

STEWARDSHIP

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SHOCKING

Jesus has been distressing the disciples by his words in John's Gospel. For instance, last week he said we have to consume his flesh and blood in order to have eternal life. His followers could not possibly have understood this. This Sunday his words would make it harder still. Does this shock you? "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit that gives life. As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." A sad scene, and puzzling too. Why is Jesus saying such mystifying things to his followers, and, just as a side issue, how are we ourselves supposed to understand them today? Do they make sense? Here is a key: whenever an event or saying does not seem to make sense in the

Gospel of John, we have to seek deeper meanings. There is often a delicious significance hidden behind events that John describes in a bewildering way. Alright then, what does he mean by what seems like a non sequitur: "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" Likely, he was talking about the Ascension. He was telling them that if eating his body and blood was shocking to you, wait till you see me ascend into heaven! Then the words a few lines later, "It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh is to no avail." Jesus said he would not desert us but would be present on earth in a new form. The third person of the Trinity would come to dwell within people who believe. That Spirit would offer to live deep within each believer, within each human who says yes to its presence. By eating and drinking his body and blood,

Communion lets us "become what we have eaten," the body of Christ. We are to let Christ have flesh again, in our hearts and in our actions. By communing each week, each day, we are more and more carriers of Christ. Peter sums it up. "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Let us make that statement too. Let us open wide to this Holy One of God as we celebrate Mass. Let us become bearers of the Word to the world.

from Fr. John Foley, SJ



Memorial: Passion of St. John the Baptist Wed. Aug 29

Bulletin Submissions bulletin@txstatecatholic.org

Send content, questions, suggestions, etc.

Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm

WOW Women of Wisdom Meeting moved to Sunday September 9th

PET Parish Engagement Team meets at the same time in the Library.

ADULT SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION Classes begin Tuesday, August 28th at 6:00pm, upstairs.

RCIA Classes begin Wednesday, August 29th More information on our website. Txstatecatholic.org

Please register in advance, www.txstatecatholic.org > Spiritual Growth tab > Adult Sacraments

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Saturday, September 1st LECTOR training 9am-10am EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION training 10am- 11am Sign up on our website www.txstatecatholic.org > Get Involved tab > Liturgical Ministries

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Come share your faith over a meal with other men in our parish. Wednesdays 7- 8am. Please bring your Bible and \$5 (for the meal). RSVP to Victor Felan noel.texas@gmail.com

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RIVER WALK FOR THE POOR

Saturday October 6th This supports the efforts to help the poor and needy. SVDP has been supporting the San Marcos area for about 40 years. Contact Warner Davis 512-787-1454 or email warnerdavis@yahoo.com

The St. Vincent de Paul Truck will be at St. John's: Saturday, September 15th from 10am to 1pm.

Welcome to our Community

We hope you have found a spiritual home with Our Lady of Wisdom. If you would like to begin receiving our parishioner weekly email communication please fill out a registration card from the lobby or go to our website here: https:// www.txstatecatholic.org/permanent-parishoner-registration



Monday Sept. 3rd Office will be CLOSED Regular office hours resume Tues., Sept. 4th. Mass Monday Sept. 3rd 12:30pm (no confessions)

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