

**READINGS**

November 2, 2014

*The Commemoration of All the Faithfully Departed*

First Reading: Wisdom 3: 1-9

Second Reading: Romans 5: 5-11

Gospel: John 6: 37-40

**STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Collection.....\$1,627  
Diocesan Collection for World Missions....\$737  
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.

**ALL SOULS DAY** follows All Saints Day, and commemorates the faithful departed. We believe that not everyone who dies in God's grace is immediately ready for Heaven, so they must be purified of "lesser faults," and the temporal effects of sin. The Church calls this purification "purgatory." Our teaching on Purgatory essentially requires belief in two realities: 1. that there will be a purification of believers prior to entering heaven and 2. that the prayers and Masses of the faithful in some way benefit those in the state of purification. As to the duration, place, and exact nature of this purification, the Church has no official dogma, although Saint Augustine and others used fire as a way to explain the nature of the purification. Many faithful Catholics, including Pope Benedict XVI, understand that Purgatory may be best thought of as an "existential state" as opposed to a temporal place. In other words, because Purgatory is outside created time and

space, it is not necessarily accurate to speak of a location or duration of Purgatory. Nonetheless, the prayers and Masses of the faithful do have an impact on the purification that the faithful are undergoing in Purgatory. Many non-Catholics, including C.S. Lewis, have believed in Purgatory. As a more everyday explanation, many liken Purgatory to a place or state where one gets "cleaned up" before entering into the presence of Almighty God.

*Adapted from churchyear.net*

**AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE OCTOBER**

10am, 265 ; 5pm, 122 ; 7:30pm, 102

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Jesus says in today's Gospel that he "will not reject anyone who comes to me" and we will be raised on the last day. Do you pray regularly for the souls in purgatory? Pray for them today.

**PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:**

That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.

**AND**

That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world.

**BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:**

For those who fear death as an end, that they may come to realize it is the beginning of a new life ...

If you would like to join the Women of Wisdom please go to the meeting today after the 10am Mass!

**JOIN US!**

2nd Annual Church Bazaar Hosted by Women of Wisdom (WOW) Saturday, Nov. 15th 9am-3pm



**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**ROSARY** every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge

**ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament *Tuesdays* 5:45-9pm and *Mornings* Mon-Fri 8:30-9:30am in the Chapel

**FREE LUNCH** every Tuesday 11am-1pm in the Lobby

**BOBCATS FOR LIFE** 2nd & 4th Thursdays 6pm in the Library

**PRAYER MEETING** 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30pm upstairs

**BIBLE STUDIES** every day!

*CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION*

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK** is an annual (The first full week in November) week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Today we welcome seminarian Doug Jeffers to all Masses to kick-off the week for us!

**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK** will be at St. John's: **Saturday, November 15th from 10am-2pm.** Accepting furniture, clothing, household items, etc. No appliances or computer equipment please. These items are sold in the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store (Austin) and the proceeds used to assist the poor and needy to include those of San Marcos. Thanks for your support.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER** for single, Catholic men with an openness to a priestly vocation. Evening includes dinner, evening prayer, and discussion about priesthood, seminary, and discernment. The next dinner is Wed., Nov. 12 from 7-8:30 pm *RSVP to* Fr. Jonathan Raia (512) 949-2430

**SEMINIARY TRIP** next Sunday, November 9th our Focus team director, Andrew Nistler will be traveling with any interested men to Houston's St. Mary's Seminary for a Mass and tour of life at a seminary. Contact Andrew at 406-202-1270 or Andrew.Nistler@focus.org if you are interested. They will be leaving at 7am and will return around 3pm.

**WELCOME** Fr. Jonathon Raia to our 5:15pm Mass on Thurs., Nov. 6th.



**CSA** The annual diocesan Catholic Services Appeal

will be conducted next Sunday November 9<sup>TH</sup>. Once a year, our bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries. This effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity and education.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** Father Mark Hamlet, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Austin, will discuss Our Lady of Guadalupe: the New Evangelization and Culture, at Theology on Tap on Nov. 6 at Santa Rita Cantina (Escarpment Village 5900 W. Slaughter Ln. in Austin). Music and fellowship begins at 6 p.m. and the presentation begins at 7p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Kodysz at (512) 949-2467.



All eligible voters are reminded that Election Day is this Tues. Nov. 4.