

**READINGS**

February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8-13

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

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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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation. Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scrip-

ture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness. This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil. Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

*Adapted from loyolapress.com*

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

For the Elect preparing for Easter sacraments, that they will be guided and strengthened by our example of prayer, fasting, and acts of charity and mercy as together we carry our crosses and follow the Lord, we pray...

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Today's gospel account of the Transfiguration occurs eight days after Jesus' first prediction of his Passion. Moses and Elijah speak to Jesus about his coming exodus. Like the apostles, we at times may want to linger in places that are pleasant and avoid challenging or painful situations. Today's gospel gives us encouragement in our Lenten journey. The voice from heaven encourages us to listen attentively to Jesus. Are we willing to act when Jesus invites us to confront challenges and situations?

**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** Thursdays 6:30pm in the Library

**BIBLE STUDIES** every day!  
[www.txstatecatholic.org](http://www.txstatecatholic.org)

**SCHEDULE CHANGES**

We will have Communion Services on Mon., Feb. 15th at 12:30pm and Thurs., Feb. 18th at 5:15pm

Fr. Will will be out of the office

Monday February 15th and Thursday February 18th

**REMINDER:** Our Monthly Second Collection for St. Vincent De Paul is next Sunday February 21st. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**COME CELEBRATE WITH US!**

Our Lady of Wisdom was dedicated as a Parish in the Diocese of Austin on Feb. 16, 2013. Join in celebrating our 3rd Anniversary at Mass led by Fr. Will, Tues. Feb. 16th at 5:15pm.



**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

Be spiritually prepared for Easter!

Penance Service here at Our Lady of Wisdom is

Tuesday, March 1st.

In addition, there are services at St. Anthony's in Kyle on Fri.

March 11th & at St. John's in San Marcos on Fri., March 18th. All Penance Services begin at 7pm.

**ASHES TO EASTER**

Ashes to Easter annual Lenten Mission project has begun. Each family is invited to pick up a box in the Lobby. Put in some coins each day during Lent and pray for missions worldwide. Return your box on Easter.

**WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT DAY RETREAT**

"Project Miriam" Sat. Feb. 20 10am-2pm at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 16 and 45 who are interested in learning more about discernment, and religious life are invited. The day will include prayer, testimonials, Mass and lunch. Contact the diocesan Vocation Office at (512) 949-2430.

**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 Sunday Feb. 14th after the 10am and 5pm Masses. Please meet them in the lobby.

**BOBCAT AWAKENING BAKE SALE**



Next Sunday Feb. 21st. Thank you for your continued support of our programs.

**BA #46 is Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.** Open to college students at Texas State. Apps online & our website search, "Bobcat Awakening", paper copies in the lobby. Cost is \$35.