

READINGS

October 16, 2016

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14- 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

STEWARDSHIP

October 9th.....\$2,387

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.

PERSISTANT PRAYER – THE EUCHARIST Last Sunday we heard about an important form of prayer - gratitude, giving thanks. We noted that the Mass is the greatest prayer of thanksgiving. This Sunday we hear about another aspect of prayer: persistence. Persistence also applies to the Mass. If the Mass is the highest form of prayer, we must keep at it - weekly or even daily. The life and writings of St. Francis of Assisi illustrate persistent prayer, including the Eucharist. St. Francis left behind few writings, but the authentic works that we do have show the centrality of the Eucharist in his life. For example, Francis wrote a short letter to his fellow clerics in which he says, "In this world we have and see nothing corporally of the Most High except his Body and Blood." These are words of a man who treasured the Eucharist - and who was disturbed that so many took the Eucharist lightly. Francis' life cen-

tered on the Body and Blood of Christ. In his "Prayer Inspired by the Our Father" St. Francis gives a beautiful explanation of each phrase of the Lord's Prayer. But when he comes to "Our Daily Bread" he says simply, "Your Own Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ." That is the daily bread we should also desire - Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. So, St. Francis' life illustrates this Sunday's Gospel: to pray with persistence - and the most basic prayer is the Eucharist. As Francis says, the Eucharist is the one place where we corporally see and have the Most High. Like Francis we desire the Father's own Beloved Son be Our Daily Bread. Amen.

from Fr. Phil Bloom

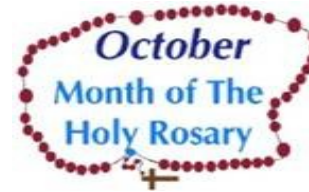
PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' INTENTION FOR TODAY: For the faithful, that we would be persistent in prayer and quick to assist those who cry out for justice ...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's readings speak of persistence, faith and trust. With so much violence and conflict in our society, we wonder where is God? The widow cried out for assistance and justice. The unscrupulous judge did not care about her or anyone else. Eventually the judge did what was right and the widow received justice. We might ask, "Where is God in this?" God is in the widow seeking justice and in the judge who delivered justice because of the persistence of the widow. God calls us to be persistent in praying for our needs while seeking assistance from the community with which He surrounds us. God also calls us out of self-centered isolation in order to be God's merciful hands of justice for others. Do we pray and seek, God? If we do not act for others, who will?

just a note...

Next Sunday, October 23rd we will have a special collection for World Missions throughout the Diocese of Austin. Thank you for your support!



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ROSARY every Sunday 9:30am in the Chapel

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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A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VÁSQUEZ

As we approach the upcoming presidential election, I strongly recommend that the faithful of the Diocese read Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility. This document provides the necessary guidance for Catholics seeking to make informed decisions about voting. In addition, I invite you to visit our webpage on Faithful Citizenship that has many valuable resources for the individual and our parishes. As a reminder to our parishes and the faithful: no documents related to the election may be distributed on church property except for Faithful Citizenship and voter registration cards.

USCCB Join the US Bishops in fasting and praying on Fridays as we prepare to elect new leaders. Participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for the upcoming elections.

OCTOBER IS

PRO-LIFE MONTH

Pick up your Baby banks Today! All boxes will be picked up at the end of October and the money raised goes to the Diocesan office of Pro-Life as well as our own Bobcats for Life.

DONATION DRIVE

The men of Lambda Omega Alpha invite you to join them in donating to the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center Until Oct. 31st. Items can be placed in the large tub in the lobby. Please see the tub for a list of items needed.

WORLD PRIEST DAY

Thursday Oct. 20 Honor our priests along with deacons and seminarians within the Diocese of Austin at St. William Parish in Round Rock. World Priest Day is a celebration and affirmation of the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the church via the sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for our priests.