

St. Mary's Chapel

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC



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Most Reverend Joseph E. Strickland, Bishop of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas

Welcome y'all!

Sunday, January 3 2015

The Epiphany of Our Lord

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Upcoming Events

January 1-5	FOCUS SLS (Fr. D gone)
3	Sunday Mass—6:00 pm only
18	MLK—Offices closed
19	Classes begin
30	KoC—2nd & 3rd Degree
February 1-5	Annual Priest Retreat

Mass Times

Sunday	11:00 AM & 6:00 PM
Tuesday— Friday	5:05 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM

During summer & other SFASU breaks, such as Thanksgiving weekend, 1 pm Mass is dropped.

On Holy Days of Obligation & Ash Wednesday, Mass is at 12:05 & 5:05 pm

Confession

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:	4:00—4:55pm
Wednesday:	3:30—4:45pm
Sunday:	10:00—10:45
	5:00—5:50
	& by appointment

(Sacred Heart has confession @ 4:15 Saturday if you can't make one of these times)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Daily from	— 4:00 pm
Every Wednesday	—9 am—5 pm
With Benediction	@ 4:50 followed by Mass
Monday & Friday	—9 am—10 am

If your schedule doesn't permit you to sign up for a hour or half hour, then just stop in anytime to visit Jesus and say "I love you...."

The chapel is open 24/7 (side door).

We are a Catholic Campus Ministry at Stephen F. Austin State University dedicated to bringing Christ to the lives of the whole campus community.

With our eyes on Him, we strive to pursue our faith, friendships, & vocations as students with a holy guidance. We're not perfect (far from it), but we would like to try to get there as a family.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, January 3	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo-For the People
Tuesday, Jan 5	No Mass	
Wednesday, Jan 6	5:05 pm	Walter Ledet †
Thursday, Jan 7	5:05 pm	
Friday, Jan 8	5:05 pm	
Saturday, Jan 9	9:00 am	
Sunday, January 10	11:00	St. Mary's Benefactors
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo-For the People

Announcements

- Fr. D will be gone to the FOCUS SLS from immediately after the 10 am Mass on the first, through the 5th.
- Adoration during break will be from 9 am—1:00 pm Wednesdays and every day from 4 pm to 5 pm. There will be no adoration or daily Mass from January 1—5th since Fr. D will be gone to the FOCUS SLS.

Poinsettia Memorials & Honorees

Walter Ledet †

E M Knipmeyer †

C W Bolinger †

Helen Bolinger †

Helen Kay Bolinger Aaron †

Ryan & Amanda Grimmett

Thank you!

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD — Saints & Readings

Sunday, January 3— The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6;Matthews 2:1-12

Monday, January 4— Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 John 3:22-4:6;Psalm 2:7-8,10-12; Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday, January 5—Memorial of Saint John Neumann

1 John 4:7-10;Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8;Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6—

1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2,10,12-13; Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7—

1 John 4:19-5:4;Psalm 72:1-2,14,15,17;Luke 4:14-22

Friday, January 8—

1 John 5:5-13;Psalm 147:12-13,14-15,19-20; Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, January 9—

1 John 5:14-21;Psalm 149:1-2,3-4,5-6,9; John 3:22-30

Sunday, January 10— The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7or 40:1-5,9-11 ;Psalm 29:1-4,3,9-10 or 104:1-4,24-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7;Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Chaplain's Desk → Breaking the Word

Today's Gospel (Mt 2:1-12) speaks to us about three magi who came to see the child Jesus. These magi were scientists of their age. They were well-acquainted with mathematics and geometry. They knew astronomy well enough to predict eclipses and the positions of the planets. In a way, they were some of the best educated men of their time.

God spoke to them in a way they could understand—through the stars. So the Magi set off to Bethlehem because that was where the long expected Messiah was to come from. Following a further astronomical sign, they happened upon the Holy Family in Joseph, Mary, and the child Jesus. This was it. They arrived to find an ordinary carpenter's family. The truly miraculous thing is that they believed despite appearances. Science can still lead some to encounter God. In studying creation men and women can learn something of it's Creator.

This solemn feast of the Epiphany is about God making Himself known to us. The greatest way God has done this is in Jesus Christ.

God humbled Himself in becoming one of us. Maybe we too should humble our pride in our society's scientific achievements and come to meet Him through our encounters with Him in Holy Scripture, the Sacraments, creation, and especially through one another. I wish during this New Year, we would see Jesus in the other more and more.

Happy New Year to Y'all!

Fr. D.

Bishop Strickland's Statement on Texas Open Carry Law

On January 1, 2016, new legislation will go into effect in Texas which allows those with licenses issued by the State to openly carry handguns in places not prohibited by law. We will see our fellow citizens openly carrying weapons in stores, restaurants, theaters, parks, and other public places. This law revises the current "concealed carry" law but continues the requirements that those with licenses to carry handguns must be at least 21, have passed a criminal background check and have received classroom and shooting range instruction.

I respect and support the right that we have as Texans to defend ourselves and our families. As Catholics, we believe the legitimate defense of persons can be not only a right, but also a grave duty. In the Diocese of Tyler, I strongly encourage those who chose to exercise this right to continue to do so in a prudent and responsible manner. With respect to our communal worship, I believe that openly carrying a weapon is not appropriate during the Sacred Liturgy and may understandably cause great discomfort to some gathered to worship alongside us.

Accordingly, as Bishop, I ask the faithful of the Diocese of Tyler and guests of our churches to observe my instruction that weapons are not to be openly carried during Holy Mass or other times of public worship.

