

READINGS

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

STEWARDSHIP

February 12th.....\$2,292
Catholic Higher Education.....\$370

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.

Jesus' lesson regarding the turning of the other cheek is typically misconstrued as a call to passivity in the face of evil. Nothing could be further from the truth. Like all kings of Israelite history, Jesus is a warrior. The point is that he recommends a very unique way of doing battle – one that truly conquers evil rather than perpetuating it.

In the face of oppression or injustice, two responses classically present themselves: fight or flight. We oppose evil on its own terms and using its own weapons, or we run away. The former method tends to awaken an answering violence: and eye for an eye, making the whole world blind, as Mahatma Gandhi said. The latter method simply confirms the wicked person in his wickedness. Jesus proposes a third and far more creative way. To turn the other cheek is to stand one's ground in the face of violence and offer a challenge: you will not treat me in this aggressive way. In so

doing, the recipient of the slap effectively mirrors the injustice back to the perpetrator. He thereby challenges his aggressor to see and to repent. With this in mind, take a good long look at the work of Gandhi in India, Martin Luther King in America, and John Paul II in Poland. You will see that what Jesus recommends is neither passivity nor an airy ideal, but rather a method that really works.

from Bishop Robert Barron

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER REQUEST FOR FEBRUARY:

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER REQUEST:

That the faithful may always serve others motivated by love and never seek to harm others, we pray ...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

An action motivated by hate or revenge is never positive. The Law of Retaliation, "an eye for an eye," was intended to set a limit on revenge. Jesus instructs his disciples to interrupt this cycle of retribution. A disciple's motivation must be love, never hate or revenge. Jesus is inviting us to conversion. It is easy to love those who love us. Jesus asks us to love those who do not love us and even those who hate us or harm us. Why? Because God does, and he calls us to strive for holiness and perfection.



FR. CHARLIE BANKS is available for Spiritual Direction this Tues., February 21st. Sign up in the Lobby for 30 min. appointments.

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!

www.txstatecatholic.org

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT
During January 2017, our San Marcos conference assisted 95 families (with 309 family members) with their utility bills, rent, prescriptions, and other essentials in the amount of \$11,046. We continue to be overwhelmed with requests for assistance and we continue to coordinate with other agencies in an attempt to meet the needs of the poor and needy of our community. Thank you for your help.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
March 1, 2017
MASS
12:30pm and 7pm
LITURGY & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
4pm– Our Lady of Wisdom
5:30pm- LBJ Teaching Theatre

SILENT LENTEN RETREAT will be held the weekend of March 10-12 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This is a weekend of silence combined with communal prayer and Mass. Brian Egan and Beverly Collin will lead this retreat. The cost is \$185 for a private room. To register or for more information, visit www.cedarbrake.org or contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 OR cedarbrake@austindiocese.org

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MARY VISIT
This Thursday February 23rd and Friday February 24th for Bobcat Catholic Night at 7pm on Thursday and for one-on-one meetings Friday. Please sign up with the office for individual time appointments.

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.

REMINDER: TODAY Sun., Feb., 19, 2017, St. Vincent De Paul Monthly Collection