

READINGS

October 30, 2016

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 11: 22-12:2

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

STEWARDSHIP

October 23rd.....\$2,639
World Missions.....\$456.51

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.

All Saints Day is a day on which we thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and Heavenly glory as a reward for their Faith. In fact, we celebrate the feast of each canonized saint on a particular day of the year. But there are countless other saints and martyrs, men, women and children united with God in Heavenly glory, whose feasts we do not celebrate. All Saints' Day is intended to honor their memory. The feast is observed to teach us to honor the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us. Today, the Church reminds us that God's call for holiness is universal, that all of us are called to live in His love and to make His love real in the lives of those around us. *Reasons why we honor the saints:* (1) The saints put their trust in Christ and lived heroic lives of Faith. (2) The saints are our role models, teaching us that Christ's holy life of un-

conditional love, mercy, and forgiveness can be lived by ordinary people of all walks of life and at all times. (3) The saints are our heavenly mediators who intercede for us. (4) The saints are the instruments that God uses to work miracles at present. This feast offers a challenge to each one of us: anybody can become a saint, regardless of his or her age, lifestyle or living conditions. St. Augustine accepted this challenge when he asked the question: "If others can become saints, why can't I?" On the feast of All Saints the Church invites us and challenges us to walk the walk of the saints and not just talk the talk. Today is also a day for us to pray to the saints, asking them to pray on our behalf that we may live our lives in faithfulness like theirs, and so receive the same reward.

Fr. Anthony Kadavil

Next Women of Wisdom (WOW) meeting is next Sun., Nov. 6th.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus seeks out and saves the lost. Tax collectors were despised for making a living by extorting money from their neighbors. Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector, yet Jesus chose to stay in his home! When we get a glimpse of Jesus' presence in our lives, what is our response? Do we shut our hearts and hide our sins or do we confess and make amends with those whom we have offended? Are we running quickly with joy to receive Christ or are we standing quietly in the crowd?

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For all Christians, that we would readily respond to the unexpected graces that are presented to us each and every day, we pray ...

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married couples are invited to strengthen, renew and rekindle their marriage sacrament at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: Nov. 11-13 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton.

Visit www.austinme.org or contact Steve and Linda Jaramillo at (512) 667-9963 or wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

Interested in leading the Sunday morning Rosary? Contact Sawndra in the office M-F

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!
Visit www.txstatecatholic.org

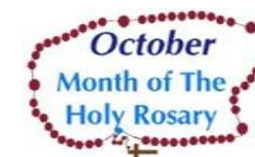


The annual diocesan **Catholic Services Appeal** will be conducted Sunday November 6th. Each year, our bishop asks every one of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries. By sharing the gifts God has granted us, we can work together to care for the Church.

Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue Christ's work of spirituality, charity and education.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Our Development Office needs your help! We are looking for 4 interns (All ages welcomed) to start working with our office in January. Weekly hour commitment would vary from 4-12 hours. Ask Daniel Glaze, Development Director if you have questions. Go to our website for more details Www.txstatecatholic.org



Catholic Relief Services **special collection TODAY** Sun., Oct. 30th, for Hurricane relief in Haiti.

RETURN YOUR BABY BANKS

Drop off your Baby banks today! Thank you for your commitment to Life! Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish with Bobcats for Life and throughout the diocese. If you forgot your Baby Bank, please drop it off at the office this week.

TAMALES FOR SALE

Starting Sunday, Nov. 13th, after all Masses. The men of Lambda Omega Alpha will be taking pre-orders for tamale dozens. These tamales will be homemade by the men and their mothers the weekend of Nov. 19th. All orders will be ready Sun., Nov. 20th. \$10 a dozen. Thank you for your support!

Join Us for

ALL SAINTS DAY (A Holy Day of Obligation) Tuesday November 1st Mass at 12:30pm and 5:15pm followed by Adoration until 9pm.