Our Mother of Mercy

Historically African-American Catholic Church—all are welcome!

July 26, 2020

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 13:44-52. The lesson of these two parables is as true for us today, as it was for those Palestinians to whom Christ spoke. All Christians are called on to imitate the two wise men, and surrender all their earthly possessions if necessary in order to gain eternal life. Does this “giving all” mean that we are all expected to abandon the world and take on the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience? There are many who do just this. But it is not the only way, nor the normal way, to purchase the eternal treasure. Heaven is within the reach of all who follow the ordinary vocations of life and partake of this world’s joys and pleasures within the framework of God’s commandments, but never lose sight of the goal toward which they are moving.

Keeping within the framework of God’s commandments is the difficulty. We need not have a vow of obedience, but we must obey all legitimate authority. We may possess the goods of this world, but only such goods as we lawfully and justly acquire. Nor may we withhold all of the earthly comforts and pleasures of life and partake of this world’s joys and whole nations today.

Remember this: we shall not be asked at the judgment, “What did your neighbor do?”, but “what did you do?” If we lose the pearl of great price in the eternity of happiness God has offered to us—it will not be the fault of others. The fault will be ours and only ours. We refused to pay the price. We did not think it worth the “paltry all” which we possessed in this life.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O’Sullivan, O.F.M.

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Reconciliation:
(Confession):

Friday & Saturday Confessions
9:00 a.m. noon

Office Hours:
Mon, Wed, & Fri
10 a.m.—3 p.m.
Her body which lies at Tarascon is the fourth of the Kalends of August. Occurred; and at length, famous for She foretold her death long before it women to a spot remote from men, and her wonderful charity, withdrew and admiration of the people of But Martha, after having won the love hear their songs of praise. was carried to heaven by the angels to heaven, retired into a deserted cave on that is, contemplation of the joys of our Lord's feet, in order to enjoy the happiness of the kingdom of heaven. 7 Lk 1:26; 10:16,24; Mat 13:33

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Weekly Schedule

Monday, July 27
Live Stream on our Church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

Tuesday, July 28
Live Stream on our Church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

Wednesday, July 29
Live Stream on our Church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

Thursday, July 30
Live Stream on our Church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

Friday, July 31
Live Stream on our Church Website
Mass: 7 a.m.

Adoration: 8:00 a.m. — noon

Saturday, August 1
Live Stream on our Church Website
Mass: 8 a.m.

Mass: 5 p.m.

Weekly Readings

07/28—Jer 14:17-22; Mat 13:36-43
07/29—Jer 15:10,16-21; Joh 11:19-27
07/30—Jer 18:1-6; Mat 13:47-53
07/31—Jer 26:1-9; Mat 13:54-58
08/01—Jer 26:11-16,24; Mat 14:1-12
08/02—Sir 24:1-4,16,22-24;
Gal 4:3-7; Luk 1:26-33

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PARISH CORNER

At the request of the donor, the statue of Our Lady of Kibeho will be relocated to the parish grounds in front of the Parish Life Center. Mr. Nunez, will relocate the statue and will also landscape the area around the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. This new look will allow the faithful to engage in prayerful meditation.

The garage area is being used to hear confessions. We are upgrading the room to be more comfortable. In the future this space can be used for smaller gatherings and meetings.

We had to hire a plumber to relocate water lines. When the convent went down, we discovered that the church was getting water from two different sources—Parish Life Center and the Convent. According to the City of Fort Worth Water Department, we are out of compliance and we must correct. A new line directly to the church from the central water meter will have to be constructed.

In the July/August issue of the North Texas Catholic Magazine, there is an article entitled "Love Overcomes Hate" by Mary Lou Seewoester. She interviewed 3 of OMM parishioners (Donald Walker, Ernma Bonner-Plaste and Zenobia Collins) for the article and gave a history of the first African American priest in the U.S. and brief history of OMM.

Help us continue our 110 year legacy of Empowering Families.

We have a goal of sponsoring 200 families, which has a ripple effect for the entire community.

A gift of $500 allows us to support one family, but no gift is too small to make a difference.

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Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is in need of a skilled and passionate Director of Grants and Foundation Relations to support our work ending poverty, one family at a time. Apply today and join our CCFW.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To know more and better our Catholic faith. Excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Prayer as God's gift

2560 "If you knew the gift of God!" The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.8

2561 “You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” Paradoxically our prayer of petition is a response to the plea of the loving God: "They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water!” Prayer is the response of faith to the free promise of salvation and also a response of love to the thirsty of the only Son of God.11

1 Jn 4:10.
8 Cf. St. Augustin, De diversis quaestionibus octoginta tri-
bus 64,4;PL 40,56.
9 Jn 4:10.
10 Jer 2:13.

Vocation View

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