

READINGS

July 26, 2015

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel: John 6: 1-15

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection July 19th.....\$2,373
St. Vincent De Paul Collection.....\$722
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.

THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE LOAVES

The lesson of the feeding of the 5000 becomes the equivalent of a reminder from Jesus to share what we have and nothing more. The problem is that often I cannot share, because I am weak, broken and sinful. Sometimes, we find ourselves at the point of physical or even spiritual exhaustion, and we seem to have nothing left to give. Then someone brings five barley loaves and two fish. Barley was the poorest kind of bread. Five loaves are little more than five slices. Jesus takes a meager portion of very simple food. Jesus takes, he gives thanks and he gives. At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread, he gave thanks and he gave. We have technical language for the Eucharist: to take, to give thanks, and to give. The multiplication of the loaves is about the Mass. Then Jesus has all of the loaves distributed. No

one has seen the miracle, the actual transformation of the loaves, just the effects of an abundance of food. The text never mentions people sharing food they have. Not only has Jesus supplied enough food for them, but he has multiplied the precise amount that allows exactly 12 baskets to be left over, symbols of the 12 tribes of Israel, because the Church, the new Israel is here at its banquet. Then the disciples gather up the fragments. Nothing is wasted, nothing is trampled underfoot. The food is treated with great care and reverence.

Adapted from: Bernhard Blankenhorn, OP

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus feeds the crowd with a few loaves of bread and a few fish. In this astonishing miracle we see a hint of the Eucharist to come at the Last Supper. Jesus commands that the "leftovers" be collected so that nothing is wasted. How careful are you to not waste food?

CENTENNIAL CORNER

Key Events to remember: ,
Campus Walk & Mass:
Sat., August 29th
Gala: Sat., November 7th
*Start participating in
100 Acts of Kindness!
#100ActsofOLOW*
*Follow us on Twitter for details
@OLWisdomtxst*

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY
That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity ...

AND
That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society ...

ALSO BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For those in our diocese who go without food daily and may we work to alleviate their suffering ...

TRAVELING this summer? Find a church & Mass times in the area you are visiting www.masstimes.org

WOMEN'S ACTS
The next New Braunfels Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Women's ACTS retreat will be held on August 27-30. Registrations can be printed from www.sppnb.com under the tab "Spiritual Growth". For more information or questions Juilene Phillips director 830 214-4707 juilene-phillips@gmail.com or Angie Harris co-director 830 660-2197 angieharris4321@gmail.com



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
ROSARY every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays at 6:30pm at 421 Lindsay St

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
txstatecatholic.org

MARY AND THE SAINTS, A DAY OF REFLECTION, will be held July 29 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Lynda Villasana will present. The day will also include the chance to share your own experiences, quiet time, Mass and lunch. The cost is \$35. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

BABY CLOTHES NEEDED
The Gabriel Project Life Center of Catholic Charities of Central Texas serves hundreds of families each year. They educate families on nutrition and child care and provide material items for women and their children who are in need. With the hot summer months coming, they are in need of children's clothes from newborn to 24 months. For more information, contact Yjaira Lara at (512) 651-6120.

CRY ROOM The Pastoral Council has designated the Lounge as the "Cry Room" during the 10am Sun. Mass. Please keep it available for families with small children.

Thank You

Fr. Adam Martinez from Martindale for Mass this past Friday July 24th!

MEMORIAL DAY FLOOD VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED: Serve San Marcos is bringing together volunteers and nonprofits in the area at the Regional Volunteer Center office at 126 W. Hopkins. Contact them at 512-753-2320 or serveSanMarcos.org. Many homes are still in need of assistance. Minimum age of volunteers is 14yrs. old, please wear closed toed shoes, long pants, hats, sun screen, work gloves and safety glasses. If possible bring your own tools, hammers, crow bars, box cutters, hand-saws or chainsaws. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided. A personal water bottle is handy. Please check in BEFORE going to affected areas.

SUMMER MASSES

Daily Masses will continue but may change according to Fr. Will's schedule.
Sunday Summer Masses
10am and 7:30pm

**This week
July 27th- July 31st**

Mon., 12:30pm- Com. Svc.
Tues., 5:15pm- Com. Svc.
Wed., 12:30pm- Com. Svc.
Thurs., 5:15pm- Com. Svc.
Fri., 12:30pm- Mass

Fr. Will is out of the office this week.