

# St. Mary's Chapel

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC



CAMPUS MINISTRY

*At Stephen F. Austin State University*

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

## Welcome y'all!

### Sunday, September 13, 2015

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY STAFF

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#### CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION HEADS

<b>Kappa President:</b>	Sara Bushland —612-636-9985
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#### Upcoming Events

September 11-13	Lumberjack Awakening
13	Confirmation class—8pm
14	Monday Funday—7 pm
	Reader Training—7:15pm
	Eucharistic Minister Training—8 pm
15	RCIA 7pm
16	TheCircle
17	DotS Rehearsal—5:45
	KoC—8pm
19	SFA Parent's Day
24	Theology on the Rock(s) 7pm
30	Faculty, staff & adult Bible Study—6 pm
October 31	Spirit Brunch
Nov 2	St. Maria Goretti relics to visit Cathedral

#### Mass Times

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 AM & 6:00 PM
<b>Tuesday— Friday</b>	5:05 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM

*During summer & other SFASU breaks, 1 pm Mass is dropped.  
On Holy Days of Obligation & Ash Wednesday, Mass is at 12:05 & 5:05 pm*

#### Confession

<b>Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:</b>	4:00—4:55pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	3:30—4:45pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	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

<b>Daily from</b>	— 4:00 pm
<b>Every Wednesday</b>	—9 am—5 pm
With Benediction	@ 4:50 followed by Mass
<b>Monday &amp; Friday</b>	—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 students on campus.*

*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, September 13	11:00 am	Benefactors
	1:00 pm	Shelby Najvar B'day 9/14
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo-For the People
Tuesday, Sept 15	5:05 pm	<b>Communion Service</b>
Wednesday, Sept 16	5:05 pm	Joseph Jarzynka - RIP
Thursday, Sept 17	5:05 pm	Walter Ledet(RIP)/Betty Ledet
Friday, Sept 18	5:05 pm	Thomas Jerome Najvar. 2nd B'day. 9/17
Saturday, Sept 19	9:00 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Sunday, September 20	11:00 am	Benefactors
	1:00 pm	Bekka Najvar Birthday. 9/17
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo-For the People

## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — *Saints & Readings*

**Sunday, September 13— Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 116:1-6,8-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

**Monday, September 14—Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 78:1-2,34-37,38; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

**Tuesday, September 15—Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**  
1 Timothy 3:1-13; Psalm 101:1-3,5,6; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

**Wednesday, September 16—Memorial of Sts Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian**  
1 Timothy 3:14-16; Psalm 111:1-2,3-4,5-6; Luke 7:31-35

**Thursday, September 17—**  
1 Timothy 4:12-16; Psalm 111:7-8,9,10; Luke 7:36-50

**Friday, September 18—**  
1 Timothy 6:2-12; Psalm 49:6-7,8-10,17-18,19-20; Luke 8:1-3

**Saturday, September 19—**  
1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 8:4-15

**Sunday, September 20— Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54:3-4,5,6,8;  
James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37

*My dear parishioners,*

This weekend's readings are packed with tremendous depth and some particularly challenging questions: In the prophet Isaiah we continue to see the Suffering Servant, which calls into mind the mystery of suffering in the world; in the second reading we see the great Catholic epistle of St. James proposing to the world the challenge of faith and works; and finally in the Gospel we see Our Lord challenge His closest friends, the Apostles, to the task of evangelizing the world despite its challenges.

I want to focus in my short time here on two major efforts: **evangelization and the spiritual life.** One of the great challenges thrown at Christians is their rather weak witness (and I hate to say it, but Catholic-Christians are especially mentioned in this criticism), and secondly, the lack of depth in so many Christians' relationship with God in a deeply intimate and personal way. I would propose that the prior flows from the latter: without depth and intimacy with Our Lord, the result is almost always a lukewarm witness whose tepidness sours the world like old milk.

SO, what can we do about it? First, **don't despair**-your commitment to Our Lord in your participation at Mass, your daily prayers, and your beautiful fidelity to the Lord's forgiveness in the Confessional is already equipping you for the monumental task of evangelization. But let's take things a little further and see if we cannot become a community of Catholic-Christians who truly serve as Apostles to the Lumberjacks: get involved in one of the awesome bible studies we offer, be committed to one of the many catechetical opportunities offered weekly in Ganter Hall, and **TALK TO EACH OTHER AND STRANGERS ABOUT YOUR FAITH!**

The work of evangelization begins with our personal commitment to the Lord, and the profound gratitude that is a natural response to His love, and from this springs new life that makes us the 'salt of the earth, the light of the world'! Please be assured of my prayers, and this week we begin a 7 week covenant prayer asking for Our Lord's grace to abundantly bless the Spirit Branch efforts for St. Mary's Campus Ministry-**so every Friday from now until October 31<sup>st</sup>**, I would ask you to join in the effort by fasting, abstaining from meat, and offering extra prayers for the success of the Spirit Branch-

*Fr. Braun*

PS-I'm out of town all week, see you next Sunday!

