

READINGS

September 25, 2016

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 6: 1A, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

STEWARDSHIP

September 18th.....\$1,817
Louisiana Flood Relief.....\$994.10
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.

What most absorbs your time, your attention, and your heart? In the parable of Lazarus and the rich man Jesus paints a dramatic scene of contrasts -- riches and poverty, heaven and hell, compassion and indifference, inclusion and exclusion. We also see an abrupt and dramatic reversal of fortune. Lazarus was not only poor, but incapacitated. He was "laid" at the gates of the rich man's house. The dogs which licked his sores probably also stole the little bread he procured for himself. Dogs in the ancient world symbolized contempt. Enduring the torment of these savage dogs only added to the poor man's miseries and sufferings. The rich man treated the beggar with contempt and indifference, until he found his fortunes reversed! The name Lazarus means God is my help. Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material treasure.

He not only had everything he needed, he indulged in his wealth to excess. He was too absorbed in what he had to notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven because he was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God. In the end the rich man became a beggar! Do you know the joy and freedom of possessing God as your only treasure? And is your hope securely anchored in heaven (see Hebrews 6:19)? "Lord, increase my hunger for you and for your way of happiness. Make me rich in the things of heaven and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others the treasure you have given to me."

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BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' INTENTION FOR TODAY:

That we respond to God's living Word, through our use of time, talent and treasure to serve the poor, abandoned, oppressed, neglected and rejected...

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center ...

AND

That by participating in the sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize ...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel addresses a fundamental question of how we use our resources of time, talent and treasure. Do we use them selfishly or do we use them to assist others in need, as well as to build up the Kingdom of God? Have we listened to God speaking to us in the Scriptures inviting us to relationship and service?

Thank You

TO THE WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) for hosting our Free Lunch this Tuesday, Sept. 27th!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING @ OLOW

Oct. 4th, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6th each class is on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in our Library. Catholic Church approved, and morally acceptable method for planning your family. Fulfills the Diocesan NFP requirement for marriage preparation. Cost is \$140 per couple for books & supplies. Register on line Contact: Randy and Grace-Marie Kolb phone: (512) 891-5341 email: rkolb@austin.rr.com

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 Tues., 11am-1pm in the Lobby
BIBLE STUDIES every day!
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CELEBRATION OF THE FRANCISCAN TRANSITUS

on Monday, October 3rd at 7 p.m. in St. Helen Catholic Church, 2700 E. University Avenue in Georgetown. By the St. Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. It is a beautiful liturgical celebration of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi from earthly life to eternal life and a tradition of all the Franciscans throughout the world. All are invited to join in the celebration and in a reception at the St. Rita Center following the service.



ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

We will soon be in need of a volunteer to care for the altar cloths, purificators, corporals, and lavabos, because Dorothy will be moving. Please call the office if you're interested in this essential ministry.

WELCOME

Fr. Jonathan Raia! Thank you for being here to celebrate our two evening Masses this Sunday, Sept. 25th and for continuing to help the Diocese of Austin with discernments to vocations.



FR. CHARLIE BANKS is available for Spiritual Direction this Tues., Sept. 27th. Sign up in the Lobby for 30 min. appointments.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL monthly second collection has been moved to this Sunday September 25th because of the Diocesan collection for the Louisiana flood relief. Thank you for your continued generosity for our community.



RIVERWALK FOR THE POOR: Benefiting St. Vincent De Paul Society in San

Marcos Join the SVDP Society on Sat., October 1st for their annual fundraiser. Activities begin at 7:30am with a Rosary followed by Mass at 8am. At 9am registration for participants will begin. After the walk snacks and refreshments will be served. Participant packets can be found at txstatecatholic.org.

WE PRAY for the more than 125 students attending Bobcat Awakening #48 this weekend.

May they be blessed by a conversion of heart and increase in faith. Thank you for your continued support!

