

READINGS

April 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading: Revelations 7:9, 14B-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

STEWARDSHIP

April 10th.....\$1,739

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep. Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy be-

tween Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Likening us to sheep, Jesus says we belong to Him and his Father and He gives us the promise of eternal life. In this Year of Mercy, share this promise of eternal life with someone who needs to hear it

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER REQUESTS FOR APRIL:

That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor ...

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That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts ...

ALSO BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

That we may have the courage to respond to God's call when we hear it.

Welcome!

Msgr. Bill Brooks back to celebrate his 40years in the priesthood. Msgr. Bill served as the Catholic Student Center Director from 1983-1987. There will be a small reception after 10am Mass next Sunday April 17th, everyone is welcomed!

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.

CATHOLIC NIGHT AT THE ROUND ROCK EXPRESS

Join Catholics from Central Texas on Thurs., April 28 at Catholic Night with the Round Rock Express at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. Specially priced tickets are available at www.rrexpress.com/april28. This game can be used as a fundraiser for parishes and schools.

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.

WHAT IS AN APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION? A particular kind of papal teaching that communicates the mind

of the pope on a certain topic. It can also be used as a way for the pope to encourage the faithful to a deeper life of Christian discipleship. Pope Francis did in his apostolic exhortation on Love in the family. Read it at www.USCCB.org

FR. WILL out of the office:
April 22nd– 29th
Thank you to our visiting priests!

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

Encountering Christ will be offered the weekend of April 22nd -24th at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton. Franciscan Fr. Albert Haase will lead participants in encountering Jesus and the transformation that occurs when we allow ourselves to conform to his will. The cost is \$210 for a single room, \$170 for a shared room and \$95 for commuters. For more information or to register, contact(254) 780-2436.

BACCALUAREATE MASS

is the 5pm Mass on Sunday, May 1st. If you are graduating we would like to recognize you at this Mass. All May and August graduates are invited to participate. Please be sure to wear your stoles!

SCHEDULE CHANGES

April 22nd– 29th

Friday

Mass and Confessions

Fr. Wade Russell

Sunday

All Masses

Fr. Jonathan Raia

Monday-Thursday

Communion Services

Deacon Pat and Deacon Cris

Friday

Mass and Confessions

Fr. Ed Karasek