

READINGS

August 14, 2016

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-4

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

STEWARDSHIP

August 7th.....\$3,073
Missionary Coop Plan.....\$494
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, Daniel Glaze, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

ASSUMPTION of MARY

Many have twisted the memory of Mary to fit in with how they think women should behave. They presented her as meek and mild, weak, passive and submissive. The problem with that is it contradicts every one of the ten stories we have of the Mother of Jesus in Scripture. St Luke's portrait of Mary is so straight-forward, true and beautiful that in our Hail Mary prayer we echo Elizabeth's blessing: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.' We honor Mary as the young woman who put her whole life and self at the service of God's plan, who let the Holy Spirit empower her to become the Mother of Jesus. She does not let her surprise and fear stop her from saying 'yes' to God. We became convinced that God raised Jesus' Mother as a complete person, body and soul intact. That shared belief of the whole ancient Church was proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950 as a truth revealed by God. The belief points ahead to what

God will do for us, that our whole person, body, mind, heart and spirit, will be raised to a new existence in the presence, peace, and happiness of God. But Mary gives us hope not just for the afterlife, but also for the challenges and struggles of this everyday life. She praises God because 'the Almighty has done great things for me'. She is the mother of all who are oppressed, overlooked, scorned, abused, or neglected. Mary is no weak, silent, passive woman. It comes as no surprise therefore that poor, suffering people keep looking to her for inspiration and help. We see them on our television screens carrying her statue with dignity and pride. Clearly they are not afraid, clearly they believe in a higher power, a power outside themselves and greater than themselves, Clearly they believe that the woman we celebrate, Mary, is a strong but gentle mother, who makes their hopes for the world her own, and their prayers for the world her prayers too.

from Fr Brian Gleeson, CP

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER

INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:
That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world ...

AND

That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty and love of neighbor ...

ALSO

BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER

INTENTION FOR TODAY:
That families be healed of all division and that they be one in Christ ...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel speaks of division in families. Is there a rift in your family? Spend some time discerning whether it is time reconcile with estranged family members. Pray for healing of this division.

ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM) NEARBY OPPORTUNITY:

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 for registration or questions.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT

July 2016, assisted 84 families with their utility bills, rent, prescriptions, temporary housing and other essentials in the amount of \$9,552. Including 14 homeless families and one homeless individual. We continue to be overwhelmed with requests for assistance and we continue to coordinate with other agencies in an attempt to meet the needs of the poor and needy. Thank you for your financial help. Next collection August 21st.

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> 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!



Next Sunday

August 21st at 6pm!

BOBCAT AWAKENING #48
A 3DAY retreat hosted by college students for college students is now accepting retreat applications! Available at the reception counter or online. Go to txstatecatholic.org/retreatant-app. Retreat dates are Friday– Sunday Sept. 23rd– 25th.

5pm SUNDAY MASS RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY August 21st

OFFICE HOURS
Regular Mass schedule and office hours resume next Sunday, **August 21st**. With Three Sunday Masses 10am, 5pm and 7:30pm.

REMINDER:
Texas State Students will begin moving in August 19th-21st!

