

READINGS

January 24, 2016

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-4A, 5-6, 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4:14-21

STEWARDSHIP

January 17th Sunday Collection.....\$2,412
St. Vincent De Paul Monthly Collection.....\$849

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.

When Jesus proclaimed Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled, he proclaimed the presence of the Kingdom. Jesus invited everyone to enter, Jew and Gentile alike. To enter the Kingdom, however, we must accept his word. In doing so, we become dependent upon him to lead us to the Father. "The kingdom belongs to 'the poor and lowly,' which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts." (CCC 544) With the proclamation of the Kingdom comes an invitation to receive the Spirit, its guidance and its consolation. Luke wrote his gospel to distill the oral faith tradition that immersed him. And he wrote it to promote that faith tradition to his contemporaries. The Spirit compelled Jesus to proclaim the Kingdom. But, when the Spirit began to blow, it did not cease. It breathed through the community, right onto the pages of Luke. And it continues to breathe among us, in our

worship, in our studies, in our faith sharing, and in our service to the poor, the blind, and the oppressed. It compels us to proclaim, as Jesus did, a year of the Lord's favor. *As you reflect on Luke's message, look at this coming week and ask yourself one question. Where does the Spirit blow in your life?*

Adapted from a-word-Sunday.com

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Jewish people had just returned to Jerusalem after 70 years. Ezra read the Law (the first five books of the Bible) to the people and the Levites interpreted God's word to them. More than an interpretation, Jesus is God's Word incarnate. Are we moved to praise God when we hear God's Word? Do we recognize our encounter with Jesus Christ in the proclaimed Word, or are we distantly reading along? As a member of Christ's body, how do people encounter God through me?

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice ...

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That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions

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ALSO BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For the members of the Body of Christ, that they may have strength in the Holy Spirit, to confidently manifest God's mercy and love within our troubled world, we pray...

The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm to any of our children or vulnerable adults. If you are aware of abuse and/or neglect, state law requires you to report information to local law enforcement or TX Dept. of Family & Protective Services. Also submit a "Notice of Concern" to the EIM office. Reports may be made anonymously. Forms are available in our front office.

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!

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sign up outside the Chapel doors for training for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers or joining a Choir. Contact Rutherford Griffin, Liturgical Coordinator, liturgy@txstatecatholic.org or Camille Brady, music coordinator, at music@txstatecatholic.org

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

The 33 Days of Prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begin Feb. 20. Each day of prayer represents one year in the life of Christ. Prayers are done privately in our own homes using the consecration preparation book. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by Jan. 31 to receive a free Montfort preparation prayer book by mail and for more information. The faithful throughout the Austin Diocese are invited to consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary.

EIM REFRESHER WORKSHOP

EIM Refresher in Kyle, Tues. 2/9, 7:00 – 8:15pm

All clergy and paid staff, and all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to complete a one-time Application for Ministry prior to beginning their work/service, and attend an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Online applications are now required. Please register at <http://www.austindiocese.org> Go to "Quick Links" top right then "EIM workshops"

MARRIED COUPLES: Valentine's Day is coming soon! Need a special gift for your spouse? Why not take them away for a special weekend that will make a difference in your marriage - MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. Upcoming weekends are scheduled for February 19-21 at the Win-gate Hotel in Round Rock and April 15-17 at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton. To apply online visit: www.wwme.org. Or contact Steve & Linda Jaramillo: 512-677-WWME (9963) or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com. Call early to ensure a space.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK will be at St. John's: **Saturday, February 6th from 10 am-1pm.**

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.

MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES (MLF) is hiring student Activity Leaders for the Day Camps in NW Austin June-July. There will be an info table in our lobby next Sun. Jan. 31st 4:15-7:30pm.