

READINGS

November 15, 2015

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday November 8th\$2,972

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.

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death. Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. We also would heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment. In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery,

especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time. Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

From Loyola Press

Thank You Fr. T.J. Dolce, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for being here this Sunday!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own ...

AND

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope ...

BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For the Church, may our focus be on Christ who is always near ...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

As we experience difficulties and challenges in life, we must remember that Jesus is there sending his angels, his messengers to draw us in. Our encounter with Christ calls us to long for and cling to him. What are the things upon which I rely rather than clinging to Christ? Christ is always near and closest in our need.

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

NIGHT PRAYER hosted by the men of Lambda Omega Alpha, 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings after Adoration.

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

BOBCATS FOR LIFE Wednesdays 6:15pm in the Library

BIBLE STUDIES every day!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.txstatecatholic.org

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK will be at St. John's: **Saturday, Nov. 21st, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm.** Accepting furniture, clothing, household items, etc. No appliances or computer equipment please. Items sold SVDP Thrift Store (Austin). Thanks for your continued support!

RETURN YOUR BABY BANKS before Thanksgiving break Half of our collection goes to Bobcats for Life. The other towards Diocesan wide Pro-Life efforts. Thank you for your support.

THANKSGIVING BREAK the office and building will be closed Wednesday, November 25th at 1pm through Friday November 27th at 10pm. There will be NO Masses on Thursday November 26th or Friday November 27th

Normal business hours and Masses will resume Sunday November 29th.

FR. WILL OUT OF THE OFFICE

Until November 20th Fr. Will is out of the office on a pilgrimage in the Holy Land.

Please pray for him and those accompanying him.



While he is out please stay up to date on daily services by checking the website or calling the office. Please welcome our visiting priests!

THANK YOU to the Women of Wisdom for a wonderful and successful 3rd annual Bazaar

JOIN US!

Annual student Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 6pm

Please sign up in the Lobby to serve or clean up after the meal, to bring a turkey, sides, dessert, etc.

WISDOM PRAISE & WORSHIP night Thurs. evening, Nov. 19th at 7pm in the Chapel.



CSA– Thank you to those who participated in The annual diocesan Catholic

Services Appeal. Once a year, our bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries. Experience the joy of giving as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity and education. There is still time to turn in your envelope this week.

SPECIAL COLLECTION Next Sunday November 22nd is the Diocesan Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Thank you for your generosity.

NEXT SUNDAY CONFESSIONS BEFORE 10AM MASS