

READINGS

February 1, 2015

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7 32-35

Gospel: Matthew 4:16

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection January 25th.....\$2,184

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.

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

NIGHT PRAYER hosted by the men of Lambda Omega Alpha, 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings after Adoration.

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

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

WISDOM PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7pm upstairs

BIBLE STUDIES every day!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION www.txstatecatholic.org

PARKING

With the start of the semester please remember we have permit



only parking Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Please check our website for more details or alternate locations to park on Sundays.

THANK YOU to all those who helped and contributed to the Welcome Back dinner last Sunday! We could not do it without your support! We welcomed about 100 students back for the spring semester.

PROJECT ANDREW for Catholic men ages 16-45 interested in learning more about discernment, the priesthood, and seminary life. Saturday, February 14th 10am-2pm at St. Mary's Cathedral 203 E. 10th St. Austin. Contact the Vocations office at 512-949-2430 or vocations@austindiocese.org

PRAY AS YOU CAN retreat for men and women here at Our Lady of Wisdom next Saturday February 7th from 9am-3pm. Registration is \$15 and forms can be found in the lobby. Hosted by WOW (Women of Wisdom) please ask any in the group for more details.

THEOLOGY ON TAP Thursday Feb. 5th at Casa Chapala (9041 Research Blvd. St. 100, 78758) in Austin, where Nola Flores will discuss Prayer and Temperament. She will discuss how prayer and personality can and should work together. We will begin with fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by the presentation at 7pm

CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF will be celebrated with a Celebratory Mass with Bishop Joe Vasquez on Sunday, February 8th at 10am. A small reception will follow Mass in the Lobby. All are welcomed.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

February 8, 2015, Religious Open House: An event to celebrate the World Meeting of Families to take place in Philadelphia which will include tours, Open houses, receptions, family activities, and presentations on the history of religious communities at convents, abbeys, monasteries and religious houses. On this day all parishes in the Diocese of Austin will be invited to host an event during the day for promoting vocations; such as an Open House highlighting Consecrated Life; a prayer service, prepared by the Office for Religious. Our Lady of Wisdom has been chosen as a Special locations to host an Austin Diocesan Religious Open House Day. We will have a prayer service at 6pm on February 8th. All are welcomed!

AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE

JANUARY
10am, 242
5pm, 165
7:30pm, 134

Tomorrow, February 2nd, the Church celebrates the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**, known more popularly as "Candlemas." This feast dates back to the earliest centuries of the church, recalling Luke's account of the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. The words of Simeon give rise to the symbols featured on this feast: "for my own eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." The focus on Jesus as the light for all peoples is expressed in the traditional blessing of candles at the beginning of today's liturgy. The prayer of blessing over the candles says: "Bless these candles and make them holy. May we who carry them to praise your glory walk in the path of goodness and come to the light that shines forever." It is not difficult to see that there is plenty of darkness in our world. A thoughtful reading of the daily newspaper reveals

the dark shadows that plague the lives of so many. As I write this reflection, the mounting protests in Egypt against an authoritarian government threaten to erupt into violent confrontation. Each of us grapples with darkness in our personal lives as well — in relationships turned sour, resentments harbored deep inside, the power of addiction, or whatever form that darkness may take. This feast of the Presentation is an invitation to draw close to Christ and to ask him to enlighten the darker places of our lives with the radiance and warmth of his presence.

Adapted from thepassionists.org/reflections/2011 St. Paul of the Cross Province

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus taught in the synagogue "as one having authority." Can you recall a favorite catechism or religious education teacher? Say a prayer for that person and the good things they taught you.

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

That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace ...

AND

That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal ...

ALSO

BISHOP VASQUEZ' INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For all teachers and educators ...

CENTENNIAL CORNER

Our centennial year has officially begun! We would like you to be part of our celebration by participating in our various events. Be sure to look here, our website and social media outlets for the latest updates.

Key Events to remember:

Kick off Mass: Sun., Feb. 8th
Summer BBQ: Sun., June 14th
Gala: Sat., November 7th
Please contact the office for more information or questions.