

**READINGS**

*November 27, 2016*

*First Sunday of Advent*

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

**STEWARDSHIP**

November 20th.....\$2,475  
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.....\$538.49

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.

**First Sunday of Advent**

When we, through accident, chance, or some other unexpected event, become aware of God’s activity in our lives, we suddenly pay attention — we wake up. And in that moment we likely think that God’s coming to us is sudden, unexpected. God has, however, always been there. He is actively present to us all of the time. It’s our awareness of Him that has changed. We often speak of Advent as being a season in which we prepare for the Lord’s coming into our lives. Perhaps we should see it as a season of heightened awareness, for the truth is that we should be looking for God already at work in our lives every day. God is always offering Himself to us. We, however, are not always paying attention. Advent is a time to conscientiously, deliberately, and with awareness respond to His offer of Himself to us. Our lives are cluttered with too many things demanding our attention, draining us of our energies, and blinding us to the big picture. Only God has

what we need.

Can we trace the writing of God’s finger as He sends us His messages, making time during Advent to come to some daily Advent Masses, attend Communal Penance Services, read from the bible, spend extra time in thoughtful reflection and quiet prayer? We can. ... if we take the time and make the space to do so. The big question is not what we can do – it’s what we will do. We live in the time after September 11th. We live in an age of terrorism. We live in an economic mess. We live with a lot of emotional anxieties. We would do well to ask ourselves the question: “Where is God in all of this?” and then, seriously, during this Advent, pursue answers to that question. God always wants to be sought. All lovers do.

*from Fr. Charles Irvin*



**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

In our busy lives, we have the tendency to run from one event or project to another. In the midst of our business, are we running toward the Lord or have worldly distractions and concerns captured our attention? Advent is a season of preparation. Are your daily tasks done for God’s glory? Are you prepared to meet the Lord at any moment?

**PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ’ INTENTION FOR TODAY:**

For our communities of faith, that, by being attentive to Christ’s constant presence, we may be prepared to greet Christ when he comes again, we pray ...

**Interested in leading a 9:30am Sunday morning Rosary? Even if you are inexperienced! Contact Sawndra in the office M-F 512-392-5925**

**ADVENT WREATH BLESSING**

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family. Go to USCCB.org for the prayer.

**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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[www.txstatecatholic.org](http://www.txstatecatholic.org)

**FULLNESS OF TRUTH CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE**

*Mary, the New Eve: Heaven’s Strategy for Spiritual Warfare*  
Fri. & Sat., Dec. 2-3, 2016  
Santa Cruz Catholic Church  
1100 Main St. Buda  
General Admission: \$35  
VIP: \$70

Family Passes: \$85  
Clergy & Religious: Free  
Box lunch included with all tickets

For more information go to [www.fullnessoftruth.org](http://www.fullnessoftruth.org)

**ADVENT SILENT RETREAT FRI. DEC. 2ND– SAT. DEC. 4**

It’s that time of the year again. We know the hustle and bustle of the Advent and Christmas season can become hectic and chaotic. Here’s an opportunity to prepare yourself for the spirituality of the season. We are offering our Silent Advent Retreat in the beauty and peace of Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton to reflect on the true meaning of the season. Spiritual direction will be provided during this retreat that runs from Friday Dec. 2nd to Sunday Dec. 4th. For more information or to register, call (254) 780-2436.

**DOMINICAN RETREAT**

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist invite young Catholic Women ages 16 to 32 to attend a Vocation Discernment Retreat. The retreat is Saturday Dec. 10th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Convent in Buda, TX. The retreat includes Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and the Divine Office prayed with the sisters, talks and testimonies about women’s religious life and discernment, and more. Come with an openness to seek a deeper relationship with Christ and a desire to know the path of holiness. Registration is \$25 per person. Go to [www.sistersofmary.org](http://www.sistersofmary.org) for more information and to register.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

Be spiritually prepared for the Christmas season! Penance Service **here is Tues., Dec. 6th**  
Advent begins Nov. 27, 2016  
Wimberley, Mon., Dec. 5th  
Buda, Wed., Dec. 14th  
Kyle, Mon., Dec. 19th  
San Marcos, Wed., Dec. 21st  
**ALL services begin at 7pm.**