

**READINGS**  
*December 25, 2016*  
*Christmas Day*  
 First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6  
 Gospel: John 1: 1-18

**STEWARDSHIP**  
 December 18th.....\$678  
 St. Vincent De Paul.....\$636  
 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.

**READINGS**  
*January 1, 2017*  
*Solemnity, Mary Mother of God*  
 First Reading: Numbers 6: 22-27  
 Second Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7  
 Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21

**READINGS**  
*January 8, 2017*  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
 Isaiah 60: 1-6  
 Ephesians 3: 2-3A, 5-6  
 Matthew 2: 1-12

Today as we celebrate the beginning of a new year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Mother of God, the oldest of all Marian feasts in our liturgy. Perhaps we, in our personal emotional involvement with Mary, even lose sight of her genuine place in our faith and Church. We run the very real risk of simply sentimentalizing her, and thereby trivializing Christ. What the church offers is its own spiritual and prayerful experience, its reflections on her throughout the millennia. And this is to the good, because what we today understand of our Lady is a reflection of the Church's prayer and insight, of the Church being led by the Holy Spirit to develop an understanding of why Mary does in fact have a special role

in our lives. But we ought always to remember that development in the Church is about one thing only: in our attempt to understand God, we grow in comprehension of the meaning of the Incarnation in our world and life. It is in this light that we must reflect on the Mother of God, mother of Jesus Incarnate. And just as Mary interpreted and pondered all things in her heart, so does the Church reflect on her and the Incarnation through its liturgy, its writings and its faith. That is why her oldest feast is celebrated within the octave of Christmas, of Emmanuel, of God with us: for all devotion to Mary is a corollary to our devotion to, following of, and worship of Christ.

*Fr. Aelred Niespolo, O.S.*

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS**  
*December 25th*  
 Today we celebrate the incarnation of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior! How will your family celebrate the birth of Christ?  
*January 1st*  
 Today we celebrate Our Blessed Mother, Mary. She said "Yes" to the Lord with faith in His plan. May we all have such faith and love for our Father.  
*January 8th*  
 On this great feast we celebrate the coming of the Magi. Yet the King they come to honor lives in obscurity and poverty. This king was born to lift up and save the lives of the poor as the Psalm reminds us. This king will govern with justice! As this New Year begins, can we make a resolution to show homage to Christ by loving and serving the poor as he does? Can we praise Him by practicing works of charity and justice?

**MATCHING GIFT COLLECTION**  
 Thank you to all those who participated in our Matching Gift collection last month. We exceeded our \$20,000 goal and raised a total of \$40,376.56!  
 With this we can continue our mission of reaching every student on campus!

**Join us on**  
**Saturday February 11, 2017**  
**San Marcos, TX**  
**Embassy Suites**

*Our Lady of Wisdom's*  
 FIRST ANNUAL  
**MARDI GRAS**  
  
 Gala

Tickets are available for purchase here:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-lady-of-wisdom-mardi-gras-gala-tickets-28169399432>

The night will begin with cocktail hour followed by dinner and live auction. Blue Water Highway Band will end the evening with live music!

If you would like to sponsor or purchase a full table, please contact Fr. Hayden Vaverek at [frhayden@yahoo.com](mailto:frhayden@yahoo.com)

**ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM) NEARBY OPPORTUNITIES:**  
**January 7, 2017**  
**Saturday, 9:30am– 11:30am**  
**Santa Cruz in Buda &**  
**January 9, 2017**  
**Monday, 7:00pm– 9:00pm**  
**St. Anthony's in Kyle**

Please register at the Diocesan website ahead of time so that adequate material may be available.  
[austindiocese.org](http://austindiocese.org) >  
 Quick Links  
 Then > eAppsDB (for new applicants)  
 Or > EIM Workshops (to register for a workshop)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
 Will not meet December 18th—January 1st for the Christmas break.  
 First class day after is Sun. Jan. 8th at 8:45am

**Now scheduling for the beginning of the new year. Interested in leading a 9:30am Sunday morning Rosary? Even if you are inexperienced! Contact Sawndra in the office M-F 512-392-5925**

**REMINDER:**  
 Sunday January 1, 2017, Diocesan collection for pro-life activities in the Diocese.

**FAN INTO FLAME**  
 Fri-Sun Feb. 3rd– 5th, 2017  
 Do you want or need to get reconnected to the Lord? Do you want to light a spark in your spiritual life? The Fan into Flame retreat is the opportunity for you to do so!  
 Contact Andres Sanchez at [asanc1234@gmail.com](mailto:asanc1234@gmail.com) or 956-975-8000 for details.



**CHRISTMAS BREAK SCHEDULE**  
 Except for Masses listed below, the office and the building will be closed from Thu., Dec.22nd-Sun., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Masses during that time:**

<b>Sat. Dec. 24</b> <i>(Christmas Eve)</i>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 25</b> <i>(Christmas Day)</i>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Sun. Jan. 1</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	<b>5:00pm</b>
	<b>7:30pm</b>
<i>(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)</i>	
Sun. Jan. 8	10:00am
Sun. Jan. 15	10:00am
	5:00pm
	7:30pm

**All WEEKLY ACTIVITIES** will resume with the start of the spring semester. January 17, 2017.  
 Have a great Christmas break!