

READINGS

October 2, 2016

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

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Jesus taught by example. Though he often spoke of faith, it was how he lived it that touched the disciples. He demonstrated that it was necessary to have faith to cast out demons, to be forgiven, to experience the healing of limbs and sprit. On a daily basis, the disciples saw the fruit of faith manifested in the life and ministry of Jesus. And so they blurted out, "Lord, 'increase our faith.'" If faith is who Jesus was, they wanted faith; if faith enabled Jesus to do what he did, they wanted faith; if faith was the pathway to salvation and eternity with their Lord, they wanted faith. So they ask the only one they know who can give it to them. Ironically, such a request could only come from those already imbued with substantial faith. In reply, Jesus says that "faith the size of a mustard seed" is all that's needed to do the impossible. Using an obvious exaggeration, Jesus tells the disciples that causes can be much smaller than the results they engender. But Jesus doesn't

stop there. He illustrates the concrete form faith takes. And the form is service. His nonsense example presents a master who expects servants to do their work without having to thank them for simply doing their duty. Discipleship is its own reward. Those who enter the vineyard can't stand around waiting to be crowned with laurel. Faith changes us into servants who do what's necessary – love, give, witness, repent, forgive – no matter how hard the task. And they do it expecting nothing in return.

Workbook For Lectors

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' INTENTION FOR TODAY:
As persons of faith, may we strive to make God known in our workplace, school, market or home ...

AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER
10am, 295; 5pm, 146;
7:30pm, 158

STEWARDSHIP

September 25th.....\$2,256
St. Vincent De Paul.....\$594
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, Daniel Glaze, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Fr. David will be out of the office this Mon. afternoon-Thurs. morning for the Diocesan Priest Convocation. We will have Communion Services Tues. Oct. 4th at 5:15pm and Wed. Oct 5th at 12:30pm. We will have Reconciliation at 4:45pm and Mass at 5:15pm on Thurs. Oct. 6th.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Increase our faith." Jesus urges us to become faithful servants. As such, we must strive to do all that God asks of us. Faith is God's gift which allows us to enter into a loving relationship with Him. When we do as God asks, it is an act of faith. God always gives us the strength to do what is right. Are there times when I am not the faithful servant I should be? Then have I been a faithful servant?

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING @ OLOW

Oct. 4th, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6th each class is on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in our Library. Catholic Church approved, and morally acceptable method for planning your family. Fulfills the Diocesan NFP requirement for marriage preparation. Cost is \$140 per couple for books & supplies. Register on line Contact: Randy and Grace-Marie Kolb phone: (512) 891-5341 email: rkolb@austin.rr.com



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 Tues., 11am-1pm in the Lobby
BIBLE STUDIES every day!
www.txstatecatholic.org

CELEBRATION OF THE FRANCISCAN TRANSITUS

on Monday, October 3rd at 7 p.m. in St. Helen Catholic Church, 2700 E. University Avenue in Georgetown. By the St. Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. It is a beautiful liturgical celebration of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi from earthly life to eternal life and a tradition of all the Franciscans throughout the world. All are invited to join in the celebration and in a reception at the St. Rita Center following the service.

LIVING THE GOOD NEWS CONFERENCE

Saturday Nov. 5th at St. Dominic Savio in Austin. Registration is now open. Cost is \$25. Everyone is invited to delve into what it means to serve the least among us. There will be keynote speakers from Loyola Press, the Diocese of Austin and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. There will also be social justice workshops from various presenters in the Catholic community. Register and learn more at www.austindiocese.org/livingthegoodnews.

OCTOBER IS PRO-LIFE MONTH

Pick up your Baby banks Today! All boxes will be picked up at the end of October and the money raised goes to the Diocesan office of Pro-Life as well as our own Bobcats for Life.

USCCB Join the US Bishops in fasting and praying on Fridays as we prepare to elect new leaders. Participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for the upcoming elections.

DONATION DRIVE

The men of Lambda Omega Alpha invite you to join them in donating to the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center Until Oct. 31st, . Items can be placed in the large tub in the lobby. Please see the tub for a list of items needed.

WOW Our women's group meeting is Today Sun. Oct. 2nd in the library after the 10am Mass. All women are welcomed!

MU EPSILON THETA will be selling their salsa Today ONLY! Salsa is \$7- pint. They will be in our lobby after the 10am and 5pm Masses. Thank you for your continued support of our student organizations!