

READINGS

November 9, 2014

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

First Reading: Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9C-11, 16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection.....\$3,707

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.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Why commemorate a church dedication that happened in fourth-century Rome? First, because St. John Lateran is no ordinary church—it's the cathedral church of the Pope and still known as "the mother of all the world's churches."

But more than that, because God has from all time intended the church building to be a symbol of His Church and our bodies. This is what the readings for today's feast invite us to consider. God's prototype for the church is the Jerusalem Temple, described in this week's First Reading and Psalm. It's God's "holy dwelling," site of His presence in our midst, source of "living waters"—of all life and blessing.

But God intended the Temple to give way to the Body of Christ. That's what our Lord's words and actions in Sunday's Gospel are intended to dramatize. Christ's Body is now the dwelling of God's "glory" among us. It's the new source of living waters. Sunday's Epistle

says the Spirit of God comes to dwell in us and makes us "God's building...the temple of God". Jesus drove out the sellers of oxen, sheep and doves, signaling an end to the animal sacrifices that formed the worship of the old Temple. In the spiritual worship of the new Temple, we offer our bodies—our whole beings—as a living sacrifice. Like living stones. As the Jerusalem Temple was, so the Church will always be under construction—until at last it is perfected in the new Jerusalem, our mother Church, come down from heaven

Adapted from This Sunday's Bible Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus fashioned a whip and "cleaned house." He drove out the animals, the sellers and the money changers from the Temple. What do you need to clean out from your heart? Pray for the strength to do it.

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others ...

AND

That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors ...

BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For all newly elected officials that they may serve the people with honor, dignity and always act on what is necessary for the common good.

JOIN US!

Annual student Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, Nov. 23rd at 6pm

Please sign up in the Lobby to serve or clean up after the meal, to bring a turkey, sides, dessert, etc.



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

JOIN US! For the 2nd Annual Church Bazaar on Saturday, November 15th from 9am-3pm. Hosted by the Women of Wisdom (WOW)



A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR COFFEE & DONUTS after the 10 a.m. Mass is located in our lobby. Please choose a date that is convenient for you and help with this important ministry.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK will be at St. John's: **Saturday, November 15th from 10am-2pm.** 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.

Next Sunday November 16th is our monthly collection for **St. Vincent De Paul.** Thanks for your continued support!

MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER for single, Catholic men with an openness to a priestly vocation. Evening includes dinner, evening prayer, and discussion about priesthood, seminary, and discernment. The next dinner is Wed., Nov. 12 from 7-8:30 pm *RSVP to Fr. Jonathan Raia (512) 949-2430*

TEACHING MASS— This Thursday, November 13th during the 5:15pm Mass. Everyone is welcome! Come hear Fr. Will explain how the Mass was structured and why we still practice this today.



CSA The annual diocesan Catholic Services Appeal

this Sunday November 9th. Once a year, our bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries. This effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity and education.

FR. CHARLIE BANKS will be available for Spiritual Direction this Tues., Nov. 11th. From 9am-noon. Sign up in the Lobby for 30min. appointments.

FAJITA PLATE FUNDRAISER hosted by the men of Lambda Omega Alpha fraternity. Each plate consists of beef fajitas, beans, rice and tortillas. Cost is \$7 per plate. Plates will be ready Saturday, November 15th during the Bazaar. They will be in the lobby selling tickets after all Masses today or find an active member throughout the week. Thank you for your continued support!