

READINGS

January 15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 2, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

Gospel: John 1: 29-34

STEWARDSHIP

December 24th.....\$1,800
December 25th.....\$222
January 1st.....\$2,456
Holy Family.....\$327
Bobcat Catholics like you provide more than half the resources necessary to bring students of Texas State closer to Christ. Contact our Development Director, Daniel Glaze, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

A HUMBLE WITNESS

Which of your friends demonstrates the virtue of humility? How important is that person to you? To your family and community? The truly humble deny they have obtained the virtue. Indeed, humility is a virtue measured by the degrees into which people grow. It is a virtue of process, lived experience. It is the virtue of constantly realizing one's place before God. By deferring to One that was greater, John showed the world he knew his place before his Maker. He showed true humility. Humility is defined as "the virtue that expresses a spirit of deference." John's humility was rooted in his vision and his witness. He saw the Spirit descent upon and dwell in Jesus. And he pointed to Jesus as the "Lamb of God," the Father's true Son. In the gospel, John showed humility through his witness to the Greater One. John's witness was a command and a statement. The command was "LOOK!" The statement described the object of the command: the "Lamb of God,"

the one taking away the sin of the world. John lived his life in deference to the One God would point out. He lived most of that life in ignorance of the final outcome, but in hope God would make that outcome plain. His life gives us a primary example of Christian humility, living in deference to God's will. John was truly the humble witness. This gospel shows us the two dimensions of humble witness, the sight of faith and the witness to God's power. Where do you see God working in your life this week? Who have you told about God's activity?

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity, we pray...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

A light has arisen. Following the arrest of John, Jesus takes up the message first preached by John, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus' light shines brightly leading others to God. Seeing the light of Christ is often easy. However, we are not often willing to follow, as we are called to die to ourselves. How is God asking us to change in order to follow Christ more faithfully?

BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER REQUEST:

That we would have the courage to follow where Christ leads even if it calls for us to abandon our familiar and comfortable ways in order to be free to serve others, we pray ...

DECEMBER MASS AVERAGES
10AM; 215, 5PM; 160,
7:30PM; 145
CHRISTMAS EVE; 180

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ROSARY every Sunday
9:30am in the Chapel
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament Mon.- Fri.
8:30am-9:30am and Tuesdays 5:45pm- 9pm in the Chapel
FREE LUNCH Tuesdays 11am- 1pm in the Lobby
BIBLE STUDIES everyday!

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Join us on Saturday February 11, 2017



San Marcos, TX Embassy Suites

Tickets are available for purchase here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-lady-of-wisdom-mardi-gras-gala-tickets-28169399432>

The night will begin with cocktail hour followed by dinner and live auction. Blue Water Highway Band will end the evening with live music! If you would like to sponsor or purchase a full table, please contact Fr. Hayden Vaverek at frhayden@yahoo.com



INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25, 2017
This year's theme is "**Reconciliation-The Love of Christ Compels Us.**" For over 100 years Christians around the world have taken part in prayer for visible Christian unity, moving toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. *John 17:21*)

TEXAS CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE DAY Catholics from across the state will join to promote a Culture of Life on Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day Saturday, January 28th. 7am-prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood at 201 E. Ben White Blvd. 9:15am- Divine Mercy Chapel followed by Mass at St. Vincent De Paul 1pm-The March for Life, will start at 1pm at 1600 N. Congress The March will process to the Capitol. 2pm- Rally for Life Go to www.austindiocese.org for more information.

REMINDER: TODAY

Sunday January 15, 2017, Monthly collection for St. Vincent De Paul.

MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Will be in our chapel next Friday January 27th at 11:30am starting with an introduction and Veneration followed by Mass at 12:30pm All are welcomed!
This image was commissioned specifically by the Bishops of Mexico for the evangelization of America and the end of abortion brought to us by the St. Joan of Arc Brigade of San Antonio.

Interested in leading a 9:30am Sunday morning Rosary? Even if you are inexperienced! Contact Sawndra in the office M-F 512-392-5925

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY The office will be closed Mon. January 16th. The building will be open and we will have 12:30pm Mass

FAN INTO FLAME

Fri-Sun Feb. 3rd- 5th, 2017 Do you want or need to get reconnected to the Lord? Do you want to light a spark in your spiritual life? The Fan into Flame retreat is the opportunity for you to do so! Contact Andres Sanchez at asanc1234@gmail.com or 956-975-8000 for details.