

READINGS

August 10, 2014

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

STEWARDSHIP

August 3rd Collection.....\$2,260

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.



WE PRAY for those returning from the School of New Evangelization in St. Paul, MN today and tomorrow.

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights ...

AND

That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region...

ALSO BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For an end to the violence and a lasting peace in the Middle East .."

GOSPEL REFLECTION

He went up on the mountain by himself to pray," this line is easily missed in today's Gospel about walking on water. Jesus spent a lot of time alone in prayer; especially, before he did something significant. Do you spend time in prayer before making major decisions?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption: "Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven." We live in an age in which there are immense forces that draw us into conformity. While these temptations we face are not entirely new, they are magnified by modern culture. One such negative element of contemporary culture is impurity. It's probably safe to say that every adult is, to some degree, wounded by impurity, whether giving in significantly to the many temptations toward im-

purity, or in being confronted by the various malignant influences impurity promotes in the world. Some feel they are forever damaged, as if they can no longer be counted as among the pure. This is not so, if only we should trust, if only we should try our best, if only we should love Him more. What has happened in the past is gone, borne away by the healing graces of the sacrament of Reconciliation. It is our Virgin Mother who will take us into her worthy hands, guide us toward her Son. There is simply no better model of human purity than our sweet Virgin Mother, who exists as Queen of Heaven, raised in heavenly glory above all the angels and saints. If we seek purity, it is the Virgin Mary whose intercession will, through the love of her Son, win for us the graces of which we are in such urgent need. She is indeed a channel of grace. The Virgin Mary, as the Mother of God, is a most perfect example of these virtues, for her Son is Truth, and she loves him and all that he is with maternal devotion.

Adapted from F. K. Bartels Catholic Online catholic.org

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.

Regular Mass schedule and office hours resume next Sunday, **August 17th**.

Reminder: Texas State Students will begin moving in next weekend!

RCIA & SACRAMENT PREPARATION CLASS

for adults who have not received one or more of the sacraments (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation) will be offered beginning Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 7:00pm, upstairs. You can register on the Our Lady of Wisdom web-site, "Spiritual Growth" tab.

REMINDER

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered every third Sunday

from 9am- 9:45am, in addition to the 30 minutes before Daily Masses.

The next Sunday Reconciliation opportunity is next Sunday, August 17th.

Next Sunday, August 17th is our monthly Special Collection for **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**. Thank you for your generosity.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK will be at St. John's: **Saturday, August 16th from 10 am-2 pm**. Accepting furniture, clothing, household items, etc. No appliances or computer equipment please. These items are sold in the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store (Austin) and the proceeds used to assist the poor and needy to include those of San Marcos.



Thanks for your support.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

next Sunday, August 17th. Between the 5 & 7:30 Masses all students are invited to come to the lobby for free ice cream with all the toppings!

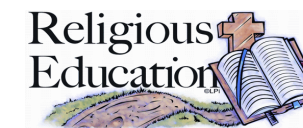


ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

is a Holy Day of Obligation



Two services offered
Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14th 5:15pm
And Mass on Friday, August 15th 12:30pm



REQUEST FOR TEACHERS before classes begin **Sept. 21st**. 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 2013-14, 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 or kristena78@yahoo.com