

READINGS

November 8, 2015

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 kings 17: 10-16

Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday November 1st\$2,805

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.

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 Wednesdays 6:15pm in the Library

BIBLE STUDIES every day!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.txstatecatholic.org



From USCCB site **The Catholic Church App** - Download our new app for free and put a world of faith in the palm of your hands.

RETURN YOUR BABY BANKS before Thanksgiving break Half of our collection goes to Bobcats for Life. The other towards Diocesan wide Pro-Life efforts. Thank you for your support.

3RD ANNUAL BAZAAR Hosted by WOW on Sat. Nov. 14th from 9am-3pm Get an early start on your Holiday shopping! Handmade craft items and homemade food items will be available. Refreshments available for purchase.

VENDORS WANTED A \$30 nonrefundable fee/per vendor donated to OL Wisdom. The fee includes a large round table w/o electricity. Profits go to the vendor. Stop by the office M-F from 9AM- 6PM to sign up.

FR. WILL OUT OF THE OFFICE

Starting Tuesday November 10th Fr. Will is out of the office on a pilgrimage in the Holy Land.

Please pray for him and those accompanying him.



While he is out please stay up to date on daily services by checking the website or calling the office. Please welcome our visiting priests!

WISDOM PRAISE & WORSHIP night next Thurs. evening, Nov. 19th at 7pm in the Chapel.



CSA The annual diocesan Catholic Services Appeal this Sunday No-

vember 8th. Once a year, our bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity and education.

ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS WEEKEND

November 13-15 is National Organ Donor Awareness Weekend. Prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to organ donation upon your death. Pope Francis described organ donation as "a testimony of love for our neighbor." Please talk with your family about your wishes. It is important that they understand your desires. Contact Michelle Segovia, of the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance, at (512) 459-4848.

NEXT SUNDAY NO CONFESSIONS BEFORE 10AM MASS

MARK 12:38 – 44
The poor widow of today's Gospel serves as a counterpoint to hypocritical scribes denounced by Jesus. He does not present all scribes in a negative light; rather, hypocrisy is the major subject of rebuke. Those whom Jesus condemns merely play the role of observant scribes; while relishing privileges and marks of honor accorded to pious religious leaders, in fact they "devour the houses of widows." In Jesus' time, scribes fulfilled some of the duties of modern lawyers, and so could serve as trustees of a widow's estate; often the fee would be paid with a share of the estate. Scribes with a reputation for piety, perhaps demonstrated by reciting long prayers, were considered good candidates for such transactions. It is such pretense of virtue while in fact taking advantage of the most vulnerable that Jesus censures.

On the other hand, he commends the genuine faith and generosity of one potential vic-

tim of scribal hypocrisy. Jesus observes those who come into the portion of the Temple complex known as the court of the women, where the treasury was located. At Passover time, many pilgrims would have come to make their offerings for upkeep and renovation of the Temple of the Lord. But among the multitude, one poor widow stands out among wealthy contributors. Though one of the poorest members of Jewish society, she contributes two coins of the smallest possible denomination. She offers far more than the rich, for she gives generously from the depths of her poverty.

from Workbook For Lectors



Veterans Day-November 11th

BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For this community of faith, that our encounter with the Lord in community, word and sacrament will fill us with love to offer ourselves in service to others ...

OCTOBER MASS AVERAGES
10am –305
5pm –132
7:30pm– 123

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Imagine the situation of the first reading. Gathering two sticks to build a tiny fire over which to cook an equally tiny morsel of bread for yourself and your child. Then being destitute, the two would starve and die. Yet, she still shared with Elijah. The widow in the Gospel shows the same level of sacrificial giving.

Has our encounter with the Lord left us with this deep love of God? Deep enough to give from our poverty not our surplus? Can we really love without giving deeply? Where are we being called to give deeply?