

READINGS

November 13, 2016

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

STEWARDSHIP

November 6th.....\$3,582

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.

CLOSING THE HOLY DOORS IN ROME

As the Jubilee Year of Mercy nears its conclusion, the Holy Doors at three major Roman basilicas will be closed on Sun., Nov. 13th; the Holy Door at St. Peter's basilica will remain open until the next Sun., Nov. 20th, the *Feast of Christ the King*, when the Jubilee Year comes to an end. A Holy Door traditionally refers to an entrance located within the Papal Major Basilicas in Rome. The doors are sealed by mortar and cement from the inside so that they cannot be opened. They are ceremoniously opened during Jubilee years designated by the Pope, so pilgrims who enter through those doors may piously gain the plenary indulgences attached with the Jubilee year celebrations. In Oct. 2015, Pope Francis broke with tradition in having each Roman Catholic diocese throughout the world designate one or more local Holy Doors during

the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, so that Catholics could gain the plenary indulgences granted without having to travel to Rome. *Wikipedia* In Catholic tradition, the Holy Door represents the passage to salvation which was opened to humanity by Jesus. It also symbolizes an entryway to God's mercy - "the bridge that connects God and humanity, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness," *Pope Francis* "The door of a church marks the divide between the sacred and profane, separating the church's interior from the outside world. It is the boundary defining welcome and exclusion," *Cardinal Virgilio Noe* The door is also a symbol of Mary - the mother, the dwelling of the Lord. But the door especially represents Christ himself - the one and only way to eternal life. "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved." *John (10:9)*

-Carol Glatz Catholic News Service

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Our Lord reminds us not to place our hope in buildings or people but in Jesus himself. Trusting entirely in him will give us wisdom in times of difficulty and persecution. God is always reaching out to us to grow closer to him, perhaps through increased private prayer, meditation and contemplation; a prayer group or a Bible study; or through spiritual reading. Consider the prayer that echoes last Sunday's Gospel, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." How can you respond to God's mercy?

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ'

INTENTION FOR TODAY: For the faithful, that mindful of our baptism we may recognize in each day the opportunities God gives us to be messengers of God's love in the midst of doubt and conflict ...

REMINDER:

This Sunday we have our monthly collection for St. Vincent De Paul. Thank you for your continued generosity!

WE PRAY FOR

Bishop Joe Vásquez will ordain 17 men to the permanent diaconate through the Sacrament of Holy Orders Sat., Nov. 19th at St. William Parish in Round Rock.

Interested in leading the Sunday morning Rosary? Even if you are inexperienced! Contact Sawndra in the office M-F 512-392-5925

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
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NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

Nov. 13-19

This years' theme "The Bible: A Book of Mercy," builds on the observance of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, declared by Pope Francis. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has made resources available at: www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/index.cfmm
Additionally, a seven-day *Journey of Mercy* featuring the work of Bishop Robert Barron, highlighting biblical insights is available.
Sign up for daily Bible messages sent to your phone or inbox.
www.journeymaker.org

JOIN US!

Annual student Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, Nov. 20th at 6pm
Please sign up in the Lobby to serve or clean up after the meal, to bring a turkey, sides, dessert, etc.



THANKSGIVING BREAK

the office and building will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 1pm through Friday November 25th at 10pm. There will be NO Masses on Thursday November 24th or Friday November 25th
Normal business hours and Masses will resume Sunday November 27th.

TAMALES FOR SALE

Starting today, 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. Thanks for your support!

AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER
10am, 282; 5pm, 133 ;
7:30pm, 114