



Food for Thought on Mt 7:21 a follow on from keeping your faith in Jesus Christ through prayer from last week's Homily on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter.

*"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."*

After these words, Jesus continues in the Gospel: *"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"*

Jesus speaks here about a false disciple, saying that such disciples will not be saved because although they use religious phrases and hide behind the name of Jesus they do the exact opposite. Moreover, even if they prophesied, cast out demons or did many wonders, it would not help them to be saved. Such disciples have received the teaching of Christ only superficially and in fact use methods of hypnosis, suggestion, psychological manipulation, positive or ambiguous concepts and emotional arousal. They have nothing to do with Christ and His cross. A shocking example was the various pseudo preachers during the revival in America. More than half a century ago, the author of the book *"The Happiest People on Earth"* D. Shakarian mentioned them in his book. Some of those famous preachers like skillful actors just put on a show of piety, shouted *Hallelujah* and confidently imitated true preachers. People even witnessed great miracles at their meetings, because the power of their pride and desire for financial benefits or career enabled them to emotionally preach the true Gospel, which caused many people to be healed. However, the above-mentioned author found that many of those preachers were fornicators, lovers of money or swindlers, even if they cast out demons. Jesus says about such pseudo apostles: *"Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness; I never knew you."*

Once these people with a spirit of impenitence, self-worship and craftiness, hiding behind religion and pursuing their own career, stand before God's judgment seat, the words of Jesus will be fully fulfilled in them: *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."* Religious impostors do not do the will of the Heavenly Father but their own, even if they use pious language. They really are wolves in sheep's clothing.

Today we have before our eyes the so-called LGBTQ journey – the greatest shock in the history of the Church! The highest positions have been infiltrated by people who break God's laws and promote the worst moral perversions, claiming that this is God's path! With this pseudo gospel, whether it is preached by a monk, a bishop, a cardinal a pope, or even an angel, no one can be saved. Our life must therefore have a fundamental line – sincerely seeking the will of God in prayer and fulfilling it, by living it the way Jesus said to and did.

This is a safe path to salvation. On more than one occasion the body of Christ has called into account the actions of leadership that had gone astray by holding to the truths spelled out by our Church Fathers and the examples of the Saints. As was spelled out in last Sunday's reading of the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Jesus provides us and instructs us in proper prayer and Staying Close to Him and therefore the Father through the Holy Spirit, that we should not be lead astray but rest in the Father as we are one in Him, Jesus and the Holy Spirit in Mind, body and soul. By not being distracted by fancy words etc.... we become the light to those who have lost their way on the path that they might yet find their way safely back, we must continue to pray for them and love them as they are created by God in His image and likeness but if they choose to deny that divinity within them, we are clearly told to have nothing to do with evil or the appearance of evil. Recall what was said Last Sunday to Simon the Sorcerer who tried to buy the power of Christ from Peter, nothing has changed concerning those who would subvert the laws of God and of his creation. So be ever vigilant now against the wolves in sheep's clothing as they are moving about in our lives and upon the pilgrim road, lest you fall prey to them.

Deacon Hicks

## HOSPITALIZED or HOMEBOUND?

Please contact Father or the parish office to continue receiving the pastoral care of the Church.

# HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Matthew 28:19



*The FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT.*



120 W. Sequoyah Avenue  
Vinita, Oklahoma

Mass: Sunday 10:00 am  
Wednesday 6:00 pm

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## COVID PRECAUTIONS

The pew section directly in front of the ambo is reserved for socially distanced seating.

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# THE HOLY POST

The Most Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023

## TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

(Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9)

PSALM: "Glory and praise for ever!"

(Daniel 3)

SECOND READING: Encourage one another and live in peace.

(2 Corinthians 13:11-13)

GOSPEL: God sent his only Son into the world to bring us life.

