

**READINGS**

July 10, 2016

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 10– 14

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

**STEWARDSHIP**

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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 the their Catholic faith. Contact our office to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

“What must I do? If only I knew the will of God, I would be willing to do it. But things are so complex, and God’s will is difficult to discern.” There are times when it all seems clear. The heart moves. We know in our bones what must be done. Like the lawyer, we see the law so simply drawn: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Ah, but the living of it, that is the problem, to will the act, to do it. There’s the rub. Even after hearing the story, we repeat the question, who, indeed, is our neighbor? Surely not the people in our streets. Surely not the poor. Surely not this particular person here and now before me. And there are many reasons not to stop. I may get sued. Others will come to help. I’m in a hurry. Charity begins at home. How well I know the excuses. It was such as I who passed the broken man on the road to Jericho. And I have done the same. I had things to do. He might be part of a racket. He will only want more. Others will expect as much from me. My help will only per-

petuate his helpless condition. My pittance will do nothing in the long run. So I, the priest and teacher, passed him by, trying not to notice. It was not the first time. Nor was it the last. My seeming inability to be a neighbor is hard to reconcile with my professed desire to follow Christ. The will of God still draws close and clear, nudging my heart. And yet I seem at a loss as to the doing of it. The peace I seek is beyond my reach, exceeding both my virtue and my will. And in those sadly familiar moments when I inspect the abyss between the holy desires God has placed deep in my soul and the sorry fruit of them, I can only realize once again that I will never find peace or reconciliation on my own. Let the unrest continue, so that, as journeys to Jericho recur in my life, I realize that the only times I will find my neighbor are when I am generous enough to become one.

*from Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ*

**PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ’ PRAYER**

**INTENTION FOR TODAY:** That we may embody God’s mercy in our service to one another and to all those we encounter regardless of nationality, race or religion ...

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Who is your neighbor? Israelites were to love other Israelites and resident aliens as they do themselves. The fact that a Samaritan is the one who attended to the injured man is astonishing in itself but that he went far beyond what was expected is amazing. A neighbor is not simply someone in need. How will we go beyond what is expected to care for and assist others? The law of God’s mercy is written in our hearts. How will we respond?

**WELCOME**

Daniel, Ana and Lily Glaze, our new Development Director and his family to San Marcos and Our Lady of Wisdom! Daniel will be meeting with many parishioners over the next couple of months and is looking forward to learning about our community since his graduation in 2011. Please help us welcome him and his family.

**ANNUAL MEN’S MASS**

The eighth annual Men’s Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez on Sat. July 23rd 10am at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin.

**FR. DAVID TRAHAN** will officially begin his assignment to Our Lady of Wisdom on Monday July 18th! Please make him feel welcomed!

**BLESSINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS** to the three men ordained into the Priesthood this past Saturday July 9th for the Diocese of Austin!



**TRAVELING** this summer? Find a church & Mass times in the area you are visiting [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

**BOBCAT**

**AWAKENING**

**BA #47 is July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

Applications are open to college students at Texas State. Apps online & our website search, “Bobcat Awakening”, paper copies in the lobby. Cost is \$35. Sign up today!

**END-OF-SUMMER**

**4TH ANNUAL BAZAAR**

Hosted by WOW is Saturday August 13th Handmade craft items and homemade food and refreshments will be available. **Vendor Booths available:** Applications online or on the reception desk. \$30 nonrefundable fee/per vendor to OL Wisdom. Profits go to the vendor.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK** July 24th– 30th

Please take this time to educate you and your family on NFP. We will be providing resources from the Diocese of Austin and from the United States Conference of Bishops. You can find more information at [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org) or email [nfp@usccb.org](mailto:nfp@usccb.org). Highlighted dates are the anniversary of the the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) and the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.



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

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**This week**

**July 11th–15th**

Mon., 12:30pm– Mass  
Tues., 5:15pm– Comm. Svc.  
Wed., 12:30pm– Mass  
Thurs., 5:15pm– Mass  
Fri., 12:30pm– Mass

**CRY ROOM** The Pastoral Council has designated the Lounge as the “Cry Room” during the 10am Sun. Mass. Please keep it available for families with small children. **Welcome Young Families!**

**GAME NIGHT**

Come out for some fellowship and fun on Friday July 29th at 6pm! All community invited

