

**READINGS**

January 18, 2015

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

**STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Collection January 4th.....\$2,951  
Sunday Collection January 11th.....\$1,765

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, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

**The Importance of Praying for Christian Unity**

Today begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Perhaps as this week begins, we can imagine Jesus giving us the same invitation that he gave in today's Gospel reading: "Come, and you will see" **Come and see.** That is the real answer to our prayer for unity. Come and let Jesus teach you about his plan for a united church. Spend time with him so that he can soften your heart toward your fellow Christians. Listen to his voice so that you can filter out the voices of suspicion, division, and condemnation that keep us separated. This approach may seem naïve at first. After all, church history is filled with tragedy. Believers have lost their jobs or their homes because they belonged to the wrong church. Shouldn't more be done than simply praying? Yes and no. Yes, more should be done. And it is being done. Scholars, theologians, and church leaders continue to meet in dialogue to resolve

differences and sort through our painful past. But no matter how much study or dialogue takes place, it will bring about very little change if it is not coupled with sincere, humble prayer. Pope John Paul II once wrote: "If Christians, despite their divisions, can grow ever more united in common prayer around Christ, they will grow in the awareness of how little divides them in comparison to what unites them". Do you want to see the broken body of Christ healed? Then come to Jesus. Let him write his word on your heart. As you do, divisive thoughts will fall away. You will have a greater respect for everyone who is baptized into Christ. And you will become an agent of unity and healing!

*The Word Among Us*  
<http://www.nsc-chariscenter.org>

**GOSPEL REFLECTION** In today's Gospel, Andrew led his brother Peter to Jesus. Who are the people in your life who led you to Christ? Thank God for these people.

**PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:**

That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace ...

**AND**

That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal ...

**ALSO BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION TODAY:**

For the young people of our diocese and their chaperones who are gathered at the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference in Waco ...

**WE PRAY** for those about to attend Fan into Flame retreat next weekend and for those participating in the Boots on the Ground pro-life conference and the pro-life rally next weekend.



**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

*Will resume*

**January 20, 2015**

**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

**FREE LUNCH** every Tuesday 11am-1pm in the Lobby

**BOBCATS FOR LIFE**  
2nd & 4th Thursdays 6pm in the Library

**PRAYER MEETING** 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30pm upstairs

**BIBLE STUDIES** every day!

*CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION*  
[www.txstatecatholic.org](http://www.txstatecatholic.org)



**PRAY THE ROSARY** before the 10am Sunday Mass in the Lounge / Cry Room. We begin at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome. Please join us even if you're a little late!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** In Dec. 2014 San Marcos assisted 68 families totaling 209 people with utilities, prescriptions, and other essentials in the amount of \$9,535.

**SERVE AS A MISSIONARY IN ASIA!** Thursday January 22nd after the 5:15pm Mass, upstairs, Come meet Tricia Bolle, founder of the St. Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society. She has served as a foreign missionary, primarily in Hong Kong, for seven years. She now has hopes of spreading the Gospel to her brothers and sisters in Asia. She is currently recruiting young adults for a 9-week formation program this summer. These young missionaries would potentially serve in Asia in 2015. All are welcomed!

**MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**



presented by the St. Joan of Arc Brigade from San Antonio will be at Our Lady of Wisdom on Wednesday, January 28th from Noon – 3pm. We will begin with a rosary then our 12:30pm Mass followed by a presentation and time for questions and veneration. All are welcomed to attend! For more information on the Missionary image please go to [www.stjoanofarcbrigade.com](http://www.stjoanofarcbrigade.com) or Call Darlene D. Jimenez, Director/ St. Joan of Arc Brigade at 210-771-5757.

**TEXAS CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE DAY** Catholics from across the state will join together to stand in solidarity to promote a Culture of Life at Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day on Jan. 24. Purchase your T-shirt to wear throughout the day. Attend the prayer vigil at 7 a.m. at 201 E. Ben White Blvd., the Rosary for Life at 9:15 a.m. and Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin. Eat lunch in the Parish Activity Center at \$5 a plate and continue to the March for Life, which will start at 1600 N. Congress and begins at 1 p.m. The March will process to the Capitol for the Rally for Life, which begins at 2 p.m. Buses will be available from downtown at 1600 N. Congress at 8 a.m., which will take you to St. Vincent de Paul and back. Pre-purchase bus tickets and T-shirts at

[www.centrltexasprolife.org](http://www.centrltexasprolife.org). For more information, contact Yvonne Saldaña at (512) 949-2486.

*Please join us for a*

**WELCOME BACK DINNER**

Sun., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

If you would like to help please sign up in the Lobby. This is a great way to catch up with old friends and meet new students! See you there!