

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st.....\$3,874

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APOSTLES

MARK 6: 7-13

The older I get, the more I realize that there is a huge difference between speaking effectively, even brilliantly, and actually changing anybody's life. It's one thing to impress, move a heart, inspire, or teach and minister in a way that brings admiration. No small thing. But it's something else, something much more difficult, to move someone in such a way that he or she actually changes and gives up the habits, compensations, fears, and angers that stand between him or her and the joy of being a saint.

Like John the Baptist, we are able to point out the way, but not able to help affect the transformation that's needed for someone to actually change his or her way of life. That's why there's a lot more admiration than transformation inside religious and moral circles. I can devour the Word of the Lord like wild honey, but I cannot lace his sandal. Why, when we know

so much, are we so powerless to change things? Largely, I believe, it's because our own lives aren't integral enough. We aren't saints, pure and simple. There's a story about a troubled mother whose daughter who was addicted to sweets. One day she approached Gandhi, explained the problem and asked if he might talk to the young girl. Gandhi replied: "Bring your daughter to me in three weeks time and I will speak to her." After three weeks, the mother brought her daughter. He took the young girl aside and spoke to her about the harmful effects of eating sweets excessively and urged her to abandon her bad habit. The mother thanked Gandhi for this advice and then asked him: "But why didn't you speak to her three weeks ago?" Gandhi replied: "Because three weeks ago, I was still addicted to sweets." And there's the lesson: We must do more than just point out the right road to others; we must be on that road our-

selves. For this reason, the integrity of our private lives, down to the smallest detail, is the real power behind our words. We've all experienced how feeble is the invitation from someone who speaks the right things, but doesn't live them. In the Gospels, we see an instance where Jesus' disciples are perplexed because they're powerless to cast out a demon. Jesus says: "This kind is cast out only by prayer and fasting." That cryptic phrase contains more than we suspect.

The power to actually change someone's life for the better, unlike the power to simply enlighten, issues forth only from a heart that is essentially pure, moral, and integral because only that kind of heart can cast out the real demons.

from Fr. Ron Rolheiser

NOTICE

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

SUNDAY CONFESSION CANCELLED

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

July 15th- St. Vincent De Paul

CEDARBRAKE DAY RETREAT

Wed., July 25, 9AM - 2:30 PM: Based on the book by Sister Joyce Rupp, "Boundless Compassion." This retreat will invite and challenge us to look for ways in which we can develop and embrace Our Lord's stance towards all of life. The cost is \$40 w/lunch. Contact Diocese at www.austindiocese.org for more information.

National NFP Awareness Week 7/ 22 - 7/ 28

"Celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality."

NFP Awareness Week is a national educational campaign. The dates of NFP Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. For further information, contact nfp@usccb.org.

FR. CRAIG'S KAYAKING ADVENTURES

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.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

All are welcome to sign up to bring refreshments after our 10 am Sunday Mass

Responsibilities:

- 1. Prepare coffee (provided) / juice, pastries, fruit in the kitchen before Mass
2. Set out in lobby after Mass
3. Be sure things are cleaned



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Come share your faith and a meal, with other men in our parish in the Library, Wednesdays starting Aug. 1st 7- 8am. Please bring your Bible and \$5 (for the meal). Questions or to RSVP Victor Felan noel.texas@gmail.com or Tom Deming tdeming@txstatecatholic.org

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Fr. Craig will be out on vacation from

Tuesday 7/10 - Tuesday 7/17

Schedule

July 16th-20th

- Mon., 12:30pm- Communion Service
Tue., 5:15pm- Communion Service
Wed., 12:30pm- Mass, 11:30am Confessions
Thu., 5:15pm- Mass, 4:15pm Confessions
Fri., 12:30pm- Mass, 11:30am Confessions



TO OUR VISITNG PRIESTS TODAY

Bishop Danny Garcia, 10am
Father Jason Bonifazi, 7:30pm
Thank you both for celebrating Mass for us!

Bulletin Submissions bulletin@txstatecatholic.org

Send content, questions, suggestions, etc.

Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm