

READINGS

August 28, 2016

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24A

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

STEWARDSHIP

August 21st.....\$3,773
St. Vincent De Paul.....\$848
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, Daniel Glaze, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

Pretending to be the least will not yield greatness in the kingdom of heaven. Luke is not presenting a stratagem to win approval. He is describing again something already expressed by Mary herself, that God routs the proud of heart, dethrones the worldly prince, and exalts the lowly. In such matters, faking it will not do the trick. Jesus' parable portrays people seeking the place of honor who are eventually asked to move, now blushing, to a lower place. "What you should do when you have been invited is go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host approaches you he will say, 'My friend, come up higher.'" This seems like a bit of advice from Dale Carnegie on how to win friends and influence people: If you want to look good, put on the mask of humility. But it is clear that Jesus is not offering mere courtly etiquette. He is talking about an existential reality. Those who exalt themselves, whether covertly or openly, will be humbled, and all who humble themselves shall be exalted. It

is not only guests who have the problem of ego-enhancement. The host does too. Elite house parties, whether hosted in Greek and Roman times or our own day, are honored by the best and brightest who attend. Such worldly wisdom is reversed as well. It is better, Jesus says, that we invite the unwanted and discarded to our dinners and be happy when they cannot repay us. For our payment will be in heaven. This poses a still deeper paradox. Is Jesus suggesting that we act humbly only for the reason that we might be exalted? Is he advising us to use the poor as our stepping stone to heaven's highest places? I think not. Jesus is speaking to a group of people who set traps to catch him, who seem to understand only the logic of self-enhancement. Even on their own terms, their tactics are self-defeating. No matter what tactic of self-promotion they try, they will fail.

from John Kavanaugh, SJ

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER

INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world ...

AND

That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty and love of neighbor ...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

How often are we motivated by power or prestige? It is a common human failing. Jesus is critical of worldly honor and teaches us to avoid exalting ourselves. He also questions the motives behind our good deeds. Do we treat well only those who will do good to us? Jesus asks us to offer hospitality to those who are unable to repay us. In so doing, we reflect God's generosity. He invites us to a banquet of infinite value that we can never repay.

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER

INTENTION FOR TODAY: That we would share our goods with those who are in need and cannot repay us ...

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS begins Thursday, Sept. 1st at 6:00pm, upstairs. You can register on the Our Lady of Wisdom website, www.txstatecatholic.org > "Spiritual Growth" tab!

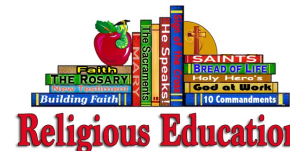


FR. CHARLIE BANKS is available for Spiritual

Direction this Tues., August 30th. Sign up in the Lobby for 30 min. appointments.

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
BIBLE STUDIES every day!
www.txstatecatholic.org



ENROLLMENT Children from age 5– 18 are welcomed to enroll in our Religious Education program. Enrollment forms are available online at txstatecatholic.org > Spiritual Growth > Religious Education. Costs are 1 child \$30, 2 children \$50, 3+ children \$75. **Mandatory** parent meeting is Sunday August 28th after the 10am Mass in the library. Classes begin Sunday September 11th at 8:45am. More information on our website.

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS and the Diocese of Austin Office of Young Adult Ministry invite you to the inaugural YCP Austin Cocktail Reception Benefit. Join special guest Bishop Joe Vásquez on Wednesday, Aug. 31st to hear about how YCP Austin is working towards the goals of the Diocese of Austin Pastoral Plan. Details and a link to RSVP may be found <https://www.picatic.com/YCPBenefit2016>. Please contact info@ycpaustin.org.

BOBCAT AWAKENING #48 A 3DAY retreat hosted by college students for college students is now accepting retreat applications! Available at the reception counter or online. Go to txstatecatholic.org/retreatant-app. Retreat dates are Friday– Sunday Sept. 23rd– 25th.



PARKING POLICY Starting Monday August 29th our parking will be reserved for permit parking only. We would like to invite those coming to daily Mass to park along our back fence line or to find street parking. Please be considerate.

ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM)

NEARBY OPPORTUNITY:
September 24, 2016
Saturday, 1:00pm– 3:15pm
St. John's in San Marcos

Please register at the Diocesan website ahead of time so that adequate material may be available. austindiocese.org > Quick Links Then > eAppsDB (for new applicants) Or > EIM Workshops (to register for a workshop)