

**READINGS**

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10: 34A, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

**STEWARDSHIP**

March 13th.....\$2,109

March 20th.....\$2,850

St. Vincent De Paul Monthly.....\$817

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.

**THE EMPTY TOMB**

Today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day. Chosen to be His "witnesses," the Apostles were commissioned...to preach...and testify" to all that they had seen - from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them - that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation. We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and

Resurrection we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above. We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar.

*Adapted from a reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

As we celebrate Easter, we realize that the disciples did not understand Jesus had to rise from the dead. Entering the empty tomb, the beloved disciple believed. What about us? Will we enter into the mystery? How fully do we believe? The burial cloths that held Jesus in death are cast aside. Do we believe Jesus has shattered the bonds of death? Do we understand that Jesus has released us from what binds us if we too believe? Truly He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:**

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments ...

*AND*

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church ...

*ALSO*

**PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

For the members of the Church, that our words and actions will announce the Good News of Jesus' resurrection to all we meet ...

**SHROUD ENCOUNTER**

St. Louis King of France Parish in Austin will host a talk and exhibition on the Shroud of Turin on April 21 at 7 p.m. and again on April 22 at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

**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)

**CALLING ALL CATHOLIC STUDENTS**

Our Lady of Wisdom will open applications for Ambassadors on Friday April 1st. Our Lady of Wisdom Ambassadors will represent and promote Our Lady of Wisdom at our center, on campus and in the San Marcos community. All Catholic Texas State University students are encouraged to apply online at [www.txstatecatholic.org](http://www.txstatecatholic.org). Ask the office for details.

**TOTAL CONSECRATION**

Join thousands of Faithful in our Diocese to collectively make or renew our "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" at a special Holy Mass on the Annunciation of the Lord. Rosary and Mass will be offered on **Monday, April 4th** at 6pm at Saint Mary Cathedral (Austin), at 6:30pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Martindale) Please visit [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) for more info.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

**SUNDAY APRIL 3RD** Seminarian education and formation in the Diocese of Austin can take up to nine years. We believe that financial impediments should never prevent men from responding to God's call to the priesthood. Most financial support for priests and seminarians is made available from the Catholic Services Appeal and a Seminarian Endowment in the Catholic Foundation, but the needs are far greater than our annual appeal can support This collection provides additional support for this very important effort. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy cause.

**DIVINE MERCY**

**SUNDAY April 3rd** at 3:00pm. We will sing the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* in the Chapel. A First Class Relic (bone fragment) of St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy image will be displayed for veneration from 2:30pm. There is more information about the Divine Mercy devotions in the Lobby.

**ASHES TO EASTER BOXES**

Please continue to pray for the Missions, and remember to return your donation box.



Everyone is welcome to join in our praise and worship night this Thursday March 31st at 7pm in the Chapel.

**WELCOME**

Fr. Jonathan Raia, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Austin, will be here on Friday April 1st for reconciliation at Noon and Mass at 12:30pm.