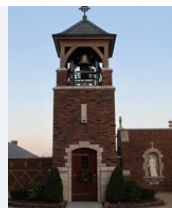
(John 3:16-18)

We come together today to celebrate our triune God, one God and yet three persons. God the Father created the world and everything in it. God the Son was born into this world, a part of humankind, and chose to sacrifice his life to save us all. God the Holy Spirit was sent into the world by the Father and the Son to be with us always. In our limited imaginations we cannot hope to truly comprehend this sacred mystery, but we join together in praise and thanks to God - Father, Son, and Spirit.

- Pastoral Patterns



Blessings to Jerri and Allen Forrest  
on 41 years of marriage!



## LECTIO RETREAT - ST. JOSEPH MONASTERY, TULSA

This powerful experience teaches the prayer practice of Lectio (praying with the Scripture). A variety of teachers share their knowledge and experience of this prayer. Details and registration: [www.stjosephmonastery.org](http://www.stjosephmonastery.org).

June 22 6:30-8:30 pm  
June 23 & 24 8:30am-4pm  
June 25 12-4 pm

## PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY June 4  
The Most Holy Trinity 10 am

WEDNESDAY June 7  
Weekday Mass 6 pm

SUNDAY June 11  
Feast of Corpus Christi 10 am

WEDNESDAY June 14  
Weekday Mass 6 pm

SUNDAY June 18  
11th Sunday Ordinary Time 10 am

WEDNESDAY June 21  
Weekday Mass 6 pm

## PRAYER LIST

Jeanette Crowell, Roben Carter,  
Gail Curley, Desiree & Caleb  
Curry, Mae Davis, Ann Geyer,  
Karen Janssen, Nancy Keene,  
Tate Riney, Roseline Brown  
Sparks, Alice Nolen-Walston,  
Debbie Page, Kevin Pemberton,  
Jimmie Sooter, Jimmy Sweeney

## OUR MILITARY

Navy: Jason Williams

Marines: Gage Gardner

Air Force: Zerek Albarez,

Eric Wilks, Adam Crane,

Cale Schumacher, Michael

Ecterhoff, Tiffany Calabasa



## RCIA

If you, a family member, or a friend is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please speak with Father Cashen for info on the next RCIA class.

## SACRAMENTS

Confession: By appointment only. Call 918.256.2281.

Baptism: Contact Father several weeks in advance.

Marriage: Contact Father 6 months prior to wedding. Do not schedule a date before talking with Father.



## Catholic Scout RETREAT

July 1st, 2023

St. Xavier Bldg. "C", Junction City KS

\* **Catholic Scouts 13 y.o. and Older:**  
9:00 AM—12:00 PM (Morning / All Day)  
"Citizenship in the Society" Merit badge



**Cost: \$ 40.00** (Includes: Event patch; CS Neckerchief; Wooden CS patch; Eucharistic Revival patch + 2 rockers; info about Eucharistic Revival 2024 for families). This is guaranteed for first 10 Scouts who register. Others will receive items later.  
**MB info: Pre-Req: have workbook completed.** Everyone will need to participate. Groups led by Counselor with Leader, Adult, Guardian participation. Wb: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/citizenship-in-society.pdf>

\* **All Catholic Scouts:**  
1:00 PM—6:00 PM (Afternoon/ Half Day)

1:00 PM—7 Sacraments  
3:00 PM—Eucharistic Revival info  
4:00 PM—Recognition & Games & Snacks  
4:30 PM—Boy Scout Rosary before Mass  
5:15 PM—Mass / St. Xavier  
Catholic Scout picture after Mass with Father.

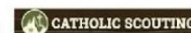
**Cost: \$ 10.00** (Includes: Event patch; Eucharistic Revival patch + 2 rockers; info about Eucharistic Revival 2024 for families).

**Wear: A+ uniform**

**Registration open till: June 15th 2023 (limit: 50)**  
pls write: 1 Scout ( Name, Rank, Unit) - All or Day

**Register with Inga.**

Troop 41 MB Counselor  
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