

READINGS

June 12, 2016

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12: 7-10, 13

Second Reading: Galatians 2: 16, 19-21

Gospel: Luke 7: 36-8:3

STEWARDSHIP

June 5th\$3,225

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 office, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The Pharisee host recognizes in Jesus someone special, perhaps a prophet. But when he invites him to his home he neglects the usual protocols of greeting him with a kiss, washing his feet, and anointing his head with oil. Is his heart too small to risk these customs on a risky man like Jesus whose pedigree is uncertain and whose friends make poor references? The woman, whose reputation is known, seeks no place of honor. She opts to rest at Jesus' feet, and lets her tears flow freely upon them. This remarkable intimacy makes up for the host's omission, but more importantly it testifies to what is happening in the woman's heart. Jesus has read her heart and has seen not a "sinner" but a penitent whose faith in God's mercy brought her to this place and to his feet. She came contrite and full of faith. Her forgiveness births great love that she pours abundantly upon the Lord. As Jesus teaches in the parable of the two debtors, the one forgiven more loves more.

The Pharisee, in his righteousness, receives but scant forgiveness and thus the love he shows to Jesus is scant. Forgiveness breeds love. A practice rooted in telling people how good they already are produces tepid lovers. But recognition of God's mercy in the face of our sinfulness produces disciples like this woman. We might conclude that sinners have an advantage over the righteous because the forgiveness of their greater sins produces greater love. But the formula is not that simple. There were many sinners in this town, but only this woman fell at Jesus' feet. We remain agents in our own destiny. With Pope Francis we must remember that "God never tires of forgiving; it is we who tire of asking forgiveness." And lest those of us who strive to do our best lose heart, let's not forget that no matter what, each of us is sinner enough to respond to God's mercy with abundant love.

from Workbook For Lectors

PLEASE CONSIDER

POPE FRANCIS'

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find – even within the huge cities of the world – opportunities for encounter and solidarity ...

AND

That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission ...

BISHOP VÁSQUEZ'

PRAYER

INTENTION FOR TODAY:

That the faithful may model respect for all people by showing love through acts of service and kindness ...

Thank you

Fr. Ed Karasek

From Lockhart

**for celebrating Mass with us
Friday June 17th!**

THANK YOU

Congratulations to Deacon Pat Venglar on your 16th year in the Deaconate! And Thank you for the years of service to our community!

CONFIRMATION SUMMER CLASSES

starting on Wednesday June 8th upstairs at 6:30pm. Please register online at txstatecatholic.org/religious-education

These classes are open to those who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to this coming October. Classes are held once a week. Contact Deacon Cris Luna at donquixote_2000@yahoo.com With any questions.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

When we love, we give of ourselves for another. In today's Gospel, Jesus' host did not offer customary hospitality to Jesus, yet the "sinful woman" did offer her love. How well do we exhibit love for our families, neighbors, co-workers and strangers? Do others encounter God's love and forgiveness through our everyday actions? How much has God forgiven me? Do I do the same for others?

ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM)

Our Parish actively supports the *Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Policy* of the Austin Diocese. To that end, our Pastor expects the following groups to comply with the EIM requirements:

- Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound
- Religious Education Volunteers
- Missionaries
- Angels of Mercy Organization
- Youth Group Ministries
- Paid staff

All the members of our parish community are encouraged to be unified in support of this essential program.

OFFICIAL AUSTIN DIOCESE

POLICY: *The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm to any of our children or vulnerable adults. If you are aware of sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect, state law requires you to report that information. A "Confidential Notice of Concern" should be submitted to the Diocese. Forms can be found at austindiocese.org and in our Office. 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 on-line Application for Ministry prior to beginning their work/service and attend an EIM workshop*



**No 5pm Sunday Mass until August 21st
SUMMER MASSES
SCHEDULE**

Daily Masses will continue through the summer but will be changed according to Fr. Will's schedule. Please be sure to check our website and bulletin for up-to-date schedules. Fr. Will is out of the office June 13th-July 1st

He will be in for Sunday Masses. 10am and 7:30pm
**Sunday Summer Masses
10am and 7:30pm
This week**

June 13th-June 17th

- Mon., 12:30pm– Com. Svc
- Tues., 5:15pm– Com. Svc.
- Wed., 12:30pm– Com. Svc
- Thurs., 5:15pm– Com. Svc
- Fri., 12:30pm– Mass

ANGELS OF MERCY, A group of community members ready to assist other parishioners in need of meals for funerals or natural disaster relief. Glenn Broussard will be taking names and information, please find him by the reception desk after Mass today or next week. Or call the office. Volunteers are required to be EIM Compliant.