

# St. Mary's Chapel

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC



CAMPUS MINISTRY

*At Stephen F. Austin State University*

211 E. College Street, Nacogdoches, Texas-75965

Office Phone : 936-564-0661

[www.sfacatholic.net](http://www.sfacatholic.net)

[stmarysccm@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysccm@gmail.com)

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

## Welcome y'all!

**Sunday, October 4, 2015**

*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

<b>Chaplain:</b>	Fr. Justin Braun — <a href="mailto:fatherjbraun@gmail.com">fatherjbraun@gmail.com</a>
<b>Deacon</b>	Dcn. David Darby —936-560-3249
<b>Program Director:</b>	Jodi Phillips —402-650-4234
<b>Development Director:</b>	Michael Molina —936-414-8205
<b>Pastoral Assistant:</b>	Kim Briggs —936-564-0661
<b>Spiritual Direction</b>	Aloma Marquis —936-414-2405
<i>For sacramental emergencies call: —903-240-2493</i>	

### CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION HEADS

<b>Kappa President:</b>	Sara Bushland —612-636-9985
<b>Grand Knight:</b>	Austin Thurman —972-765-8335
<b>Dancers of the Son</b>	Sam Schroll —979-665-8678
<b>Awakening</b>	Keara King —469-237-5605
	Katherine Janusa—936-371-0279

### Upcoming Events

October	4	Life Chain 1 pm Pizza Dinner—7 pm Confirmation Class 8 pm
	5	Mission Trip Meeting
	6	RCIA—7
	7	Faculty, staff & adult Bible Study—6 pm The Circle
	8	DotS dance practice—3:30 DotS rehearsal—5:45 Theology on the Rocks—7 pm Knights—1st degree—7pm Knights—8
	12	Sanctity of Life Banquet—Tyler
	17	Women's event
	20	Heartbeat Banquet
	29	Halloween Party
	31	Spirit Brunch

### 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 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, October 4	11:00 am	Benefactors
	1:00 pm	
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo-For the People
Tuesday, Oct 6	5:05 pm	Walter Ledet †
Wednesday, Oct 7	5:05 pm	Communion Service
Thursday, Oct 8	5:05 pm	Communion Service
Friday, Oct 9	5:05 pm	Bill Mackey †
Saturday, Oct 10	9:00 am	David Briggs
Sunday, October 11	11:00 am	Benefactors
	1:00 pm	
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo-For the People

### *My dear parishioners,*

As we begin this beautiful month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary and the Blessed Virgin Mary, we do so with the sobering awareness of how prevalent the culture of death is in the land we live. With this past week's mass shooting in Oregon, the continued refugee crises coming out of Syria, and the persecution and martyrdom of Christians and people of other faiths, we are reminded in a grim way of the precarious times we live in. St. John Paul II of beloved and recent memory often lamented that despite the rapid expansion of technology and its power, the world was becoming more and more barbaric and the "shadows" were growing darker. In my opinion, as your pastor, the greatest shadow looming over our head is the great scourge of abortion.

Since the Supreme Court of the United States decided Roe v. Wade over 40 years ago, 60 million children have died at the hands of the faceless notion of 'reproductive rights' and 'women's health.' The fact that this decision is hailed by anyone as a "success" leaves me personally deeply troubled: how far of a cry it is from the Lord's express desire for us to love our neighbor and to "let the children come to me." This mechanism of institutional evil, which our Holy Father Pope Francis has vigorously condemned (just as his predecessors did), continues to sit as the seedy foundation of so much of what Americans have confused in the muck of "values" and "rights" talk that our politicians tend to use. What abortion is, by definition of the very act, is evil: it has nothing to do with empowering women, with healing hurts (as some argue in the case of rape), and it is most certainly not the "humane" thing to do when a child is known in-utero to have certain defects. When we remove the gloss of "rights" speak, and lift the veil of the so called "war on women" what we in-fact see is a very diabolical and malicious plan to carry out the work of Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger and her disciples who sought to do the same thing Adolf Hitler had

## 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Saints & Readings

**Sunday, October 4— Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128:1-6; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

**Monday, October 5—**  
Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday, October 6—St. Bruno;**  
Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 130:1-2,3,4,7-8; Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday, October 7—Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**  
Jonah 4:1-11; Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday, October 8—**  
Malachi 3:13-20; Psalm 1:1-2,3,4,6; Luke 11:5-13

**Friday, October 9—St. Denis & companions; St. John Leonardi**  
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalm 9:2-3,6,16,8-9; Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday, October 10—**  
Joel 4:12-21; Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; Luke 11:27-28

**Sunday, October 11— Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

planned in Nazi-Germany: to create a perfect race, free of any particularities, free of differences, and all together like minded (and in order to get there, they were willing to murder anyone whose skin was a different color, whose eyes were a different color, whose brain may not be as developed as they would like). This is the real foundation of the "right to choose", and as your priest and as an American, I am disgusted by it, and hope in a real way that I can be part of a generation of people who were able to recognize this evil for what it is & to help put a stop to it.

On his recent visit, Pope Francis noted, we as Catholics are good at pointing the finger when we see evil, but are we doing anything about it? If you are not, I want to encourage you to do a few things this month: one, BE JOYFUL IN LIFE! A radical anti-dote to the darkness around us is joy, pure and simple! Secondly, GET INVOLVED IN THE PRO-LIFE activities in our diocese and state. The nation often looks to Texas to see how we respond to issues, how we organize around issues, and I cannot tell you how proud I am to have been at the Capital two years ago when our state legislators voted to stop abortions after 20 weeks and tighten the laws around the doctors and facilities performing this procedure.

