

**READINGS**

*September 21, 2014*

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 20C– 24, 27A

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16A

**STEWARDSHIP**

September 14th Collection.....\$2,524  
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.

In today's parable, why should such generosity be condemned as injustice? This idea finds its roots and deepest meaning in the Old Testament understanding of God the Creator who is good and generous to all who turn to him. This is the God in whom Jesus believed and lived, but in the person of Jesus, the divine compassion, the divine mercy, the divine goodness surpassed the divine justice. Therefore all who follow Jesus as his disciples and friends much imitate this extraordinary compassion and lavish generosity and never question, deny it or begrudge it. Perhaps many of us feel strongly with the disgruntled workers. How often have we known whimsical employers who have compensated lazy or problematic workers far too generously, rather than acknowledging the faithful, dedicated day-in day-out workers? Some may grumble and claim that their long, dedi-

cated, tireless service qualifies them instantly for higher pay, higher rank, and greater privilege and prestige. It is precisely at moments like this that we must humbly acknowledge that we are like those eleventh-hour workers. Not one of us deserves the blessings that God has prepared for us. All our good works give us no claim upon God. The word "entitlement" does not exist in the vocabulary of the Kingdom of God.

*Adapted from : "Are you envious because I am generous?" – Biblical Reflection for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Salt and Light Blog*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Today's Gospel teaches us that God's kingdom is for all who would follow Him. In the parable those who were called early were upset that those who were called late received the same wage, which is salvation. What are your personal prejudices? Pray for the strength to overcome these.

**PLEASE CONDISE  
POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER  
INTENTIONS FOR THE  
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life ...

**AND**

That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering ...

**ALSO**

**BISHOP VÁSQUEZ'  
PRAYER INTENTION FOR  
TODAY:**

That the unemployed and underemployed will find gainful and life-affirming employment with fair and just wages ...

**BOBCAT AWAKENING #42  
Sept.26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**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*

**NFP CLASSES** Cost is \$140/ per couple for books and a thermometer. Fulfills the diocese NFP requirement for marriage preparation. Tuesdays 7-9:30pm. The next series is here at Our Lady of Wisdom on October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd. Register at [www.register.ccli.org](http://www.register.ccli.org). For more information or questions contact Randy and Grace– Marie Kolb at [rkolb@austin.rr.com](mailto:rkolb@austin.rr.com) or (512) 891-5341.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** is celebrated today, September 21<sup>st</sup>, in parishes across the United States. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith, being a witness to the Gospel, and rededicating themselves to this mission as a community of faith. The theme for 2014 Catechetical Sunday is "Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness". Find more info. at the Council of Catholic Bishops website [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION BENEFIT RECITAL** Enjoy an evening of classical music performed by our very own talented pianist, Alexias Ferrer on Sunday, October 5th at 2pm at the Price Center 222 W. San Antonio St. San Marcos, TX. Light refreshments will be served after the performance. A minimum \$10 donation will be greatly appreciated.

**FR. CHARLIE BANKS** will be here for **Spiritual Direction** this Tuesday September 23rd.

**LOVE, SEX & ANGELIC WARFARE** at LBJ Teaching theatre on Tues., Sept. 23rd at 7:30pm. All are welcomed

**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 electronically or dropped off at the front office. Please submit them in a PDF document. Due **Sunday, September 21st**. The winner will be announced Sunday, Oct. 5th at all Masses.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** We are all very concerned about the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, the cradle of Christianity. Given the extraordinary nature of the this crisis, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our brothers and sisters. Funds will be used by Catholic Relief Services and the most urgent needs for people in Iraq, Gaza, Syria and surrounding countries. Our Collection will be next Sunday September 28th.

**FR. JAMES BRENT** will celebrate Mass on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd at 5:15pm. Thank you Fr. James!