

STEWARDSHIP

September 30th.....\$4,523

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REPARATION

We gather as the Church to acknowledge with sorrow and shame the sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults. Many of you I'm sure feel anger over the seeming inability of bishops and others to address this issue. Catholics do not go to Mass on Sunday because they admire the pope of the day, or their local bishop or their pastor. Rather we gather in friendship with Christ to hear the word of God in the Scripture, and to be fed by Christ in Holy Communion. So, tonight in this Mass of Reparation, this Mass of healing, may God's grace move us along a journey of renewed conversion. Two thousand years ago, Christ allowed His physical body to be crucified by those who opposed him. And today, His mystical body - the Church - has been crucified by those who claim to follow Him.

The Church today around the world suffers from the wounds of many scandals. The Body of Christ experiences the weight of scandal and is in need of divine mercy in order to be healed. We turn to Christ and humble ourselves before the Paschal Mystery and we pray that our sickness, our sin-sickness, will be cured. We ask God to take away our blindness, our deafness, our stubbornness, our vices and our pride. And through the sacraments of penance and the Holy Eucharist, we pray that the Divine Physician manifest in each of us, in our local church, in the Church around the world. As people of faith, we trust that God will bring good out of this immense suffering, and through His grace make the Church once again healthy and holy. I call upon the lay people - we need your help.

I personally ask for your help. Deacons, priests, and bishops need to be first in line when it comes to doing penance and making reparation. But my brothers and sisters, we cannot do it without you. I would be grateful for any sacrifices you can make to help bring healing to this situation, especially in your daily prayer. I know that there is much distrust right now in the Church and no one of us has all of the answers - I certainly do not. But I believe that we need to address these things together.

from Archbishop Robert J. Carlson

AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE AUGUST

10AM, 186, 5PM, 129 7:30PM, 149

WOW WOMEN OF WISDOM

Meets today after our 10am Mass in the Library. All women are welcome!

Our Lady of Wisdom Mass of Reparation Tues. Oct. 9th 5:15pm followed by one hour of Adoration

BISHOP VASQUEZ' MASS OF REPARATION On Tues. Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. All parishes are invited to celebrate a Mass on the same day. Additionally, he is asking the faithful to begin a Novena of prayers on Oct. 9 for the sin of sexual abuse and the abuse of the innocent and vulnerable. More information and resources for acts of reparation found at austindiocese.org

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Come share your faith over a meal with other men in our parish. Weds. 7am. Bring your Bible and \$5 (for the meal).

RSVP to Victor Felan noel.texas@gmail.com

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POPE FRANCIS has requested "the faithful of all the world to pray during the month of October 2018, that the Holy Mother of God place the Church beneath her protective mantle: to preserve her from the attacks by the devil, the great accuser, and at the same time to make her more aware of the faults, the errors and the abuses committed in the present and in the past, and committed to combating without any hesitation, so that evil may not prevail."

The Pope has also asked for the prayer Sub tuum praesidium and the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel be added at the end of the Rosary, after the usual closing prayer. Found at USCCB.org.

USCCB website

SECOND COLLECTION

Oct. 7th USCCB 2018 Disaster Relief

WE PRAY

Please join us in prayer for the members of our parish in need of healing and spiritual support.

"Pray for one another...effective prayer can accomplish much." James 5:16

"Encountering Christ"

Good news! The result of meeting our pledge goal produces an awesome opportunity for our community! Now instead of 30% we will receive 70% of all pledged amounts to OLW from now on.

We will have a parish reception to celebrate reaching our goal TODAY, Oct. 7th after the 10am Mass. Be sure to come to Mass on Oct 21st or Oct. 28th. These are our commitment weekends.

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Online platform providing access to Catholic resources from providers including Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, etc. Go to: txstatecatholic.formed.org To login.

Bulletin Submissions bulletin@txstatecatholic.org

Send content, questions, suggestions, etc. Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm