

READINGS

April 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 14: 21-27

Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1-5A

Gospel: John 13: 31-33A, 34-35

STEWARDSHIP

April 17th.....\$2,101
St. Vincent De Paul.....\$690
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.



Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper. John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in

the love they show. John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

How do you fulfill Jesus' command to "love one another?" Would someone know that you are a Christian by the way you treat others?

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 put Christian love first in our lives and show compassion for one another ...

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

FR. CHARLIE BANKS

for Spiritual Direction this Tues., April 26th. Sign up in the Lobby for 30 min. appts.



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.

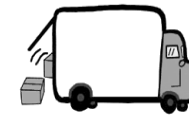
FREE LUNCH every Tuesday 11am-1pm in the Lobby

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.



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK will be at St.

John's: Saturday, May 7th from 10 am to 1 pm. 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.

FUTURE FULL OF HOPE PRAYER SERVICE FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING WITH INFERTILITY

A special prayer service will be celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez on Tuesday, April 26th at 6 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Austin. Sarah's Hope & Abraham's Promise of the Rabboni Institute, St. John Neumann Parish Culture of Life and Divine Mercy ministries, and the Diocese of Austin Offices of Pro-Life and Family Life invite all to attend and join with these couples in prayer. A reception will be held immediately following. Contact SarahaHope@RabboniInstitute.org or call (512) 736-7334 for more information. RSVP at www.RabboniInstitute.org, under Events.

BREAKFAST TACO SALE

Come support our Catholic fraternity, Lambda Omega Alpha on Sunday May 1st after our 10am Mass. Donations only. Thank you for your support!

WOW 3RD ANNIVERSARY

The Women of Wisdom will celebrate 3years of fellowship on Sunday MAY 1st during our 10am Mass. After Mass there will be cake and punch provided. Please join us in celebrating and thanking WOW for all that they do.



BAC-CALUAREATE 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

Sunday

All Masses

Fr. Jonathan Raia

Monday-Thursday

Communion Services

Deacon Pat and Deacon Cris

Friday

Mass and Confessions

Fr. Ed Karasek