

**READINGS**

January 31, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

**STEWARDSHIP**

January 24th.....\$1,980  
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.

**SHARING CHRIST’S LOVE, PATIENCE, AND KINDNESS WITH OTHERS**

Homilists sometimes suggest beginning these descriptive sentences with your own name, as a form of examination of conscience. “John is patient, John is kind.” But this can lead to discouragement. What immediately leaps to mind is the many situations that called for patience, kindness, or endurance—but we came up short. “John never fails”? Not me! Maybe a better approach would be to plug in the name of Jesus instead your name. Jesus is patient. Picture him pausing and waiting until the man slowed down by blindness makes his way forward to ask for healing. Jesus is kind. Imagine him taking the hand of the man who can neither hear nor speak and leading him away from the crowd to heal him in a more intimate setting. Jesus never fails. See him, wearied from ministering all day, still tending to the multitudes who come asking for help. Now, realize one more thing. Jesus

Christ lives in you through your baptism. You have been given a share of his risen life—and his unconditional love. This means that you can draw on his stores of patience and kindness whenever you need to. Pope Francis often reminds us that every command in Scripture is accompanied by a promise. Yes, God calls us to be loving, and this passage spells out what that love looks like. It’s a high standard. But we are also gifted in Christ with the power to love as he loves, to be patient as he is patient, and to share his kindness with everyone around us. It’s one of the most encouraging paradoxes of the Christian life: the more inadequate you feel, the more effective you can be. It doesn’t take much to plunge your hands and heart into Jesus’ storehouse of love and find everything you need. “*Jesus, thank you for making your home in me. Help me today to extend your kind and patient love to everyone I encounter today.*”

adapted from: **The Word Among Us** ( www.wau.org)  
<http://nfcemusa.org/sunday-readings-questions>

**PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice ...

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That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions

**ALSO BISHOP VÁSQUEZ’ PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:**

For all the faithful, called to be modern disciples and prophets, that by making God’s mercy known to all people, our world may be drawn into love and peace which is God, we pray...

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

**MASS**

7:30am and 12:30pm

**LITURGY & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

4pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm

5pm only on campus, location TBD

**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!  
[www.txstatecatholic.org](http://www.txstatecatholic.org)

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

God formed us in the womb and knows each of us intimately. God calls each of us and continues to shape us in Christ to be living icons of God’s presence. Any parent knows children remember our actions much more than our words. How can I proclaim the Gospel in my actions? Does my life express the joy and mercy of the Gospel? How may I seek the Lord’s presence in order to be a more faithful disciple?

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK**

"The upcoming observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Sunday/Valentine's Day (Sunday, Feb. 14) provide an opportunity to celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage and to affirm and support engaged and married couples." - Bishop Richard Malone

**EIM REFRESHER WORKSHOP**

EIM Refresher in Kyle, Tues. 2/9, 7:00 – 8:15pm All clergy and paid staff, and all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to complete a one-time Application for Ministry prior to beginning their work/service, and attend an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Online applications are now required. Please register at <http://www.austindiocese.org> Go to “Quick Links” top right then “EIM workshops”

**LAMBDA OMEGA ALPHA INFO MEETINGS**

Do you love the Lord? Do you love brotherhood? Our Catholic service fraternity invites all young men to Information meetings today Jan. 31st and next Sunday Feb. 7th after the 10am and 5pm Masses. Please meet them in the lobby.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK will be at St.**

**John’s: Saturday, February 6th from 10 am-1pm.**

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.

**BOBCAT AWAKENING #46**

**Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.** An energy filled weekend with great talks, small groups, prayer and Sacraments. Open to college students at Texas State. Apps online & our website search, “Bobcat Awakening”, paper copies in the lobby. Cost is \$35.

**MU EPSILON THETA**

will be selling their salsa next Sunday! For Super Bowl Sunday! Salsa is \$7– pint or \$12– quart. They will be in our lobby after the 10am and 5pm Masses. Thank you for your continued support of our student organizations!

**MARDI GRAS**

Join us for a Mardi Gras celebration Tuesday, Feb. 9th from 11am-5pm. We will have food, fun, music and pictures with Pope Francis!