

READINGS

December 6, 2015

2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday November 29th\$2,822

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent, the Church's world-wide retreat, now begins its second week. The quiet time. The great contrast with our culture's turbulent consumer bonanza. Consumerism-as a way-of-life can shield our eyes against what needs praying for. Surrounded by such sadness and confusion, who can sit back and be quiet in Advent? Maybe the Church is just cut off from the "real world," hiding in pews and dotting on a comforting and "nice" view of life. Is this true of us? Actually, I think not. I think we are being asked to undergo some "stretching." Jesus comes not just into our happiness and cheer, but also and importantly, into the craggy mountains and deep gorges of our lives. If you are a human being, you know a lot about these. Are you hiding a sadness? What mountain is currently too high for you to approach? What utter failure hides in the recesses of your heart? Whatever these are for

you, whether they be great or small, there exists an answer in Advent: letting God's depths take up residence in your own soul. Think of it: Christ, wanting to gestate right now in your heart, just as you and I did in our mother's womb. His birth may not make the world pleasant and polite, but it will connect you at your very roots with the mysterious profundity of God. Will you let him be born in you this year? Are you willing to let your insides pull wider than ever before, and so make room? This is the meaning of Advent. You do not have to be capable of such a feat all by yourself. Paul says in the Second Reading, "the one who began the good work in you will continue to complete it." You can rely on the tender care of God and of His carefully-tending Mother. Let them help you to disclose yourself, to tease open doors that have been shut too long. Listen. Prepare the way of the Lord.

from Fr. John Foley, SJ

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For all members of the Church, may our actions of love, peace, forgiveness and mercy announce and manifest the salvation of God to others...

AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER

10am, 279; 5pm, 114; 7:30pm, 111

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today, the Lord invites us to "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." Level and straighten the road to the Lord. Salvation is God's work and is freely offered. Repentance, turning away from what separates us from God, is our work for which God supplies the grace. Our lives, like the liturgy, are words connected with actions. We must say "Yes" to God in word and action. What are the mountains, valleys and obstacles that prevent us from an encounter with the Lord?

All **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES** will resume with the start of the spring semester. January 19, 2016. Have a great winter break!

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

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY WITH ALL THREE MASS TIMES UNTIL JANUARY 17, 2016

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Tuesday, December 8th Mass at 5:15pm ONLY

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Today we would like to recognize you at our 5pm **BACCALAUREATE MASS**

24HR. BUILDING HOURS start after the Late Night Mass and Breakfast on Thursday, December 3rd-Thursday, December 10th for finals studying.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Fri., Dec. 11th at 6pm here in our Lobby. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a pot luck dish and don't forget your White Elephant gift!



To all those who helped with an amazing Late Night Mass and Breakfast this past Thursday December 3rd. And for those who prepared the meal for the priests for our Advent Penance Service!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Be spiritually prepared for the Christmas season! Buda, Tues., Dec. 9th San Marcos, Fri., Dec. 19th Kyle, Mon., Dec. 21st *Services begin at 7pm.*

REMINDER Diocesan Collection for Retired Clergy and Priests next Sunday December 13th. Thank you for your generosity!

NATIVITY PLAY next Sun., Dec. 13th during our 10am Mass. Our religious education classes will participate in a reenactment of the Nativity of the Lord.

WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE

Except for Masses, the office and the building will be closed from

Fri., Dec. 18th-Mon., Jan. 4th.

Masses during that time:

Sun. Dec. 20	10:00am
Mon. Dec. 21	12:30pm
Tues. Dec. 22	5:15pm
Wed. Dec. 23	12:30pm
Thurs. Dec. 24	6pm
<i>(Christmas Eve)</i>	
Sun. Dec. 27	10:00am
Fri. Jan. 1	12:30pm
<i>(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)</i>	
Sun. Jan. 3	10:00am
Sun. Jan. 10	10:00am