

St. Mary's Chapel

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC



CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Welcome y'all!

Sunday, October 11, 2015

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times

Sunday	11:00 AM, 1 PM, & 6:00 PM
Tuesday— Friday	5:05 PM
Saturday	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

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).

<u>Upcoming Events</u>		
October	11	Confirmation Class 8 pm
	12	Sanctity of Life Banquet—Tyler
		Monday Friday 7pm
		Mission Trip Meeting 7:30
	13	RCIA—7pm
	14	Faculty, staff & adult Bible Study—6 pm
		The Circle
	15	DotS dance practice—3:30
		DotS rehearsal—5:45
		Knights—8
	16	Men's event
	17	Women's event
	20	Heartbeat Banquet
	22	Theology on the Rocks—7 pm
	29	Halloween Party
	31	Spirit Brunch
Nov	2	All Soul's Day—Masses-7:30am, 10:30am, 11:45am
		St. Maria Goretti relics to visit Cathedral

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 11	11:00 am	Benefactors
	1:00 pm	
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo- <i>For the People</i>
Tuesday, Oct 13	5:05 pm	Walter Ledet †
Wednesday, Oct 14	5:05 pm	Mary Slaten—b'day
Thursday, Oct 15	5:05 pm	Intentions of the Orient family
Friday, Oct 16	5:05 pm	Lorraine Cousson - b'day
Saturday, Oct 17	9:00 am	Neal & Mary Slaten—anniversary
Sunday, October 18	11:00 am	Benefactors
	1:00 pm	
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo- <i>For the People</i>

My dear parishioners,

“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” These words of Our Lord time and again proclaimed in the Church have for some 2000 years reminded the followers of Christ and those in the world of the great obstacle that wealth can be to eternal happiness. A quick sociological survey will reveal the wisdom of Our Lord in the present age: the highest rate of suicide and lowest birth rate are in countries whose wealth and power are greatest, and not surprisingly, those who find themselves impoverished according to the world have the lowest rates of suicide and commonly have substantially higher birth rates.

Now there is a temptation here to reject the sociological data, and worse so, to deny the wisdom of the God-Man Jesus Christ, and we find ourselves in America sitting in the veritable heart of this temptation: prosperity, “success”, “dreams” are all almost completely economical code-words for wealth and power, and our public education system is programmed to promote a morality which supports this. That is why you’ll find in your public education system express efforts at promoting career-oriented education, rejecting the development of the whole person in favor of specialization and “skill sets” for financial success, meanwhile teaching little about right and wrong, or forcing an ethical/moral system that creates a culture of victimization and entitlement, and therefore when you fail to “succeed” according to the world, don’t worry, someone else will pay for you to have your cake and eat it too.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — *Saints & Readings*

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

Monday, October 12—
Romans 1:1-7; Psalm 98:1-4; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 13—
Romans 1:16-25; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 14—St. Callistus I
Romans 2:1-11; Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 15—Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus
Romans 3:21-30; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 16—St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
Romans 4:1-8; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 17—Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Romans 4:13, 16-18; Psalm 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Luke 12:8-12

Sunday, October 18— Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

While this is the cultural reality for Americans, it is not necessarily so for the rest of the world. Education in places where the quality of life is not 1st world have begun to imitate the ways of the developed nations in an effort to compete in a global economy and to improve the quality of life for its citizens: not evil unto itself, but if these nations follow closely the development and expansion of public education similar to the USA, eventually the basic ethical system that underlies their 3rd world happiness and joy will succumb to the machinations of economic success and create a culture of relativism and “might is right” similar to ours.

So you may be wondering if Father has some kind of wisdom to offer? Well, frankly, I can only offer the wisdom of Christ and His Beautiful bride, the Church: “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” The heart that is set on financial success and power will always struggle to find peace in this life, and will struggle to see the joy of the Good News as being a worthwhile endeavor. I know many of you are employees of the public education system, and I hope you know my nearness to you in prayer, because I know with certainty you did not get into education to pollute minds with the culture of wealth and power I speak of: however, I do implore you to continue to be agents of change to a system that has grown far too powerful in its scope and I fear measures its success not in forming men and women of good character, but in how much production and capital one of its pupils can produce. Rather than trying to force a bunch of camels through the eye of the needle, let us help create a culture where the highway to heaven is filled with men and women whose moral compass is fixed on Christ!

Fr. Braun

Announcements

- ⇒ We would like to invite everyone to **pray and fast** with us in whatever manner you are able to for the next 4 Fridays for our upcoming **Spirit Brunch** on October 31st.
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ **Monday Funday** returns again tomorrow! Join other SFA students in the fun at 7pm in Ganter Hall.
- ⇒ Last chance to get your **parking permit** before towing starts.
- ⇒ All Men are invited to a night of Recollection this Friday from 7-9pm in the Chapel. The theme for the night is "Rise Up!"
- ⇒ All Women are invited to a picnic and morning of Recollection this Saturday, beginning with Mass at 9am! Bring your own lunch, and plan to walk to the park.

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.

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

Sunday Collection (10/4)	\$ 2546
2nd Collection—Building	\$ 318

Thank You!

Liturgy Corner

As we continue to be formed in the liturgy, it occurred to me I may need to make a brief explanation of things: when I began to study the Mass so many years ago I cannot remember, I was enraptured with this image—Heaven comes down to Earth—because it instantly made the whole Mass more understandable. The "wisdom" I share with you in these little write-ups come not from some arid place of intellectual superiority or ideological groundings, but from a heart afire to share the greatest gift of our Catholic faith, the Holy Eucharist in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

So to where we left off last week: the concept of vertical and horizontal worship. Now beginning from the basic understanding that worship is fundamentally about God and not us, it becomes easy to see that there is a clear theological direction to the Mass, i.e., God! But this vertical orientation, with all of its beauty and symbolic prominence, really creates a beautiful harmony with the horizontal dimension of praise, that is, with you and I. A few examples:

In the Introductory Rites, we call upon the Triune God from the beginning, and extend His peace to one another through the simple exchange at the beginning of Mass: the vertical element is obvious, it is God's peace we give, not our own, and yet the horizontal is not denied here, as we do this act in communion with one another as a worshipping community.

In the readings, we listen to the Word of God proclaimed (vertical—it is His word, not ours); we respond as a worshipping community and are enlightened by the Word (horizontal).

In the offertory, we present gifts of bread and wine to the Lord which through prayers of the Church and the action of the Holy Spirit become a fitting sacrifice offered to God which becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus—this is really all about Him, and yet, the interplay of the worshipping community making *their* offerings is highlighted and again the harmony of vertical and horizontal is maintained.

Finally, the Concluding Rites, where the Church calls together its prayers once again in the Prayer after Communion, we hear always the worshipping community (horizontal) requesting the favors of God's grace (vertical), and God's response in giving us His blessing (through the hands of the priest).

Now the challenge is to see that all of this can happen in a real and beautiful way, while respecting in our decorum and manners the utter transcendence and otherness of God without sacrificing His nearness to us; this is achieved by a people who will faithfully pray the prayers of the Mass proper to their station in the Church, by responding to the dialogues between the priest and people, and especially in the singing of the common Mass parts (Kyrie, Gloria, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lamb of God). More importantly though, this is achieved through the interior participation of the heart of the believer, where the eyes of faith help us to see Heaven and Earth colliding in the beauty of the liturgy, and where *we* rise up to Him!

Next week I'll discuss the matter of "full, conscious, active participation" from the Second Vatican Council and how that phrase is to be interpreted in the life of the believer. God bless you!

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

-Betty Ledet



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