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

As I mentioned in the letter next to this one © the Spiritual Life is imperative to every Christian, and especially in the work of evangelization. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has echoed the sentiments of his predecessors of recent memory in insisting that evangelization is not solely the responsibility of those in professed ministry or orders, but is the work of every Christian. To that end, I wanted to let you all know of the wonderful opportunity we have at St. Mary's regarding the work of developing and maintain a deep spiritual life that will nourish you not just through the rocky times of college, but will give you a foundation for the rest of your life, no matter where you find yourself and what you find yourself doing, to be a powerful witness of the Good News!

Spiritual direction is mostly about friendship and accountability: entrusting yourself with freedom to the council of a spiritually mature person who is going to help you develop and maintain a concrete spiritual plan-of-life and who can council you on challenges that you face and give you the tools you need to overcome some of the more pernicious snares of the devil that one encounters in their daily life. Spiritual direction is not psychological counseling, though that will be a part of the relationship; nor is it an opportunity strictly speaking for unloading emotions and judgments and resentments, though this will occasionally happen. It IS an opportunity to grow in your self-understanding, in growing in your **IDENTITY** as a beloved son or daughter of God, and in becoming truly free to love God and neighbor.

I am glad to offer this to you as your priest, and our community is blessed to have also available the wisdom and generosity of Ms. Aloma Marquis and Ms. Jodi Phillips to assist you with spiritual direction on a regular basis. Typically this consists of meeting once every 3-4 weeks initially, and then more or less as needed, and you'll meet for no more than an hour at a time. If you want to do deeper discernment about your vocation, please plan to meet with me or Ms. Aloma and we can work on how to help you.

Learning how to pray, why we pray, and the beautiful and rich tradition of prayer in our Church is something we should all be excited about, because it truly equips us to be the best evangelizers we can be, and also provides us personally with the substantial anchor we need in Our Lord in these trying times.

Please consider this, and if you are interested in meeting with one of us, just e-mail or call and we'll set up an appointment to help you grow!

*Fr. Justin Braun*



## Music Notes:

*Music Co-Director (Choir Director)*

*Sherman Harrell is an SFA senior music education major in voice. Originally from Nacogdoches, he has had extensive experience cantoring at Sacred Heart Church (including the Easter Vigil Exsultet), St. Mary's Catholic Campus Ministry, and for the Moral Immaculate Conception Church community. He has also been active as a Knight of Columbus, helped with "Awakening" retreats, and with many past and present needs of campus ministry. Sherman recently returned from the SFA A Cappella Choir Italy tour where he sang in the cathedrals of Venice, Florence and Rome. In the past year he was chosen for a solo in Handel's Messiah and an opera role in The Most Happy Fella. Sherman studies voice with Nita Hudson.*



## 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. Braun, Michael, Jodi, or Kim or go to our website at [sfacatholic.net](http://sfacatholic.net).

*Thank you for your generous support!*

## Stewardship - A Way of Life

1st Sunday Collection (9/6)	\$3593
2nd Collection	\$1680

**Thank You !**

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Wednesday from 9am-5pm. Please consider spending 30 minutes to an hour with our Lord every week! We still need a few more spots filled.
- ⇒ Every Wednesday, join us at **the Circle!** Come for Mass, then come on over to Ganter Hall around 5:45pm for FREE dinner, fellowship, and opportunities to learn more about the faith. This week at the Circle is Missions Night! Come find out how you can use your Spring Break and Summer on an international Mission Trip.
- ⇒ Want to read or **serve at Mass**? Check below for **training opportunities!** All training will take place in the Chapel. We are also looking for sacristans, talk to Jodi if interested—402-650-4234.
  - Readers: September 14 at 7:15pm
  - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: September 14 at 8pm
- ⇒ If you still interested in helping at Mass as a Reader, EM, or Altar Server and can't make any of the scheduled training times, e-mail Jodi Phillips at [phillipsjm1@gmail.com](mailto:phillipsjm1@gmail.com) to schedule another session!
- ⇒ Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** will begin Tuesday, September 8 from 7-9 in Ganter Hall. For more information, contact Jodi Phillips at 402-650-4234
- ⇒ If you were raised Catholic, but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, we will be starting **adult Confirmation classes** on Sunday, September 13 from 8-9:30 in St. Joseph's home. For more information, contact Jodi Phillips at 402-650-4234
- ⇒ **SFA Awakening 50** is this weekend, September 11-13. Please *pray* for all of our students.
- ⇒ We would like to invite everyone to **pray and fast** with us in whatever manner you are able to for the next 7 Fridays for our upcoming **Spirit Brunch** on October 31st.
- ⇒ Join of this Monday at 7pm in Ganter Hall for a **movie night!** Popcorn will be provided.
- ⇒ St. Mary's would like to add a new or like **new pool table and a stove**(\$400) for St. Joseph's & the Ganter hall kitchen. If you happen to have one that you would like to **donate** or buy for us, you know that they would get lots of appreciation and use.

*All St. Mary's community members are encouraged to fast & pray every Friday, between now and October 31, for the success of the Spirit Brunch.*

Join us in reaching for the heights of celebration & fun in SFA's Homecoming Week at

**St. Mary's Catholic Jacks**

# Spirit Brunch



**Investing in Jack Saints!**



Saturday, October 31, 2015

9:30 – 11 a.m.

Ganter Hall

Live Jazz Band, Cupcake Auction & Raffle  
\$15 per person for Champagne Brunch

Casual Attire  
Advance reservation required by October 1

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at St. Mary's.*

-Betty Ledet



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