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May 27th.....\$1,603

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Jesus' Family Values, Mark 3:20-35

We know from St. Paul's letters that the early Christians used kinship language ("brother," "sister") to speak of the community that sprang from following Jesus and understanding his way of life as doing the will of God. Those baptized into Christ become brother and sister with a bond that is deeper than the natural kinship of family. Here is a unity deeper than blood. Mark illustrates that reality in this encounter between Jesus and the relatives. People responding to the will of God revealed in Jesus find a kinship deeper than family. Now why does Mark use this episode to frame the Beelzebul controversy? We know from other parts of his Gospel that this kind of sandwich framing is a conscious technique of his, as in his framing the cleansing of the Temple with the two parts of the cursing of

the fruitless fig tree and its consequent withering, where one kind of fruitlessness (that of the tree) illustrates another (the emptiness of the Temple religion of the day). We can see the same design in today's Gospel. Jesus' defense of his healing and deliverance ministry as the victory over the kingdom of Satan is framed by the two episodes about the true family of Jesus to illustrate a powerful truth: the formation of the community of disciples of Jesus is the main way that the kingdom of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, conquers the power of evil in the world. The special power of the Markan reading, it seems to me, is the way it links the apocalyptic language about driving out Satan with the kinship language about the new family of the Church, deeper than blood. That way of telling the story of Jesus reminds us that rarely is evil

ever mastered by direct attack—by war, say, or inquisition or imprisonment. The roots of evil are healed by the grace of God drawing those who seek to do God's will into a community that serves one another and reaches beyond its own interests. The "family values" of Jesus stretch us beyond the private interests of our immediate family to a much larger world.

from Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ

Diocese of Austin 3rd Annual Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, Sept. 8, at Westlake High School Performing Arts Center. Program includes guest speakers, Mass with Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, Adoration, Reconciliation and more. Bring your friends and register today while space is still available! Early bird registration until Fri. June 15th is only \$45! For more information visit www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday July 1st 11:30AM -2PM BBQ & BINGO

PARISH ENGAGEMENT TEAM (PET)

Regular meetings 2nd Sunday of the month after 10am Mass.

Meets Today

Co-Chairs

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EIM (Ethics & Integrity in Ministry) Workshop, English

St. John's Saturday, June 30, 2018

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Register on-line

Our parish actively supports the EIM policy of the Austin Diocese to prevent harm to any of our children or vulnerable adults. All members of our parish community are encouraged to be unified in support of this very essential program.

FR. CRAIG'S SUMMER MINI SERIES SESSIONS

Join Fr. Craig discussing the beauty of our Mass

Thursday June 22nd Thursday June 28th & Thursday July 5th At 6pm in the Library

FR. CRAIG'S KAYAKING ADVENTURES

Saturday June 30th Saturday July 21st & Saturday August 4th

Bring your own kayak and meet between the Lion's Club and Playground parking lot at 9am ready to go. Prepare for a 6 mile journey at a leisurely pace (about 5-6 hours). Enjoy San Marcos' nature and the Lord's work.

ORDINATIONS

Bishop Joe Vásquez will ordain Deacons Henry Cuellar, Andrew Dinh and Paul-Michael Piega to the priesthood Sat. June 23 at 10:30 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

\*\*NOTICE\*\*

NO 5pm Sunday Mass until August 19th, 2018.

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SUNDAY CONFESSION CANCELLED

Fr. Craig on Vacation

Tue. 6/12 thru Wed. 6/20

Schedule

June 11th—20th

Mon., 12:30pm– Mass Tue., 5:15pm– Communion Service Wed., 12:30pm– Communion Service Thu., 5:15pm– Communion Service Fri., 12:30pm– Communion Service Mon., 12:30pm– Communion Service Tue., 5:15pm– Communion Service Wed., 12:30pm– Communion Service

Visiting Priest 6/17, Fr. Melesio Espinoza Sunday Masses 10am and 7:30pm

SUMMER PARKING PASSES

Will be sold during Office Hours ONLY starting Tues. May 29th \$20 ea. Valid 5/29-8/26 Green passes from last fall are still valid.

Bulletin Submissions bulletin@txstatecatholic.org

Send content, questions, suggestions, etc. Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm