Organizational Meeting
 August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 (Holyday of Obligation)
 August 17 60+ Potluck Luncheon and Bingo

Stewardship of Treasure

July 21-22: \$8,133.97 (Weekly Goal: \$9,000)
 Month of July: \$36,176.68 (Budget: \$45,000)
 Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule for August 4-5

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Mary Hiner
8:30 a.m. Cliff Lawson
11:15 a.m. Glenn Backus

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Ben Zotter, Baylor Schilling, River Johnson
8:30 a.m. Bret Ramirez, Kirsten Simons,
Luke Rickwartz
11:15 a.m. Justin Backus, Tyler & Dylan Troyer

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

5:00 p.m. Sharon Hampton, Nancy Railsback
8:30 a.m. Phillip Birkenfeld, Trish Karr, John Block,
Cheryl Rickwartz, Joe & Pam Shehan
11:15 a.m. Cortni Hudspeth, Darlene Fetsch, Geri Russell
Anna Gutierrez, Cindy Rohrbach,
Ramon Pacheco

Ushers

5:00 p.m. *Ron Railsback, Kirkland Sperry
8:30 a.m. *Mike Smith, Boyd Fortin, Kendall Karr,
Roger Cross
11:15 a.m. *Gary Vogel, Andy Moeder, David Rohrbach,
Bill Stocker

* Usher to select gift bearers

Accompanists/Cantors

5:00 p.m. Mykel Byersmith, Burkleigh Hund
8:30 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Adam Zielinski
11:15 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Marcella Crabtree, Choir

Nursery Care

8:30 a.m. Kris McConnell
11:15 a.m. Allison Fetsch, Adelina Ohmes

*Communion Ministers to the Sick and Homebound:
Larry Ramaekers, Kevin Rickwartz, Bruce Clarke*

Around the Diocese...

Come and See Ministry Conference - A day-long liturgical and catechetical conference, sponsored by the diocesan Offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry in partnership with Oregon Catholic Press and Loyola Press, will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, August 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All catechists, youth ministers, RCIA team members, and liturgical ministers are encouraged to attend. The parish will pay the registration fee for those who pre-register. Registration forms (available on the glass table in the narthex or in the parish office) must be completed and returned to the parish office by this Thursday (August 2).

Holy Cross Catholic Academy Calendar Party - Friday, August 24, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Amarillo. \$50 per person, includes a steak dinner and dancing. Debbie Zermeno is hosting the November table! Call Rebecca Vincent at 806-570-9578 for tickets.

Around the Parish...

Parish Picnic/Pool Party - Join us this evening (Sunday, July 29) as we gather together as a parish family for some food and fun! Burgers, hot dogs, and chips provided by the parish and prepared by our local Knights of Columbus council will be served from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Lois Rice Pavilion at Conner Park. Please bring a side dish or dessert (that will survive the late afternoon heat!) to share. We have reserved the Canyon Aqua Park for our parish from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Guests must be accompanied by parishioners. We hope to see you there!

Youth Ministry - Students entering grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Wednesday evening for Mass in the church at 6:00 p.m., followed by a meal in the parish hall featuring chicken BLT salad. After supper, we will play ultimate frisbee. This will be our last Wednesday night youth gathering of the summer. See you there!

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to join us for a trip to Adrenaline City in Lubbock on Saturday, August 18. We need some adult sponsors for this trip who can provide transportation and chaperone. Please call Adrian at the parish office if you can help. Details about the trip will be available at our weekly Wednesday night gatherings. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

I ♥ Canyon - We still need school supplies for about 30 backpacks. The school supply list is on the glass table in the narthex. Please bring them to the parish by no later than this Friday (August 3).

There is a big need for health care professionals (MDs, PAs, and RNs) who can provide medical screenings at the the I ♥ Canyon Festival on Wednesday, August 8. If you can assist with this, please register as a volunteer today at www.iheartcanyon.com!

Just a reminder that all volunteers are expected to attend the rally at Summit Church next Tuesday (August 7) at 6:30 p.m. T-shirts will be distributed that night and instructions for all serve teams will be provided at the end of the rally.

Potluck Luncheon and Bingo - Parishioners ages 60+ are invited to join us on Friday, August 17, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall for a potluck luncheon and afternoon of bingo.



Congratulations to Jessica Martinez and Jordan Duncan, who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony here at St. Ann's this weekend. May God bless your life together as husband and wife!

Readings for the Week of July 29, 2018

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78/

Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

