

READINGS

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 14-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6: 24-34

STEWARDSHIP

February 19th.....\$1,448
St. Vincent De Paul.....\$668

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.

Today's scripture readings provoke the question: What does God expect of us? More often than not we don't want to even begin to answer. Nevertheless in moments when we do take time to reflect on life's bigger questions we ought to face it. Where do we place our trust — in God or in material comforts and success? To what or to whom do I give my heart? Jesus who well knows the human heart clearly warns us that where our treasure is, there we will know what is in our hearts. The danger to our hearts lies in our enslavement in the values of this world —power, wealth, fame. Setting our hearts on them means that we are not setting our hearts to what is truly lasting and of great value. God is a God of justice, and justice requires a certain restoration in which we suffer the consequences of our actions. Crimes ought not to go unpunished. But restorative justice is not vengeful. We need to see that God's chastisements are designed to bring us to repentance and a return to union with Him. He is very interested in

finding that we treasure His love, and that we are willing to forego the attractions of this world in order to secure that "pearl of great price." Repentance and reconciliation are many times necessary for us in order to return to union with God in our hearts and souls. When it comes to repenting we need not fear. His heart calls to our heart. There are treasures in heaven, treasures beyond anything we can imagine or value. The attraction of things here below ought not so capture our souls that we give no attention to what awaits us in the next life. No man can devote himself to two masters. St. Augustine observed that we are, each one of us, filled with longings, yearnings, and a deep-seated hunger. Said he: "O God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you." So, then, in your heart of hearts, what are you seeking?

from Fr. Charles Irvin

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Take a moment and consider this question, "What is your goal in life?" Perhaps we need to make a list. Our true goal or priority may be identified by where we commit time, money and resources. Today, Jesus challenges us to orient everything we do toward enhancing our relationship with God. Jesus tells us that we cannot serve God and material goods. Just as a servant cannot serve their master and their master's enemy. God does not ask us to be irresponsible but to use our talents and time wisely in order to glorify God.

BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER REQUEST:

That by seeking God's kingdom in all we do, at school, work, play, or in the market place, we may glorify God through our attention to others rather than ourselves, 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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SILENT LENTEN RETREAT 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

BOBCAT AWAKENING #49

WE PRAY for the over 150 students attending Bobcat Awakening #49 this weekend. May they be blessed by a conversion of heart and increase in faith.

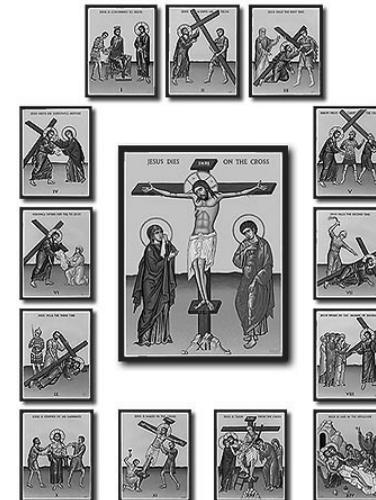


EXTENDED CONFESSION TIMES

Beginning March 1st weekday confession times will be extended to 1hour prior to our daily Mass times. We are also changing our third Sunday of the month. Instead of 9am-9:45am, confessions will be 3:30pm- 4:30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent 6pm in the Chapel led by Fr. David and ending with Benediction. (Spring Break week March 17th there will be no Stations or Benediction)



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Be spiritually prepared for Easter!

Penance Service here at Our Lady of Wisdom is Tuesday, March 23rd. In addition, there are services at St. Anthony's in Kyle on Wed. March 29th & at St. John's in San Marcos on Fri., April 7th. All Penance Services begin at 7pm.



March 1, 2017

ADORATION followed by BENEDICTION
8:30am– 11:30am

MASS
12:30pm and 7pm

LITURGY & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

4pm– Our Lady of Wisdom
5:30pm- LBJ Teaching Theatre