

READINGS

August 30, 2015

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Second Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21B– 22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection August 23rd.....\$2,001
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 IMPORTANCE OF BEING HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD OF GOD

Be doers of the word and not hearers only. (James 1:22)
In the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, Lutherans and Catholics spelled out their common understanding of and belief in the concept of justification by faith. Issued in 1999, the declaration said, "Together we confess: By grace alone, in faith in Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works". Faith in Jesus is the way to salvation. We cannot save ourselves. At the same time, faith calls us to do good works. C. S. Lewis once said that any discussion about which is more important—faith or works—is as senseless as asking which blade of a pair of scissors is more important. Both are important. Both are critical. Both are necessary.

If faith were not vital, we would have to ask, "Then why did Jesus die for our sins?" If works were not crucial, we would have to ask, "Why did Jesus tell us to go out and evangelize, care for the poor, visit the sick, and feed the hungry?" Faith and works are inseparable. Even faith in Jesus takes work. It means entrusting ourselves to his saving grace. It means choosing to surrender ourselves to him and obeying his word. So make it a point to put your faith in Jesus every day. At the same time, make it a point to serve the Lord and to care for his people. Be a believer and be a doer. You have incredible gifts. They were given to you so that you would build the kingdom of heaven on earth. Use your talents for God, and you'll see people's faith come to life.

Adapted from: www.catholiclane.com/reflections-for-sunday-august-30-2015

FR. CHARLIE BANKS will be available for Spiritual Direction this Tues., Sept. 1st. Sign up in the Lobby for 30min. appts.

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy ...

AND

That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society ...

BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

That we humbly welcome God's Word into our hearts opening our lives to a conversation with God ...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

St. Mark acknowledges signs when we may not be fully turned toward God: "evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, hatred, deceit, wastefulness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, foolishness." When do my actions reveal that I am not turned entirely toward God?

BIBLE STUDY, GOSPEL of LUKE FRIDAYS after the 12:30pm Mass begins on Sept. 18th. Contact Carol Rainbolt 512-557-6516
TUESDAYS 6:30pm begins on Oct. 6th at the home of Charlene Viscardi 512-749-0138

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHER (ESL) for adults. Teacher assistants needed. We need you. No experience is necessary and training provided. Classes begin Sept. 28th at St. John's, 624 E. Hopkins in Claretian Hall. Classes are Mon & Thurs. 7pm – 9pm. Contact Angela Maregente 512.757.0012, armaregente@yahoo.com OR Jean Baggett 210.508.8631 13baggett@outlook.com

AUSTIN FERTILITY CARE CENTER (AFCC) offering an introductory session to the Creighton FertilityCare™ method on Sat., Sept. 12th at 10am rm 6 at St. Anthony's in Kyle. For couples who wish to monitor, maintain or evaluate their fertility naturally, or for single women to who want to monitor their cycles. Contact AFCC at- info@austinfcc.org to register, questions 512-474-2757. \$35/couple or woman.

CALL FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
Requirements: Baptized Catholic, Officially registered in the parish, commitment to the parish community and Monthly Sunday morning meetings. The purpose of the council is to advise the Pastor and administrative staff. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the lobby if you are interested in joining!

RCIA & SACRAMENT PREPARATION CLASS for adults who have not received one or more of the sacraments (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation) will be offered beginning Wed., Sept. 2nd at 6:30pm, upstairs. You can register on our website, under the "Spiritual Growth/ Religious Education" tab.

BOBCAT AWAKENING #45 retreatant applications are now available at the counter or online at txstatecatholic.org/retreatant-app.

PARKING POLICY
Starting Monday August 24th our parking will be reserved for permit parking only. We would like to invite those coming to daily Mass to park along our back fence line or to find street parking. Please be considerate.

STUDENT REGISTRATION
Turn in a registration card or go online to www.txstatecatholic.org/registration

All registered students receive Bobcat Catholic Updates and important messages weekly! Also if you register before August 31st your name will automatically be entered in a drawing for a \$100, \$50 and \$25 gift card! If you know any incoming Catholic freshmen or transfer students please be sure to tell them about Our Lady of Wisdom and invite them to visit!

ST. JOHN'S 67th ANNUAL FIESTA is Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5th & 6th , 6-11:30pm. Music, games, food and great fun!

THEOLOGY ON TAP
The next Theology on Tap in Austin will be Sept. 1st at Casa Chapala (9041 Research Blvd. St. 100 in Austin). Bishop Joe Vásquez will speak about young adults in light of the diocesan pastoral plan, and Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation "Laudato Si'." Jeremy Rodriguez will open with music at 6 p.m. and the presentation will follow at 7pm.