

READINGS

July 13, 2014

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

STEWARDSHIP

July 6th Collection.....\$2,128

Sacred Heart Mission Appeal.....\$2,731

Our Lady of Wisdom relies on Bobcat Catholics like you for more than half the resources necessary to bring students of Texas State closer to the their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.



PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth ...

AND

That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries ...

ALSO

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For all those who work in the heat of the summer sun ...

REMINDER

Reconciliation will be offered next Sunday, July 20th from 9am-9:45am by Fr. Will

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Meditate on today's parable. What kind of soil are you? What kind of soil would you like to be? How can you make this change?

The explanation of the reading from the holy gospel about the sower has been given by Truth himself, and it cannot be disputed. However, there is one point in our Lord's exposition which you ought to weigh well. It is this. If I told you that the seed represented the word, the field the world, the birds the demons, and the thorns riches, would anyone have believed me? If I had said that thorns stood for riches? After all, thorns are piercing and riches pleasurable. And yet riches are thorns because thoughts of them pierce the mind and torture it. When finally they lure a person into sin, it is as though they were drawing blood from the wound they have inflicted. The Lord spoke in this parable not simply of riches but of deceptive riches, and with good reason. Riches are deceptive because they cannot stay with us for long; they are

deceptive because they are incapable of relieving our spiritual poverty. The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue. If you want to be rich, beloved, love true riches. Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart. Be careful that the seed does not fall along the path, for fear that the evil spirit may come and take it from your memory. Be careful that the seed is not received in stony ground, so that it produces a harvest of good works without the roots of perseverance. Many people are pleased with what they hear and resolve to undertake some good work, but as soon as difficulties begin to arise and hinder them they leave the work unfinished. The stony ground lacked the necessary moisture for the sprouting seed to yield the fruit of perseverance. Good earth, on the other hand, brings forth fruit by patience.

Adapted from: St. Gregory the Great

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Rosary every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge
- All other activities will*

SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Until the Fall Semester, there will be **one Sunday Mass at 10:00am.**
- Daily Masses Mon - Fri. During the summer will vary according to Fr. Will's schedule. You may call the office for a specific Mass.
- Office closes at 5:00pm Mon – Thu, and at 3:00pm on Fridays.

NFP

CLASSES

Cost is \$140/ per couple for books and a thermometer. Fulfills the diocese. NFP requirement for marriage preparation. Tuesdays 7-9:30pm The next series is at Santa Cruz Catholic Church 1100 Main St, Buda, TX 78610 – July 22nd, August 26th and September 23rd. Register www.register.ccli.org. For more information or questions contact Randy and Grace-Marie Kolb at rkolb@austin.rr.com or (512) 891-5341



6th ANNUAL MEN'S MASS hosted by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men invite all Catholic Men to celebrate Mass with Bishop Joe Vasquez and your brothers in Christ. Last year over 500 men attended. Saturday, July 19th at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10am. St. Mary's is located at 203 East 10th St. Austin, TX 78701.



COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

by W.O.W. (Women of Wisdom) for the parish bazaar

Saturday, November 15th are gathering all kinds of recipes for a well rounded cookbook. Please send your recipes to Mary Bishop at mhbishop55@gmail.com Or you can put your recipes in the box located in the lobby. Please include your name and phone number along with the recipe by Sun., July 13th. All are welcome to participate!

WOW Our women's group will meet today July 13th in the library after the 10am Mass. All are welcome!



Hosted by our Pastoral Council will be held here in the lobby next Thursday, July 24th after the 5:15pm Mass.

All are welcomed! Please bring any snacks and your favorite game!



Next Sun., July 20th is our monthly **St. Vincent De Paul** collection.

Thank you for your continued support!



BOBCAT AWAKENING #41

We pray for the success of Bobcat Awakening #41 this weekend, July 11th -13th. May the Holy Spirit provide the attendees with conversion of heart and awakening of faith. Thanks to all for your continued support of this retreat.

COUNTER CULTURE

Counter Culture is a study led by Thomas Castelluccio on the lives of the Saints who have inspired us to live our faith radically. We will continue our study on the Saints next weekend after the 10 am Mass in the library! Come join us!