

READINGS

June 8, 2014

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

STEWARDSHIP

June 1st Collection.....\$1,977

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, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Rosary every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge
- All other activities will resume in the fall*

SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Until the Fall Semester, there will be **one Sunday Mass at 10:00am.**
- Daily Masses Mon - Fri. During the summer will vary according to Fr. Will's schedule. You may call the office for a specific Mass.
- Office closes at 5:00pm Mon – Thu, and at 3:00pm on Fridays.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Travis County State Jail has asked the Catholic Church to help staff the visitor center on Saturdays and Sundays. Responsibilities include greeting visiting family members. Volunteers would not enter the unit, but the visitation facility, just in front of the unit. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can set their own hours. 8101 FM 969 in Austin. Please contact either Chaplain David Fuller at (512) 926-4482 or John Gilluly at (512) 949-2460

CORPUS CHRISTI procession at Saint Mary Cathedral in Austin will celebrate its 4th annual Corpus Christi Procession on Sun., June 22nd after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All are invited to join. Parish groups are welcome to bring their banners. Procession will end at the Capitol Rotunda For more information contact Deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez at guadalupe-rodriguez@austindiocese.org

6th ANNUAL MEN'S MASS hosted by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men

invite all Catholic Men to celebrate Mass with Bishop Joe Vasquez and your brothers in Christ. Last year over 500 men attended. Saturday, July 19th at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10am. St. Mary's is located at 203 East 10th St. Austin, TX.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

by W.O.W. (Women of Wisdom) for the parish bazaar Saturday, November 15th are gathering all kinds of recipes for a well rounded cookbook. Please send your recipes to Mary Bishop at mhbishop55@gmail.com Or you can put your recipes in the box located in the lobby. Please include your name and phone number along with the recipe by Sun., July 13th. All are welcome to participate!

BOBCAT AWAKENING #41 An energy filled weekend with great talks, small groups, prayer and Sacraments. Open to all college students. Fill out an Application online under the Spiritual Growth tab, "Bobcat Awakening", or come by the front office and fill out a paper copy. Cost is \$35.

DISCERNMENT DINNER for single, Catholic men, age 18 and older, with an openness to a priestly vocation and discernment will be held Wed., June 11th, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Borromeo House in Austin. The evening includes dinner, prayer, and a presentation. Contact Father Brian McMaster at (512) 949-2430 or fr-brian-mcmaster@austindiocese.org

CONGRATULTIONS!

Fr. Will's 5th Ordination Anniversary was this past Friday, June 6th and **Deacon Pat's 14th Ordination Anniversary** is next Tuesday, June 17th. All are invited to stay after the 10am Mass today for cake, pot luck, fellowship and celebration.



PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For those who will be traveling this summer, may they have safe travels and a safe return ...

SUMMER CHANGES:

Fr. Will out of the office this Tues.-Wed., June 10th & 11th.

We will have Communion Services all these days.

JUNE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

June 15th– St. Vincent De Paul

June 22nd– Peter's Pence

June 29th– Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

REMINDER

Reconciliation will be offered next Sunday, June 15th from 9am-9:45am by Fr. Will

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we celebrate Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit comes upon us during the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate our "baptism day" with great joy – like a birthday. Do you know the dates of your baptism and confirmation? Look them up and mark them on your calendar.



The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 16:9-11). In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14). The Spirit seals the new law and

new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2-8; Romans 8:2). The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth. As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45,47). Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church. We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity - fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

*Scott Hahn, Ph.D.
This Sunday Bible Reflections*