

St. Mary's Chapel

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC



CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

Welcome y'all!

Sunday, May 8th, 2016

7th Sunday of Easter

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Upcoming Events

May	5	DotS Rehearsal—3:30pm & 5:45pm
		KoC wkly mtg—8pm
	8	Mother's Day
		Thank You Lunch
	9	Finals begin
	10	Chaplet of Divine Mercy—5:45
	11	Adoration—9-5pm
	14	Commencement
	16	Maymester begins
	30	Memorial Day
June	6	Summer I begins
July	12	Summer II begins
August	13	Summer Commencement
	25	leadership Retreat
	26	Freshmen Move-In
	27	Water Balloon Fight
	28	Ministry Fair
	29	Fall Classes begin

Mass Times

Sunday	11:00 AM, 1:00 & 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.

LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES - MASS SCHEDULE - MASS INTENTIONS

DATE OBSERVANCE & FEAST	TIME	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	REQUESTED BY
Sunday, May 8th <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>	11:00	Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9	'Mass for the People'	Fr. Denzil
	6:00 pm	Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53	Benefactors	St. Mary's
Monday, May 9	8:30 am	Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 16:29-33	Jetta Najvar-b'day-3/9	St. Mary's
Tuesday, May 10 <i>St. Damien de Veuster</i>	5:05 pm	Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11	Michael Shirk bday	Karen Shirk
Wednesday, May 11	5:05 pm	Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35, 35-36; John 17:11-19	Walter Ledet (RIP)	Betty Ledet
Thursday, May 12 <i>Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Pancras</i>	5:05 pm	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; John 17:20-26	Molly McCormick-b'day	Justin & Kim
Friday, May 13 <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	5:05 pm	Acts 25:13-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; John 21:15-19	Ezekial Rodriguez RIP	Esmeralda Mandujano
Saturday, May 14 <i>Feast of Saint Matthias</i>	9:00 am	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15:9-17	Our Graduates	St. Mary's
Sunday, May 15th <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	11:00	Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34	'Mass for the People'	Fr. Denzil
	6:00 pm	1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23	Benefactors	St. Mary's

OFFERING MASSES FOR OUR BELOVED ONES IS OUR SPIRITUAL DUTY AND A CHARITABLE WORK.
PLEASE OFFER MASSES FOR THEM ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS.
ENVELOPES ARE IN THE FOYER OR IN THE OFFICE. YOU MAY COME TO THE OFFICE TO CHECK FOR AVAILABLE DATES.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We often preach and hear Christians are missioned to be witnesses. But to what exactly are we called to bear witness?

At His Ascension, Jesus tell his disciples, " Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on third day and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things" (Lk 24:46-48). As Christians, we bear witness to the Paschal Mystery - the Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection - of Jesus Christ.

The preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins is the highest form of witnessing a Christian can offer the world, but it is far from easy.

Our early Christian forbears who initially received the commission to bear witness to the paschal mystery were fearful of the task that lay before them, but with the prayerful support of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Acts 1:14) and the eventual out pouring of the Holy Spirit, they were emboldened to preach repentance and live a life reflective of God's infinite mercy.

The seemingly impossible task of being "witnesses of these things" was made possible because of God's merciful love reflected in the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God we encounter each time we gather at the altar of the Eucharist enables us to bear witness to Jesus in the World.

Being effective witnesses means living as joy-filled disciples who offer thankful praise to God for the gift of redemption and eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Blessings!

Fr. Denzil Vithanage

Announcements

- ⇒ Join us for our **Appreciation Picnic** after Mass.
There will be no 1 pm Mass.
- ⇒ Since the month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in homes, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance"
- (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1). We will be praying the rosary at 4:30 before Mass

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 (5/1) \$ 1641
Building Fund \$ 492

Thank You!

Pray for all Our Mothers

*Kim Briggs
Tanea Briggs
Karin Cooper
Lorraine Coussons
Dell D'Lizarras
Ashley Gonzalez
Ginger Henry
Constance Lopez
Mary Lou Mackey
Esmeralda Mandujano
Kathleen McCalib
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Mother's Day Prayer

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers,
we turn to you.

We thank the Lord whom you serve
for the great gift of motherhood.

Never has it been known that anyone who sought your
intercession was left unaided by grace.

Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to
the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to
earth and changed human history.

You opened yourself to God's word
and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers.

Ask your Divine Son to give them
the grace of surrendered love so that they could join
with you in giving their own "Fiat."

May they find daily strength to say yes
to the call to the sacrificial love-

the very heart of the vocation of motherhood.

May their love and witness be a source of great
inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day,

Mother of the Word Incarnate,
pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



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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\$800,000**

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on the altar of the Lord
at St. Mary's.*

-Betty Ledet

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