

READINGS

August 9, 2015

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 4-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 30-5: 2

Gospel: John 6: 41-51

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection August 2nd.....\$3,689

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 their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

EAT AND LIVE FOREVER

There was one brief, shining moment in the Bible where things were pretty good. We had safety, and security, we had the Presence of God walking among us. We had a nice garden. And then we blew it. We had only been given one "thou shalt not," and we couldn't manage it. So we ate of the tree. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. But, you know, there was another tree in the Garden...The Tree of Life. And what happened when you ate of this tree? Well, when God talks of the consequences of eating from the Tree of Knowledge: Then the Lord said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.' So...obviously...we ate from the wrong tree. We were never told that we couldn't eat from the Tree of Life...but we ate from the tree that we were told not to. We could have lived forever. In that garden.

With God. We were so close. It could have been great. In John chapter 6, Jesus talks about this bread in a familiar way: This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever. Jesus is speaking of himself. He's speaking of the benefits of believing and abiding in him. Of consuming him, and making him a part of us, and us a part of him. And... he's so very clearly identifying himself as the new creation. The new garden. The new tree. The new fruit. In Eden it could have been great, but we messed it up. But, now, in Jesus it can be great again. And, great forever.

Adapted from: RickMorely.com

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus invites us to believe in Him as the Bread of Life. May our understanding of the sacrament of Eucharist deepen each time we come to Mass.

CENTENNIAL CORNER

Key Events to remember:

Campus Walk & Mass: Sat., August 29th

Gala: Sat., November 7th
Start participating in

100 Acts of Kindness!
#100ActsofOLOW

Follow us on Twitter for details
@OLWisdomtxst

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For those who labor outdoors in the heat of summer ...



CAMPUS WALK

Our Lady of Wisdom is celebrating 100 years of Campus Ministry at

Texas State and we invite you to come and celebrate with us at the Centennial Walk on Saturday August 29th! We will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 8am and then join together for a walk thru campus. All are invited and welcomed!

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK will be at St. John's: **Saturday, August 22nd, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm.** 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 continued support of this great ministry.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ROSARY every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays at 6:30pm at 421 Lindsay St

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

txstatecatholic.org

MEMORIAL DAY FLOOD VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED: Serve San Marcos is bringing together volunteers and nonprofits in the area at the Regional Volunteer Center office at 126 W. Hopkins. Contact them at 512-753-2320 or serveSanMarcos.org. Many homes are still in need of assistance. Minimum age of volunteers is 14yrs. old, please wear closed toed shoes, long pants, hats, sun screen, work gloves and safety glasses. If possible bring your own tools, hammers, crow bars, box cutters, hand-saws or chainsaws. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided. A personal water bottle is handy. Please check in BEFORE going to affected areas.

BABY CLOTHES NEEDED

The Gabriel Project Life Center of Catholic Charities of Central Texas serves hundreds of families each year. They educate families on nutrition and child care and provide material items for women and their children who are in need. With the hot summer months coming, they are in need of children's clothes from newborn to 24 months. For more information, contact Yjaira Lara at (512) 651-6120.



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

normally a Holy Day of Obligation. The obligation is transferred to

Sunday this year, but we will offer **Mass on Saturday, August 15th at 10am.**

SUMMER MASSES

Daily Masses will continue but may change according to Fr. Will's schedule.

Sunday Summer Masses 10am and 7:30pm

This week

August 10th – 14th

Mon., 12:30pm– Mass

Tues., 5:15pm– Com. Svc.

Wed., 12:30pm– Mass

Thurs., 5:15pm– Mass

Fri., 12:30pm– Mass

Fr. Will is in the office this week

Office hours

Regular Mass schedule and office hours resume next Sunday, **August 16th**. With Three Sunday Masses 10am, 5pm and 7:30pm.

REMINDER: Texas State Students will begin moving in August 14th-17th!

