

READINGS

June 19, 2016

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1

Second Reading: Galatians 3: 26-29

Gospel: Luke 9: 18-24

STEWARDSHIP

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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.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples acknowledge him as "the Christ of God," the promised Messiah who will save the world. As a catechist, I often sensed this struggle in teenagers preparing for confirmation. The young people came with a wide range of faith formation prior to entering the program. Some had attended parish formation classes since they were in kindergarten; others had received rigorous religious education in Catholic school; and still others had only minimal catechesis since receiving their first Communion as second-graders. Each year, as the class progressed, I saw nearly all of the young people grow to an understanding and acceptance of who Jesus is. But not all seemed certain about their desire to be confirmed in the church. Interestingly, the individuals most conflicted were those who had a personal, spiritual relationship with Jesus. Invariably, as the day for the sacrament approached,

those young people would tell me, "I don't think I'm ready." They didn't take this step lightly. For them, coming into full participation in the church was a serious moment of truth. It meant making the decision to actively follow Jesus as a disciple with all the complications that entails. Most of these conscientious ones chose to be confirmed. But a few decided to wait until they felt sure they could hold up their end of the bargain. I've never worried for their souls. It was obvious they had a deep faith in Jesus as their guide and savior. Besides, the fact that they were stressing over whether they could serve him well enough revealed they already had taken up their crosses. QUESTION: What makes the difference for you between knowing who Jesus is and taking up your cross to follow him?

Adapted from: catholicnews.com

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 ...

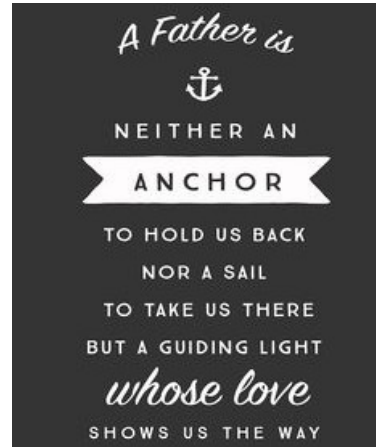
BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER

INTENTION FOR TODAY:

That having acknowledged Jesus as the Son of God, our lives would give witness to Him in all we do both in public and in private ...

**Thank you
Fr. Robert Becker
for celebrating Mass with us
Friday June 24th!**

Happy Father's Day!



**THANK YOU from
Deacon Pat**

I wish to extend a sincere, heart-filled THANK YOU to the community of OLOW. The lunch was fantastic, the friendships shared and words of support were so up lifting. It was my joy and blessing to have served you. Yours in Christ,
Deacon Pat

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Often we may just want to fit in and blend with the crowd. Are we recognizable Christian witnesses? Do others encounter Christ through us by our example and words? Are we clothed with Christ doing God's will or do we follow our own desires when the path is difficult?

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.

Our next special collection is June 26th, next Sunday for **PETER'S PENCE** Collection, reaches out to our brothers and sisters suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day. See our lobby display for handouts and ways to participate or on our website at txstatecatholic.org.

Please Note

**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 20th-June 24th
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.