

READINGS

September 14, 2014

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4B-9

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a feast that commemorates the legend of the finding of the 'true cross' by St. Helena in 326 AD, and the subsequent dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335. The feast offers us an opportunity to contemplate the mystery of the cross. **The Cross of Love.** The gospel today captures the mystery of the cross. There are two ways to provide an answer as to why Jesus willingly went to the cross. Expiation – that Jesus, by his own suffering and death, paid the ransom on behalf of humankind to redeem them from the punishment deserved for the disobedience of Adam. Or love – that Jesus came among us to show how much God loved us, but we rejected him. We refused to accept what he stood for and put him to a gruesome death. **The Cross that Heals.** The people of Israel in the desert refused to accept their human condition – the limitations of that condition. They grumbled against God and Moses,

wanting to live a problem-free life. Embracing suffering is the way to making meaning out of human suffering. When I embrace the human limitation I begin the journey towards wholeness. **The Cross that Challenges Me.** "Have the same mind of Christ" (Phil 2:5). The Cross challenges me to put on the consciousness of Christ –The cross challenges me to empty myself in love to my fellow humans. The cross challenges me to meditate on healing for humanity. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Mk 8:34).

*Adapted from:
Sahaya G. Selvam, SDB
"Towards Wholeness"*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus saved us by his death on the cross. Think about the infinite love it must take to make such a sacrifice. Whom do you love enough to make a sacrifice? Whom should you love to make a sacrifice?

STEWARDSHIP

September 7th Collection.....\$2,384
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 their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

**PLEASE CONDISE
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 death penalty...

**WELCOME
TEXAS STATE
FAMILIES today!**
Thank you for visiting
Our Lady of
Wisdom and
San Marcos!

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ROSARY every Sunday
9:30am in the Lounge

ADORATION of the
Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays 5:45-9pm and
Mornings Mon-Fri 8:30-
9:30am in the Chapel

FREE LUNCH every
Tuesday 11am-1pm in
the Lobby

BOBCATS FOR LIFE
2nd & 4th Thursdays
6pm in the Library

PRAYER MEETING 2nd
& 4th Thursdays 7:30pm
upstairs

BIBLE STUDIES every
day!

*CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION*

BOBCAT AWAKENING #42
Sept.26th-28th. An energy
filled weekend with great
talks, small groups, prayer
and Sacraments. Open to
college students at Texas
State. Fill out an Application
online on our website under
the Spiritual Growth tab,
"Bobcat Awakening", or fill
out a paper copy from the
lobby. Cost is \$35.

HOME BLESSINGS are
available on the back table
by the chapel doors. Please
take one bottle per home.

WALK FOR THE POOR

Everyone is invited to participate in the Walk for the Poor in San Marcos on Sat., Sept. 27th. Starting with a Mass at 8:00am at St. John Catholic Church, located on 624 E. Hopkins. Registration will begin in Claretian Hall at 9am. The walk will be a 2 mile course. Lunch will be provided afterwards, along with DJ and door prizes!

**OL WISDOM MEN'S
GROUP** will be meeting on
Wednesdays at 6:30am.
Please contact Victor Felan
at 210 240 7046 or
noel.texas@gmail.com if you
are interested.



**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**

for members
of the per-
manent com-
munity on the
book of
Mathew will begin
September 17th.

Please sign up in the lobby
outside the chapel doors.

ΛΩA INFO MEETINGS
Do you love The Lord? Do
you love brotherhood?
Lambda Omega Alpha
Catholic service fraternity.
Information meetings will
take place here at Our Lady
of Wisdom TODAY Septem-
ber 7th after the 5pm and
7:30pm Masses.

REMINDER

The **Sacrament of
Reconciliation** is offered
every third Sunday
from 9am- 9:45am, in addi-
tion to the 30 minutes before
Daily Masses.
The next Sunday Reconcilia-
tion opportunity is next Sun-
day, September 21st .

Next Sunday, September
21st is our monthly
Special Collection for
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.
Thank you for your
generosity.

**CENTENNIAL LOGO AND
THEME CONTEST**

Catholic Campus ministry at
Texas State will celebrate
100yrs of existence in 2015.
We would like to have a
theme and logo for the year.
All members and non-
members are welcome to
participate. Please submit
entries to Alex Martinez elec-
tronically or dropped off at
the front office. Please sub-
mit them in a PDF document.
**Due Sunday, September
21st.** The winner of the con-
test will be announced Sun-
day, October 5th at all
Masses. The winner will re-
ceive recognition for their
artwork and a free ticket to
Our Lady of Wisdom Centen-
nial Gala in November 2015.