

St. Gregory's Abbey 2013 Summer Retreats --- Shawnee, OK

July 5-7 The Incarnation of Love – Holiness in the Rule of St. Benedict

Led by Abbott L. Stasyszen, O.S.B.

The Second Vatican Council emphasized that all baptized persons are called to a life of holiness. But often we are still left with the question of what constitutes holiness and how can one arrive at holiness. In this retreat, **Abbot Lawrence will examine the quest for holiness in the Rule of St. Benedict**. In doing so, he considers how St. Benedict brings holiness from the realm of theory and into the reality of daily life as the embodiment of love.

July 26-28 A Weekend with St. Francis de Sales

Led by Fr. Charles Buckley, O.S.B.

This retreat will center on the teaching of St. Francis de Sales as expressed in the *Introduction to the Devout Life* as well as in other writings. The goal will be to enhance the way we experience and live out our relationship with God and our neighbor in the place we occupy in space and time, within the continuum of all space and time.

Registration begins at **6:00 p.m. on Friday evening** of the retreat (July 5th or 26th) in the St. Gregory's University Residence Hall Lobby. Opening session is at 8 p.m. The retreat will end by 3 p.m. Sunday. Retreatants will also be welcome to participate with the monks in their common prayer and, as much as possible, in the celebration of the Eucharist. Participants in the retreats will stay in the university's residence halls. Each bathroom is shared between two rooms. All linens are provided. Meals beginning with Saturday breakfast will be in the monastic dining room. (A sandwich tray will be available after the Friday evening session for those who did not have supper.) Participants will be able to use the swimming pool and the aerobic center in their free time. They may also visit the Mabee-Gerrer Museum on campus.

Cost for the retreat for those who prepay are: \$90 for those staying in a private room, \$75 for those staying in a semi-private room, and \$30 for those not requesting a room. The fee is an additional \$5 for those not paying until their arrival. At the end of each retreat, an offering is taken up for the retreat master. Special payment plans may be arranged.



The Youth Group will have a garage sale in the old rectory on
Saturday, June 22 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (approximately)

Leftover items from the last sale will be sold along with any SELLABLE items that are donated between now and then...NO CLOTHING PLEASE. If you have any summer clothing we ask that you donate it to the Thrift Shop. Sellable donated items may be brought to the church office. Thank you for supporting the youth of our parish.

Joan Price and Erin Carroll

Summer Lecture Series Returns!



Before all else, the church is the people. Long before there should be any mention of buildings, ministers, priests, bishops, popes, or moral codes, there should be mention of a community of hearts and souls, previously separated by many things, coming together as one.

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and beliefs, we would like to invite you to the “Summer Sessions – 2013.” These sessions are short topics, one each Sunday, that address some of the things that we believe.

All sessions will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Center, located at 121 E St. SW, Ardmore, OK.

Schedule



Date	Presenter	Topic
06/23/2013	Kathy Maher	Book of Revelation.
06/30/2013	Bob Highsmith	The Sacrament of Reconciliation.
07/07/2013	Ryan Hunnicutt	Sacrament of Marriage and Sexuality.
07/14/2013	Ray Butler	Early Church.
07/21/2013	Gus Orellana	Persecution of the Church in Mexico.
07/28/2013	Juan Jimenez	Our Lady of Guadalupe.
08/04/2013	Ryan Hunnicutt	Prayers, Blessings, and Devotions.



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