

READINGS

January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12A

STEWARDSHIP

January 22nd.....\$1,944

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.

Matthew 5:1-12
The sole end of man is to be happy, and Jesus Christ came only to give us the means of being so. The source of all good is to place happiness where it ought to be, and the source of all evil is to place it where it ought not to be.

We have next to see how we may become so: to see in what end happiness consists, and what are the means of obtaining it. Now, we shall find the end set forth in each one of the eight Beatitudes, for eternal happiness is the subject of them all, but described by various names. Thus, in the first it appears as a kingdom, in the second as the promised land, in the third as true and perfect consolation, and in the fourth as the fulfillment of all our longings. In the fifth, we find it as the final act of mercy that shall free us from every evil and bestow on us every good. In the sixth it is named by its true name, which is the vision of God. In the seventh it is set forth as the seal set on our adoption; and in the eighth, once more as the Kingdom of Heaven. Here, then, we

have the end throughout; but as there are several means, each Beatitude proposes one of these to us, whilst all of them together must bring about man's final happiness.

from Bishop Jacques-Benigne Bossuet

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...

BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER REQUEST:

That the faithful will follow Jesus more completely and open themselves to the blessings he gives, we pray ...

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

What makes you happy? Make a list. Do those persons and things make you truly happy or do they leave you wanting more? Happiness is being completely fulfilled beyond which there is no further desire. This only exists in God. The qualities, the beatitudes listed in the Gospel today require complete reliance on God. Poor in spirit, mourning, meekness, peacemaking, persecuted for seeking righteousness are not qualities that our society would define as happiness. Our goal, our happiness, is complete with undistracted union with God. What material things are we chasing that distract us from God? How are we helping others who do not have necessities of life to acquire them so that they too may fully seek the Lord?

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ROSARY every Sunday

9:30am in the Chapel

ADORATION of the Blessed

Sacrament Mon.– Fri.

8:30am-9:30am and Tues-

days 5:45pm- 9pm in the

Chapel

FREE LUNCH Tuesdays

11am- 1pm in the Lobby

BIBLE STUDIES everyday!

www.txstatecatholic.org

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

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The consecrated religious orders and communities of women and men serving in the Diocese of Austin will celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life on Feb. 4 at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. The event begins with Mass at 10 a.m., followed by a luncheon in Bishop's Hall. Jubilarians will be honored. Members of religious communities who have not already responded to the initial invitation, please respond by Jan. 26 to [Janice Ingram](mailto:JaniceIngram) or call (512) 949-2401. If you are celebrating a jubilee year in 2016, please let us know.

THE SILENT LENTEN RETREAT

at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton, TX March 10-12, Friday– Sunday is a weekend of silence combined with communal prayer and Mass. Brian Egan and Beverly Collin will lead. The cost is \$195 for a shared room, \$240 for a private room; commuter rate is \$95. To register, call (254) 780-2436 or visit www.cedarbrake.org.

“Be silent so we can hear the tenderness of God.” -Pope Francis

BIBLE STUDY

For permanent community Fridays after the 12:30 Mass in the library. Will probably begin studying Romans March 3rd. If anyone is interested in joining, please call Carol Rainbolt at 512-557-6516.

ST. BLAISE BLESSINGS

Bring your candles to be blessed before daily Mass on Thursday February 2nd. There will also be the traditional Blessing of Throats on the Memorial of St. Blaise (Friday February 3rd) at the end of the daily Mass.

BOBCAT AWAKENING #49

A 3DAY retreat hosted by college students for college students is now accepting retreat applications! Available at the reception counter or online. Go to txstatecatholic.org/retreatant-app.

Retreat dates are Friday– Sunday Feb. 24th– 26th.



Please welcome Fr. Jonathan Felux, Vocations Director of the Archdiocese of San Antonio to all Masses this Sunday.