There is light dispelling the darkness, and I honestly think it will be the students of today who will turn over the tide of the culture of death in favor of a culture of life, one that radically and unequivocally upholds the dignity of every human person. For now, dear brothers and sisters, let us pray and support with all our efforts the most vulnerable, let us be the voice of the unborn whose cries are heard by our politicians and our peers, LET US BE A CULTURE OF LOVE!

*Fr. Braun*



*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you ... Jeremiah 1:5*

### Announcements

- ⇒ 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. During October, we will be learning more about prayer.
- ⇒ We would like to invite everyone to **pray and fast** with us in whatever manner you are able to for the next 5 Fridays for our upcoming **Spirit Brunch** on October 31st.
- ⇒ St. Mary's would like to add a new or like **stove**(\$400) for St. Joseph's kitchen and **new pool table**. 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 & use.
- ⇒ Are you interested in using your **Spring Break** to serve others? Consider joining other students from St. Mary's on a trip to Mexico. Applications can be found in the back of the Chapel. Meetings will begin October 5th from 7:30-9:30, though applications aren't due until October 19th - come learn more about this incredible opportunity! Not sure Mexico is where you want to go? Come to the meetings anyway to learn about many other **Mission opportunities** over Spring Break and Summer, led by our Focus Missionaries.
- ⇒ **Knights Fund Raiser**—Now taking orders
- ⇒ **First Sunday Dinner** returns tonight at 7pm in Ganter Hall! All are welcome to join us!
- ⇒ **Monday Funday** returns again tomorrow! Join other SFA students in the fun at 7pm in Ganter Hall.

### **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 [sfa-catholic.net](http://sfa-catholic.net).

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

Sunday Collection (9/27)      \$ 2122

**Thank You!**

### **Liturgy Corner**

As I mentioned a short while ago at daily Mass, in the coming month I will be giving instruction at the end of daily Mass every week on the liturgy, and through the use of the bulletin, will be doing some catechesis on the Sacred Liturgy in general and in particular as we prepare for the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1. All of this formation is important as we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints with great solemnity, joy, and reverence; and as I mentioned, it will look a little different as the priest and ministers will celebrate a majority of the liturgy *Ad Deum* (literally, 'towards God').

There are many reasons why the majority of people will feel initially uneasy about the idea of being at Mass when the priest is not looking at them the whole time; for the older folks, they may have some uneasy memories of their faith life previous to the liturgical changes after Vatican II; for younger folks, including me, it was just never our regular parish experience of Mass, and despite our youth, we are pretty set in our ways when it comes to the Mass; and still for others, it may just be the gut reaction that "the priest has his back to me." Now, I'm not a Church historian, but my mom is one of the folks I know who lived through the transition time after Vatican II, and she like so many her age laments how fast things changed and without proper explanation. Still, the fact remains that these changes did happen, they are accepted by the bishops as being inspired by the Holy Spirit, and they will largely remain unchanged in the decades to come.

However, one very important area of debate, and for good reason, is the matter of liturgical direction. The prayers of the Church throughout the Mass are a communal act of the body of Christ in prayer, presided over by the priest who stands *in persona Christi capitis* (in the person of Christ the Head), to the Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit—the texts literally are addressed to the Father. And the priest, for his part, stands as mediator (like Jesus) between the assembly of believers and God, Father, Son and Spirit; but the question must be asked, why does he beg and plead to God while facing people who are joined in his prayer to God? The notion of community is one argument: if the priest has his 'back turned to the people' how can he be with the people/the people be joined in his prayer? Another argument is that it makes the Mass seem cold and un-lively: if I cannot see the priest, then I cannot tell if he is happy or sad, and he cannot connect with my eyes and make a personal connection. And the third common argument is that it is "just not the way we worship!"

All of these arguments stand on the basic premise that WE are the primary subject and object of worship, which by definition makes us idol worshippers, because we are worshipping ourselves. In order to worship God, it is important to realize HE is the subject and object of our worship, honor, and adoration. Our efforts are not primarily for ourselves, but as an act of homage and worship to Him Who created us, loves us, and sustains us. So it would seem fitting that WE would all offer HIM worship together—not looking to satisfy our needs, emotions, and pride, but firstly seeking to honor Him with great reverence and attention. Therefore, the need to "see the priest" becomes less important (thank God!), and the need to worship in unison to the Lord becomes our orientation and aim.

Next week I'll touch on this subject again, and address the elements of vertical and horizontal worship throughout the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I encourage you to please e-mail me or call me if you want to discuss this further or have questions, and please be patient as we learn together.

*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

**GOD BLESS  
ALL  
CATHOLIC JACKS!**

Hebert Health Care, Inc.

**Pray for  
our seminarians!  
"Nick and Nick"**

-The Bolinger Family



603 North Street · 560-1137 · butcherboynac.net

*Blessing to all who serve  
on the altar of the Lord  
at St. Mary's.*

-Betty Ledet



**TIPTON Ford Lincoln**  
Nacogdoches, TX

936.564.7337 · WWW.TIPTONFORD.COM



**Z Catering**  
Food. First and Foremost.  
817-412-9285

*For more information on how to advertise here,  
contact Michael Molina  
mmolina4@sfacatholic.net or call the office at 936-564-0661*