

READINGS

April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading: Acts 5: 12-16

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 9-11A, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

STEWARDSHIP

Holy Land Diocesan Collection.....\$560

Easter Weekend.....\$3,418

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.

God loves us all

We must ask ourselves: what is new about this message of Divine Mercy? Why did Pope John Paul II insist so much on this aspect of God’s love in our time? Is this not the same devotion as that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Mercy is an important Christian virtue, much different from justice and retribution. While recognizing the real pain of injury and the rationale for the justification of punishment, mercy takes a different approach in redressing the injury. Mercy strives to radically change the condition and the soul of the perpetrator to resist doing evil, often by revealing love and one’s true beauty. If any punishment is enforced, it must be for salvation, not for vengeance or retribution. This is a very messy business in our day and a very complex message ... but it is the only way if we wish to go forward and be leaven for the world today; if we truly wish to be salt and light in a culture

that has lost the flavor of the Gospel and the light of Christ. Where hatred and the thirst for revenge dominate, where war brings suffering and death to the innocent, abuse has destroyed countless innocent lives, the grace of mercy is needed in order to settle human minds and hearts and to bring about healing and peace. Wherever the dignity of and respect for human life are lacking, there is need of God’s merciful love, in whose light we see the inexpressible value of every human being. Mercy is needed to insure that every injustice in the world will come to an end. The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. God’s mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon him with trust, receive his mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Essentially, mercy means the understanding of weakness, the capacity to forgive.

Adapted from saltandlifetv.org

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ’ PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For the members of the Church, that the peace of Christ would strengthen us to go out to the world and courageously proclaim to all the mercy and love of God which overcomes all barriers, we pray...

AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE MARCH
10am, 282; 5pm, 87 ; 7:30pm, 103

GOSPEL REFLECTION

How does fear prevent you from speaking of God’s mercy to others and forgiving people who offend you? The first evening of the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the frightened disciples who had locked themselves in the upper room. The disciples rejoiced when they recognized the Lord. “Peace be with you ... I send you” to forgive. How can you make present God’s love and forgiveness to others?

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 Thursdays 6:30pm in the Library

BIBLE STUDIES every day!
www.txstatecatholic.org

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC STUDENTS

Our Lady of Wisdom will open applications for Ambassadors on Friday April 1st. Our Lady of Wisdom Ambassadors will represent and promote Our Lady of Wisdom at our center, on campus and in the San Marcos community. All Catholic Texas State University students are encouraged to apply online at www.txstatecatholic.org. Ask the office for details.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

SUNDAY APRIL 3RD
Seminar education and formation in the Diocese of Austin can take up to nine years. We believe that financial impediments should never prevent men from responding to God’s call to the priesthood. Most financial support for priests and seminarians is made available from the Catholic Services Appeal and a Seminar Endowment in the Catholic Foundation, but the needs are far greater than our annual appeal can support. This collection provides additional support for this very important effort. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy cause.

SHROUD ENCOUNTER

St. Louis King of France Parish in Austin will host a talk and exhibition on the Shroud of Turin on April 21 at 7 p.m. and again on April 22 at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

SISTERS OF LIFE

at Our Lady of Wisdom next Wednesday April 13th. They will be visiting all day and available for any young women interested in religious life. There will also be an open presentation at 5pm in the Chapel



April 3rd at 3:00pm. We will sing the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* in the Chapel. A

First Class Relic (bone fragment) of St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy image will be displayed for veneration from 2:30pm. There is more information about the Divine Mercy devotions in the Lobby.

ASHES TO EASTER BOXES

Please continue to pray for the Missions, and remember to return your donation box.

HEART OF MARY—

Women’s Discernment Retreat for women ages 18-45 with an openness to vocation of consecrated religious life. 7pm Friday April 8th– 5pm Sunday April 10th at Cedarbrake Retreat Center Belton, TX Cost is \$35 Register at austinvocations.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP– 6PM

Monday April 4th Casa Chapa (9041 Research Blvd. Suite 100 Austin, TX 78758). Panel discussion, representatives from the diocesan Office of Life, Charity and Justice will address their work and ways to show mercy in mission, to those in the justice system and being charitable to those in need.