

READINGS

May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 12: 3B-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 1-23

STEWARDSHIP

May 8th\$1,988

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.

PENTECOST Pope Francis says for many Christians today, the Holy Spirit is a stranger. He urged believers to allow themselves to be propelled by the Holy Spirit who shows us the way to freedom. Pope Francis recalled that the disciples told Paul that they had “not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit”. This happens today as well, as many who believe in Jesus do not know the Holy Spirit. Many say they have “learnt through Catechism” that the Holy Spirit is “in the Trinity” but they do not know anything more, and they wonder what the Spirit does: “The Holy Spirit is the one who moves the Church, the one who works in the Church and in our hearts,” making each Christian unique and yet, together with other Christians, a unit. The Holy Spirit is the one who moves us to praise God, to pray the Lord, the one who is within us and teaches us to see the Father and to call him ‘Father’. The Holy Spirit frees us from this ‘orphan-like’ condition which the spirit of the world

wants to put us in” he said. The Holy Spirit is “the protagonist of the living Church” and he warned against the danger of not living up to this mission of the Holy Spirit, thereby reducing faith to “morals and ethics”. It is not enough to just respect the Commandments and do “nothing more”. Christian life, Francis reiterated, “is not just an ethical life: it is an encounter with Jesus Christ.” And it is thanks to the Holy Spirit that this encounter takes place. “But we keep the Holy Spirit as a ‘luxury prisoner’ in our hearts: we do not allow the Spirit to push us forward, to move us. The Spirit does everything, knows everything, reminds us what Jesus said, can explain all about Jesus. The Holy Spirit makes real Christians. Pope Francis urged all faithful this week to reflect on the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and ask for the grace of obedience and docility to the Spirit: “This is what we must do this week: think of the Spirit and talk to Him”.
from Pope Francis’ Morning Homily, May 9

BISHOP VÁSQUEZ’ PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For the Church, that we may have confidence in God’s grace which leads and sustains us to be witnesses to and agents of God’s forgiveness and mercy, we pray...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Love and Joy! For 50 days, we have celebrated the love and joy of the Risen Christ. How has Christ been present to you in these 50 days? Was there a particular moment when you experienced him in a special way? Our faith is rooted in our experience of God and it motivates us to tell others. The gift of the Holy Spirit empowers us to become missionary disciples in our homes, classrooms, workplace and among friends and strangers. We are called to be merciful and forgiving to all people just as God has been merciful and forgiving of us. Where might God be sending you to serve? Who needs to hear your words of forgiveness and mercy?

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL PLEASE SEE SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

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 Thursdays 6:30pm in the Library
BIBLE STUDIES every day!
www.txstatecatholic.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE: During April 2016, we assisted 73 families (with 220 family members) in the amount of \$9,572. Thirteen of these families were homeless; there were also two homeless individuals. Our support for flood victims from the Labor Day flood as well as the Halloween flood continues. We thank you for your continuing support in helping us care for the poor and needy of the San Marcos area.

ALL YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO ADORATION Tuesday May 17th from 7-9pm at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt in Austin. For more information, contact Jesse Cortes at jesus.cortes.amdg@gmail.com or Theresa Prudhomme at tprudhomme@schoenstatt.us. The shrine is located at 225 Addie Roy Rd, Austin, TX 78746 and is open daily from 9am -8pm.

MASS WITH FR. ROCKY Relevant Radio 970 AM and St. Mary Cathedral extend an open invitation to a Mass with Father Rocky Hoffman on Wed., May 18 at 8:30am at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Father Rocky is the executive director of Relevant Radio and hosts the radio show "Go Ask Your Father." Complimentary parking is available in Capital Tower Garage, accessible via San Jacinto Blvd. Press 2 to get to the Donahue Center Level then cross the alley to the Cathedral. Validate parking ticket in Donahue Center or Cathedral Office after Mass.

Congratulations today to those receiving the Sacrament of **First Communion**
Ruby Jule Dupont
Ava Isabelle Maldona
Daniel Edward Pasemann



Congratulations Graduates!

Proverbs 3: 5-6
“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”



5pm Sunday Mass is canceled until August 21st
SUMMER SCHEDULE Daily Masses will continue through the summer but will change according to Fr. Will’s schedule.
This week (May 16th– 20th) Monday– Wednesday we will have Communion Services. There will be no Mass or Reconciliation offered until Thursday, May 19th.

To all our **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS**. This has been such a wonderful year full of learning and growth in our beautiful faith. Special thanks to Eulogia Martinez for being our Religious Education coordinator.

