

READINGS

June 26, 2016

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 16B, 19-21

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9: 51-62

STEWARDSHIP

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St. Vincent De Paul.....\$853
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 office to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

In today's Gospel Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet his death, but also enter into his glory. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth. The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to

the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God. Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.

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FAREWELL TO FR. WILL

As a small thank you to Fr. Will for the past three years we will have a gathering with him after the 10am Mass on Sunday July 10th more details to follow. We hope you all can attend!

Also please see the insert to learn more about our new Pastor, Fr. David Trahan.

PLEASE CONSIDER

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find – even within the huge cities of the world – opportunities for encounter and solidarity ...

AND

That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission ...

BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER

INTENTION FOR TODAY:

That we support one another to remove all that distracts us from resolutely following the Lord ...

Thank you

Fr. Wade Russell for celebrating Mass with us Friday July 1st!

THANK YOU from Deacon Pat

I wish to extend a sincere, heart-filled THANK YOU to the community of OLOW.

The lunch was fantastic, the friendships shared and words of support were so up lifting. It was my joy and blessing to have served you.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Pat

ANNUAL MEN'S MASS

The eighth annual Men's Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez on July 23 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. A reception will follow the Mass in Bishop's Hall.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus is resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem where he would suffer, die and rise. The image given today is a straight line. Our eyes are to be fixed on the Lord proclaiming the Kingdom of God by dying to ourselves to bring new life to others. What distractions do you find in your daily life that keep you from being focused on Jesus? What prevents you from resolutely following Jesus?

BOBCAT AWAKENING BAKE SALE



TODAY June 26th.

Thank you for your continued support of our programs.

BA #47 is July 15th-17th.

Open to college students at Texas State. Apps online & our website search, "Bobcat Awakening", paper copies in the lobby. Cost is \$35.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day. See our lobby display for handouts and ways to participate or on our website at txstatecatholic.org.

OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED

Monday JULY 4th

In observance of Independence Day.

We will **NOT** have our 12:30pm **MASS**

Fr. Will is concelebrating Mass at St. John at 9:30am Monday July 4th.



No 5pm Sunday Mass until August 21st SUMMER MASSES SCHEDULE

Daily Masses will continue through the summer but will be changed according to Fr. Will's schedule. Please be sure to check our website and bulletin for up-to-date schedules. Fr. Will is out of the office June 13th-July 1st

He will be in for Sunday Masses. 10am and 7:30pm

Sunday Summer Masses 10am and 7:30pm

This week

June 27th-July 1st

Mon., 12:30pm– Mass

Tues., 5:15pm– Com. Svc.

Wed., 12:30pm– Com. Svc.

Thurs., 5:15pm– Mass

Fri., 12:30pm– Mass

ANGELS OF MERCY, A group of community members ready to assist other parishioners in need of meals for funerals or natural disaster relief. Glenn Broussard will be taking names and information, please find him by the reception desk after Mass today or next week. Or call the office. Volunteers are required to be EIM Compliant.