

STEWARDSHIP

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MARY MAGDALENE

Feast Day July 22

We dedicate our attention to the many female figures who played an effective and precious role in spreading the Gospel. In conformity with what Jesus himself said of the woman who anointed his head shortly before the Passion: "Truly, I say to you, wherever this Gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her," their testimony cannot be forgotten. The Lord wants these Gospel witnesses to be known, and their memory kept alive in the Church. Jesus, as we know, chose from among his disciples 12 men as Fathers of the new Israel and appointed them "to be with him, and to be sent out to preach". This fact is obvious; but, in addition to the Twelve, many women were also chosen to number among the disciples. I will not

even refer to the protagonists of some of his effective parables. More important for our topic are the women who played an active role in the context of Jesus' mission.

The Gospels tell us that the women, unlike the Twelve, did not abandon Jesus in the hour of his Passion. Among them, Mary Magdalene stands out in particular. Not only was she present at the Passion, but she was also the first witness and herald of the Risen One.

It was precisely to Mary Magdalene that St Thomas Aquinas reserved the special title, "Apostle of the Apostles" (*apostolorum apostola*), dedicating to her this beautiful comment: "Just as a woman had announced the words of death to the first man, so also a woman was the first to announce to the Apostles the words of life."

This is why, as my venerable and dear Predecessor John Paul II wrote in his Apostolic Letter *Mulieris Dignitatem*: "The Church gives thanks for each and every woman.... The Church gives thanks for all the manifestations of the feminine 'genius' which have appeared in the course of history, in the midst of all peoples and nations; she gives thanks for all the charisms which the Holy Spirit distributes to women in the history of the People of God, for all the victories which she owes to their faith, hope and charity: she gives thanks for all the fruits of feminine holiness."

from Pope Benedict XVI, 2007 Women at the Service of the Gospel

NOTICE

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

SUNDAY CONFESSION CANCELLED

ASSUMPTION OF MARY RETREAT will be held at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton, Wed., Aug. 15 from 9am to 2:30pm. We will reflect on the great love and faith of Mary on earth that culminated in her glorious assumption into heaven. Sharon Perkins, former director Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Austin, will lead this retreat, which includes Mass. Costs is \$40 with lunch.

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 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).

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

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

ST. MARY'S OF THE VISITATION

in Lockhart, invites you to their 43rd Annual Fiesta Fri., 7/ 27 & Sat.,7/28 6PM-Midnight . Free admission and parking. Join in on the fun with a raffle, bingos, food and games.

"Do we know how to silence our hearts and listen to the voice of God?"

Pope Francis

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT

Last month SVDP in San Marcos assisted 68 families with their utility bills, rent, prescriptions, and other essentials totaling \$6,994. ATTENTION: We are in need of additional volunteers who are willing to dedicate one afternoon a week to work with and assist the poor and needy. Contact Warner Davis at 512-787-1454.

EIM

(Ethics & Integrity in Ministry) Workshop, English

St. Anthony's, Kyle Monday, August 6, 2018

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Register on-line

All members of our parish community are encouraged to be unified in support of this very essential program.

Bulletin Submissions

bulletin@txstatecatholic.org

Send content, questions, suggestions, etc.

Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm

WE PRAY

Please join us in prayer for the members of our parish in need of healing and spiritual support.

"Pray for one another...effective prayer can accomplish much." James 5:16