As Texans adjust to this new law, I would also encourage the clergy and faithful of the Diocese to address any questions that may arise with calmness, kindness and respect, taking into consideration both the feelings and the rights of all involved. Please direct any questions that may come up regarding this instruction or the position of the Diocese of Tyler to Mr. Peyton Low at the Chancery Office.

OPEN CARRY & HOLY MASS

Respecting the right of Texans to defend themselves and their families while at the same time being considerate of those who may be uncomfortable around weapons in the context of our sacred liturgies, Bishop Joseph E. Strickland has instructed that weapons are not to be openly carried during Holy Mass or other times of public worship. Peace Officers commissioned by local, state or federal agencies are exempt from this instruction. For more information, visit www.dioceseoftyler.org.

If a person who is lawfully carrying a weapon in an open manner enters a church, ushers, greeters and clergy are asked to refer the person to this statement.

As always, if someone is acting suspiciously or if an individual perceives danger to himself or others, call 9-1-1 and follow local security procedures.

Our Sunday Offering

St. Mary's Chapel & the Campus Ministry mainly depends upon the generous support of all who join with us in the celebration of the Lord's presence in the Eucharist, which really means "thanksgiving." What we offer to God through our donations is also a sign of our thanksgiving to God for his generosity. Without your help and support, our Chapel and Campus Ministry cannot function. Please be generous as God is generous to you in many ways. "God loves a cheerful giver."

St. Mary's is not a traditional parish. We must rely on financial support from persons who understand the very important role of campus ministry in the nurture of Catholic youth. We are a dynamic growing ministry and need your support. Consider a 1 to 4 year financial commitment through our Living Faith Society. Call the office at 936-564-0661, talk to our staff— Fr. Denzil, Michael, Jodi, or Kim or go to our website at sfacatholic.net.

Thank you for your generous support!
Stewardship - A Way of Life

Sunday Collection (12/27) \$ 1054

2nd Collection—Seminarians \$125

Thank You!

Most Holy Name of Jesus

January 3rd is traditionally dedicated to the most Holy Name of Jesus. In fact, the whole month of January traditionally has been dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The letters IHS are an abbreviation of *Jesus*, the Greek name for Jesus. This feast marks no progress in the development of the Church year. It merely embellishes the occasion just observed when the Child received the Name Jesus as had been foretold by the angel. The feast is meant to impress on us the dignity of the Holy Name. Among the Jews God's name expressed His essence, Yahweh, i.e., I (alone) am who am (and cause all else to be). The Jews had the highest respect for the name of God, a reverence that finds continuation in the Our Father: "Hallowed be Thy Name."

Persons who played prominent roles in the history of salvation often received their names from God Himself. Adam — man of the earth; Eve — mother of all the living; Abraham — father of many nations; Peter — the rock. The Savior's precursor was given the name God assigned him. According to divine precedent, then, the name of the Redeemer should not be accidental, of human choosing, but given by God Himself. For His name should express His mission. We read in Sacred Scripture how the angel Gabriel revealed that name to Mary: "You shall call His name Jesus." And to St. Joseph the angel not merely revealed the name but explained its meaning: "You shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." The Messiah should not only be the savior, but should be called Savior. With Jesus, therefore, the name actually tells the purpose of His existence. This is why we must esteem His name as sacred. Whenever we pronounce it, we ought to bow our heads; for the very name reminds us of the greatest favor we have ever received, salvation.

Although St. Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because he wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus "that name that is above every name", this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of St. Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan. Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century.

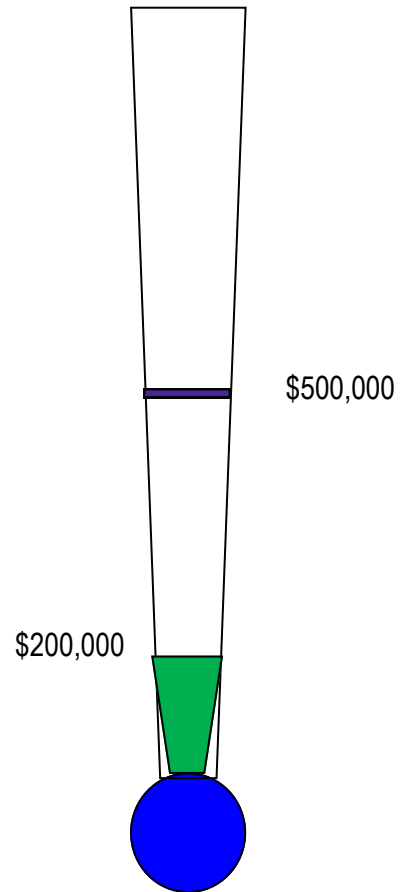
In a world of fiercely guarded corporate names and logos, it should be easy to understand this feast. Jesus died and rose for the sake of all people. No one can trademark or copyright Jesus' name. Jesus is the Son of God and son of Mary. Everything that exists was created in and through the Son of God. The name of Jesus is debased if a Christian uses it as justification for berating non-Christians. Jesus reminds us that because we are all related to him we are, therefore, all related to one another.

"Glorious name, gracious name, name of love and of power! Through you sins are forgiven; through you enemies are vanquished, through you, the sick are freed from their illness, through you, those suffering in trials are made strong and cheerful. You bring honor to those who believe, you teach those who preach, you give strength to the toiler, you sustain the weary" (St. Bernardine of Siena).





Our Goal
\$1,000,000



We now begin the Kick-off for our future Student Center. Please join us in praying the Memorare for this endeavor.

MEMORARE

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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our seminarians!
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*Blessing to all who serve
on the altar of the Lord
at St. Mary's.*
-Betty Ledet



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