

READINGS

September 13, 2015

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 5– 9A

Second Reading: James 2: 14-18

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

STEWARDSHIP

Collection totals from September 6th the Eagle Scout collection along with Sept. 13th will be posted next week due to Labor day.

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 their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART

In the Gospel today the disciples experienced empowerment to act in Jesus' name. They had preached the gospel, they had healed and taught. So why were there problems? What had they misunderstood? The disciples expected to be caught up in this glory. They had forgotten that their leader had been crucified not crowned in Jerusalem. To be an authentic disciple is to reflect on the whole story. The second half of the Gospel begins with the great question. "Who do you say I am?" Our answer to this question will help us to discern where we stand. Suffering, rejection and death all precede resurrection. Life calls us to take up the Cross, not trip over it and curse it. People thought that manufacturing suffering, through harsh treatment of the body, was a way to identify with Jesus. In other readings

put before us today is one of the great poems of Isaiah on the theme of suffering. The servant of God is described in clear unambiguous terms. God gifts the disciple with a well-trained tongue. This is not an orator's tongue, capable of delivering prize-winning speeches, but a tongue with a specific gift. The gift is the ability to rouse the weary from despair, the ability to bring comfort and compassion to the suffering. We know this response to the pain of the other does not even require words but is an attitude of the heart. The right heart comes from attention to the word of God. Morning after morning God gives us the ability to pay attention. It can help us be faithful when setbacks push us into negativity. Suffering is not virtuous. Growing through suffering which teaches us compassion towards others is a blessing.

Adapted from: Patricia Stevenson rsj.

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

Called to be faithful disciples, may we open ourselves to God's grace, which enables us to carry the cross ...

CONGRATULATIONS

Evan Buhidar

Laura Garnett

Cynthia Garza

Jose Angel Gonzalez

Angelique Paccione

Who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday September 8th.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Latin word for "sacrifice" literally means, "to make holy." Jesus in his holiness suffered much. He has complete faith in God, His Father. Am I willing to carry my cross daily and follow Jesus to the Father? Can I echo the words of Isaiah, "I have not rebelled, have not turned back?"

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ROSARY every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament *Tuesdays* 5:45-9pm and *Mornings* Mon-Fri 8:30-9:30am in the Chapel

NIGHT PRAYER hosted by the men of Lambda Omega Alpha, 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings after Adoration.

FREE LUNCH every Tuesday 11am-1pm in the Lobby

BOBCATS FOR LIFE Wednesdays 6:15pm in the Library

BIBLE STUDIES every day!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.txstatecatholic.org

BOBCAT AWAKENING #45 retreatant applications are now available at the lobby counter or online at txstatecatholic.org/retreatant-app.

FR. CHARLIE BANKS will be available for Spiritual Direction this Tues., Sept. 15th. Sign up in the Lobby for 30min. Appointments.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY starting Fri. Sept. 18th after the 12:30pm Mass. They will be focusing on the Gospel of Luke.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WALK FOR THE POOR Everyone is invited to participate in the local Walk for the Poor in San Marcos on Sat., Sept. 19th Beginning with Mass at 8am at St. John Catholic Church, located at 624 E. Hopkins St. Registration will begin at 9am in Claretian Hall. The walk will be a two-mile walk through the San Marcos River trails.

ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

EIM WORKSHOP

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITIES!

Saturday, Sept. 19th

9am-Noon

3hr. Basic, English

Or

9am-10:15am

Refresher Class

Santa Cruz in Buda

Please register online at www.austindiocese.org/offices-ministries/offices-ethics-and-integrity-ministry-office/eim-workshops

REMINDER: Our Monthly St. Vincent De Paul Collection is next Sun., Sept. 20th. Thank you for your continued generosity!

REMINDER: Next Sun., Sept. 20th we will have Reconciliation 9-9:45am

U.S. PAPAL VIST



Pope Francis' first trip to the United States in September, a six-day visit that will take the pontiff from the halls of power to the margins of society. Starting at Joint Base Andrews outside Washington on the afternoon of Sept. 22nd. While in the United States, Pope Francis will address both Congress and the United Nations, but also visit homeless people, immigrant families, and prison inmates. *-from cruxnow.com*

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

An 8 week series will be offered in the library starting this Wednesday September 16th at 5pm. All are welcomed.

WOMEN OF WISDOM

(WOW) will be hosting our refreshments after the 10am Mass next Sunday Sept. 20th and invites any interested women of the parish to ask questions or sign up to become members.