

READINGS

July 27, 2014

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

STEWARDSHIP

July 20th Collection.....\$3,088

St. Vincent De Paul Collection.....\$686

Our Lady of Wisdom relies on Bobcat Catholics like you for more than half the resources necessary to bring students of Texas State closer to the their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.



PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth ...

AND

That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries ...

ALSO

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For the protection of our religious freedom ...

REMINDER

N. LBJ will be under city construction for another few weeks.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's parable one person happens upon a treasure in the middle of the field. In the other, a merchant finds a pearl after a long search. In both cases, they sell everything they have to get the treasure. This is the way we too should pursue the kingdom of God. Do you pursue the kingdom of God the way you pursue worldly things?

What is your new life in Christ worth to you? Do you love His words more than gold and silver? Would you sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example —asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will? The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of

heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we, too—might live. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish. And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it. Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul calls the purpose of God's plan. That purpose is that Jesus be the firstborn of many brothers. His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. We must humble ourselves before God. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will. We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son.

Scott Hahn, Ph.D.
This Sunday's Bible Reflection

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Rosary every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge
- All other activities will resume in the fall*

SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Until the Fall Semester, there will be **one Sunday Mass at 10:00am.**
- Daily Masses Mon - Fri. During the summer will vary according to Fr. Will's schedule. You may call the office for a specific Mass.
- Office closes at 5:00pm Mon – Thu, and at 3:00pm on Fridays.



We are a parent-taught co-op program that depends on the active participation of parents to be successful. If you plan to enroll your children for 2014-15, please consider volunteering as a teacher or substitute.

NOTE: Basic Ethics and Integrity (EIM) training is required.

Contact Kristen Arnold, Program Director 512-665-3113
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SANTA CRUZ CATHOLIC SCHOOL is currently enrolling students in Pre-Kindergarten – 8th grade. We are located in Buda, Texas. We serve 200 students from preschool through the eighth grade. Our school is an incorporated school, within the Catholic Diocese of Austin that holds a close association to several area parishes. We are a school that works with parents to nurture the growth of the whole child – spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically. Our school is Catholic – promoting the teachings of the Church and inclusive of diverse cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds. *If you are interested in applying for enrollment, please feel free to contact the school office at 512-312-2137. You may also visit our school website at www.sccstx.org.*

ROUND ROCK EXPRESS CATHOLIC NIGHT
Join Fr. Will and many other religious men and women and Catholics around the Diocese on Monday August 18th at 7:05pm as the Round Rock Express play the Rainiers. Tickets are \$10. For every ticket purchased money will be given back to support our parish. Please contact the office at 512-392-5925 to reserve a ticket before August 3rd.

WOW Our women's group will meet Sunday August 3rd upstairs after the 10am Mass. All are welcome!



FR. CHARLIE BANKS will be available for Spiritual Direction this Tues., July 29th. From 9am-noon. Please sign up in the Lobby.

ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM) The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm to any of our children or vulnerable adults. If you are aware of sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect, state law requires you to report that information. A Confidential Notice of Concern should be submitted to the diocesan EIM Office: phone 512-949-2447 or fax the form to (512) 949-2529. The forms can be found at austindio-cese.org and in our Parish Office. Reports may be made anonymously.

Diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry policies were adopted in January 2002 and revised in August 2008. All clergy and paid staff, and all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to complete a one-time on-line Application for Ministry prior to beginning their work/service and attend an EIM workshop within 60 days of submitting the application.