

**READINGS**

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 15: 15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

**STEWARDSHIP**

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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.

It is hard to imagine any merely human prudence or wisdom conjuring up the radical propositions of the Sermon on the Mount. While Jesus does not intend to abolish the Old Law, he promises to fulfill or realize the law in a new way, utterly at odds with the secular and religious rulers of his time. "I tell you, unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees you shall not enter the kingdom of God." Murder had already been forbidden in the Ten Commandments, but Jesus plumbs to the heart of murderous intent. It is unspoken anger, violent language, quiet contempt of the other. It is an unwillingness to forgive. How different would our own Eucharists be if we took Jesus seriously? The resentments we hold against others would have to dissolve before we would approach the altar, lest we receive the sacrament unworthily. Perhaps that is why our Communion is aptly prefaced by the sign of peace. Adultery was forbid-

den of old. But Jesus speaks to the lust that underlies the adultery, and unmasks the injustice, especially against women, that so often accompany divorce. It can be dangerous, mind-altering, to read the Sermon on the Mount. It will shake the ways we think about punishment, penalty, justice, and love itself. Most of all it thwarts our attempts to compromise our faith or set aside privileged parts of our lives that we shield from the law of God. We all are called to holiness, and therefore we must not exempt ourselves. The Sermon on the Mount is not there to cast us down into helpless and hopeless guilt. It is an invitation to that high holiness that we have hitherto not seen or heard about. Journeying through the gospels is no easy trip. Anyone who leaves church without having witnessed the radicalness of the Mass and the revolutionary import of the gospel was asleep.

*from Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Today Jesus reminds us that following the letter of the law may give us a false sense of holiness. Jesus drills down to the root of the Law in several examples. While we may have not murdered anyone, Jesus asks if we have acted in anger toward others. Do we perceive others as objects of gratification rather than dignified persons created in the image of God? Are others treated as commodities or servants rather than one to whom I am pledged or called to serve? What are the motives behind our actions? Are they good and holy? We are not called to simply observe the letter of the Law but the spirit too.

**BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER REQUEST:**

That we who claim the title Christian may manifest God's holiness through actions motivated by love and service, we pray ...

**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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*Thank you to the members of our Gala Committee who spent countless hours on making sure our Gala was a success. We appreciate you all so much and thank you for all your care and preparation. Many Blessings on you!*

*Our Lady of Wisdom's*

**MARDI GRAS**



**12TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S LENTEN CONFERENCE**

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 8:00am – 3:00pm, San Jose Catholic Church, sponsored by the San Jose Council of Catholic Women. "Where Have Our Resolutions Gone?: Staying on Course in today's Society this Lenten Season." Cost \$25 (Lunch Included) Pre-Registration Deadline: Friday, February 24th. [www.sanjosechurch.org](http://www.sanjosechurch.org)

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENWAL OF AUSTIN**

All are invited to a Healing Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Friday February 17th at 7pm. Come experience the Power, Presence and Spirit of God as the Holy Spirit moves upon His people bringing healing, peace, and love! Come with expectant Faith as Nothing is impossible with God! Holy Cross Catholic Church 1610 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, TX 78702 Contact: Christina Turullois (512) 563-7851 or [renewal@ccraustin.org](mailto:renewal@ccraustin.org)

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

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK**

is celebrated each year Feb. 7-14, and World Marriage Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of February, this year February 12. More information at the USCCB

**REMINDER:** Monthly Collection on next Sun., Feb. 19th for St. Vincent De Paul. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**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](http://txstatecatholic.org/retreatant-app). Retreat dates are Friday– Sunday Feb. 24th– 26th.

**BOBCAT AWAKENING**



**Bake Sale**

Next Sunday Feb. 19th. Thank you for your continued support of our programs.