

**READINGS**

August 7, 2016

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

Trust is difficult these days, and can even seem foolish. Yet human bonding is entirely dependent on trust. We develop substitutes for trust and for human bonding. We overwork, overeat, live for parties, invent formulas such as "quality time" to fit family and children into our loaded schedules. Can these be a foundation for human bonding? Today's Scripture talks about the risky deeds that God asked from Abraham: travel to an unknown land, pass through great deserts, dwell in temporary shelters all the way, and most difficult of all, believe that Sarah would at last conceive and give birth. And it got worse, not better. God ordered Abraham to make a bloody sacrifice of this promised son! Let us take a closer look at the virtue of trust. God had promised that Abraham and Sarah would have "descendants as numerous as the sands on the seashore." Therefore the question before Abraham was not

one about obedience, as is often thought, but whether to trust in God. Could God's promise come true? Abraham "thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." He could take this terrible action because he believed in God's fidelity. Maybe God would raise this son from the dead! How would you or I have responded? Wouldn't we say it was time to cancel this trust stuff and save whatever we can of our family? But notice: trust consists of more than just a generally sunny attitude. Trust means believing in someone, remembering the love residing in that person. It means taking the risk. Can you or I wait in some kind of trust? Jesus, as he was being crucified, trusted, even though he was filled with the raw human fear that God might have rejected him ("My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?") But God had been with him even in the hardest patches of life, the ones when no one

**STEWARDSHIP**

July 31st.....\$1,390

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could see much evidence of him. Human bonding is always subject to doubt. If we are lucky, we discern and pray and forgive, and then give it another try. All of us long for someone to trust. We long to be able to trust. Think about it. Can we open our hearts to God and let Jesus' own trust be ours?

from Fr. John Foley, SJ

**PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER**

**INTENTION FOR TODAY:**

That all the faithful would seek to serve Christ in what they do in every moment of their lives as preparation for the day the Lord calls them home, we pray...

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Do we exemplify lives of daily service? Do our daily choices reflect an awareness that Jesus could return at any minute or do we act as though we have plenty of time to get our house in order?

**ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM)** Our Parish actively supports the *Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Policy* of the Austin Diocese. To that end, our Pastor expects the following groups to comply with the EIM requirements:

- Eucharistic Ministers (Ems)
- EMs to the Homebound
- Religious Ed. Volunteers
- Missionaries
- Angels of Mercy Organization
- Youth Group Ministries
- Paid staff

**TWO NEARBY OPPORTUNITIES:**

August 8, 2016, Monday, 7-9pm at St. Anthony's in Kyle OR

September 24, 2016 Saturday, 1:00pm– 3:15pm St. John's in San Marcos Please register at the Diocesan website ahead of time so that adequate material may be available.

austindiocese.org > Quick Links Then > eAppsDB (for new applicants) Or > EIM Workshops (to register for a workshop)

**FULLNESS OF TRUTH** is hosting a weekend retreat on August 19-21 at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Spa in San Antonio, TX call 877-21-TRUTH or visit [www.fullnessoftruth.org](http://www.fullnessoftruth.org) for registration or questions.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** normally a Holy Day of Obligation on August 15th but since the Solemnity falls on a Monday this year, it is not observed as a day of Obligation. -USCCB

We will have a public rosary at noon before the 12:30pm Mass on **Monday, August 15th. All are welcomed!**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT**

Children from age 5– 18 are welcomed to enroll in our Religious Education program. Enrollment forms are available online at [txstatecatholic.org](http://txstatecatholic.org)> Spiritual Growth> Religious Education. Costs are 1 child \$30, 2 children \$50, 3+ children \$75. **Mandatory** parent meeting is Sunday August 28th after the 10am Mass in the library. Classes begin Sunday September 11th at 8:45am. More information on our website.

**A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS**

after the 10am Mass is located in our lobby by the chapel doors. Please choose a date that is convenient for you and help with this important ministry. Be a volunteer!



**JULY MASS AVERAGES**  
10AM; 232  
7:30PM; 82

**No 5pm Sunday Mass until August 21st**

**SUMMER MASSES SCHEDULE**

Daily Masses will continue through the summer as regularly scheduled **Sunday Summer Masses 10am and 7:30pm**

**END-OF-SUMMER**

**4TH ANNUAL BAZAAR**

Hosted by WOW is Saturday August 13th. Handmade craft items and homemade food and refreshments will be available. **Vendor Booths available:** Applications online or on the reception desk. \$30 nonrefundable fee/per vendor to OL Wisdom. Profits go to vendors.

**JOIN US!**

Thursday August 11th after our 5:15pm Mass to welcome Fr. David Trahan to Our Lady of Wisdom. During the Mass Fr. Kirby Garner, Dean of the San Marcos Deanery, will be here to officially install Fr. David as our Pastor. We will have light refreshments and time to meet and chat with Fr. David in the lobby immediately following.