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**“This people honors me with their lips.”**

**Mark 7:6**

It is a funny thing to sit in the pew on Sundays when a whole list of sins and sinners is enumerated from the Gospels or the various Epistles. Our shoulders shrink a bit in hope that we are not mentioned, or at least that the blows fall not too hard. Some of us may sigh. It is those “others” that Jesus is talking about. Or maybe we dwell—savoring it—on those “others.” That guy who has loads of money; I hope he heard the word “greed.” Or the woman who has seen three marriages; she’d better be listening. Or those fakes who think they are so good; they’ll get their fill of this Gospel.

The old Pharisees were experts in the law. Matters of right and wrong. Weighty

concerns of judgment. They knew where people stood. But Jesus seemed to have more difficulty with the Pharisees than with any other group. They did not mind hearing about sin, as long as it didn’t apply to them. They were righteous, but self-righteously so. They honored their self-images and projections, their own traditions.

For myself, this stings a bit. I cherish what has been handed down as tried and true. But if I cherish tradition, must I not be vigilant that my heart is in the right place? Does Christ speak to me when he says: “You disregard God’s commandment and cling to what is human tradition”? This people pays me lip-service but their heart is far from me.”

A secret consolation is this: if our hearts are stung by Jesus’ challenge to the Pharisees, our hearts are almost healed. A gifted and forceful

woman once told me of a horrifying revelation. She realized at prayer that she was the Pharisee, she who judged others, she who did not trust God. What a lovely moment. If you think you are a Pharisee, you most surely are not. If you think you are not, watch out.

*from Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ*

**AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE AUGUST**

10AM, 217, 5PM, 89  
7:30PM, 139

**Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday Sept. 8**

**Happy Birthday Mother Mary**

Bulletin Submissions [bulletin@txstatecatholic.org](mailto: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.

**BOBCAT AWAKENING**

Weekend Sept. 14th-16th  
There are still openings to attend BA #52! Register today! Thank you for your continued prayers for this important step in our students’ spiritual journey.

**SUPPORT BA #52**  
Registration fees are \$55 per student. Sponsorships are welcome. Please make checks out to Our Lady of Wisdom memo: BA #52 or come by the office with cash or credit.

Fr. Jonathan Raia, Vocations Director Diocese of Austin will celebrate our 12:30pm daily Mass here on Friday Sept. 7th.

**REFRESHMENTS** after the 10 a.m. Mass. Please sign up in the lobby for a date and help with this important ministry.

**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

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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](mailto:warnerdavis@yahoo.com)

**The St. Vincent de Paul Truck** will be at St. John’s: **Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> For one hour only 10am to 11am.**

*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*