

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, November 22, 2015

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Upcoming Events

November 22	Solemnity of Christ the King Fr. Braun's last Sunday Thanksgiving Potluck 7 pm Confirmation class 8pm
23	Mission Trip mtg—7:30 pm
25	Thanksgiving Break begins—offices closed
30	Monday Funday—7pm
December 1	RCIA—7pm
2	The Circle
3	DotS dance practice—3:30 DotS rehearsal—5:45 Faculty, staff & adult Bible Study—6 pm Knights meeting 8 pm
4	Christmas PJ Party
6	Pizza Dinners

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, 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, November 22	11:00 am	Benefactors
	1:00 pm	Sarah Slaten b'day
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo-For the People
Tuesday, Nov 24	5:05 pm	Walter Ledet †
Wednesday, Nov 25	5:05 pm	
Thursday, Nov 26	11:00 am	Rhonda Najvar b'day
Friday, Nov 27	5:05 pm	
Saturday, Nov 28	9:00 am	Holy Souls
Sunday, November 29	11:00 am	Benefactors
	1:00 pm	
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo-For the People

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS — Saints & Readings

Sunday, November 22 — Solemnity Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 93:1-2, 5; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33-37
Monday, November 23 — Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday, November 24 —Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac Daniel 2:31-45; Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday, November 25 — Daniel 5:1-6, 13-17, 23-28; Daniel 3:62-67; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday, November 26 — Sirach 50:22-24; Psalm 145:2-11; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
Friday, November 27 — Daniel 7:2-14; Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Luke 21:29-33
Saturday, November 28 — Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Luke 21:34-36
Sunday, November 29 — First Sunday of Advent Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

My dear parishioners,

Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis famously quipped, “Life is about timing!” Seems pretty rich coming from a guy who measured victory in nanoseconds and centimeters; but his remark rings true for so many of our experiences- life really is about timing-or put another way, “timing is everything.” My time here has come to an end, and in cosmic irony, so too does our liturgical calendar for the year. Starting next Sunday, the Church enters again into that beautiful season of anticipation called Advent (from the Latin “*ad*”=towards and “*venire*”=to come”), where we hear over the course of four Sundays and all the days in between of the hopeful anticipation the people of Israel experienced awaiting the coming of the Messiah.

For many folks, the season of Advent is a prolonged period of Christmas celebrations and eating, for our students it is a time of stress as they enter into finals, and for a few, it is a season of deeper reflection on the mystery of the Incarnation. To move our minds in the direction of the Christ-child, the Church wisely reminds us that this new beginning must be anticipated through adequate preparation and contemplation, and proposes to us the traditional penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and urges us to deeper meditation on the Sacred Scriptures. In addition to these things, I would like to add another, very specific recommendation: **take time to do a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament every week** at least once in anticipation of the joy of Christmas!

The God-man, who was Incarnate in the womb of a teenage girl some two thousand years ago, is capable of making Himself truly present under the appearance of bread, trust me. And He does not do this simply to mystify scientists, or to fool pagans: He does it most especially for YOU, His beloved brothers and sisters, and through Himself calls you into deeper union with the Most Blessed Trinity, the source of life and love.

In the midst of a very unsettled world, torn apart by human sin, let us once again turn like children to the Father of Mercies, whose face is revealed in His Son Jesus Christ, and whose love remains with us by the grace of the Holy Spirit who dwells in the Church. In this way, by contemplating the Face of Christ in the Eucharist, we can better prepare for the true joy of His birth at Christmas, and let this time of Advent serve its true purpose, to set our hearts ablaze with the fire of His love!

As I leave you, I want to assure you of my prayers! But I want also to assure you of my gratitude: this community has been a great source of inspiration and joy for me personally, and I cannot thank you enough for your support and kind words. My successor, Fr. Denzil, is one of the holiest priests I know, and I pray you will all support him as you have so kindly supported me. Let us pray for one another, and may you have a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Braun

Announcements

- ⇒ Sunday, November 22nd we will be having a **Thanksgiving Potluck** at 7pm to send off Father Braun. Turkey will be provided, but all the sides are up to you! Please e-mail Jodi at phillipsjm1@gmail.com (or via facebook) to let her know what you are bringing.
- ⇒ The **Adult Bible Study** has started and welcomes anyone wanting to join us weekly on Thursday nights at 6:00 pm in the front room at St. Joseph's.
- ⇒ **Dancers of the Son** will be having their second annual **recital on Sunday, December 6th at 3pm in Kennedy Auditorium. Free admission!**
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving Mass** will be at 11:am

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 (11/15)	\$1684
2nd Collection—St Patrick School	\$134

Thank You!

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 34th or last Sunday of Ordinary Time

Each year on the last Sunday of the current Liturgical Year we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe highlighting the eschatological significance of this feast. In the Church's ranking of feast days, a "solemnity" is the highest rank of feasts. Jesus Christ is the goal and culmination of both our Church Year and our pilgrimage on this earth.

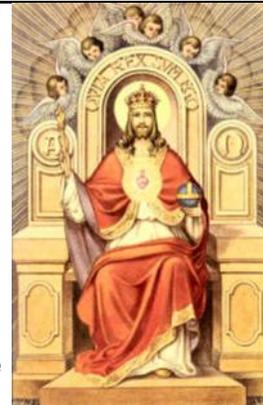
The feast of Christ the King is a relatively new feast on our calendar. It was inserted into the calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations. In the encyclical of Pope Pius XI, "Quas Primas", given on December 11, 1925, Pope Pius mandated the "insertion into the Sacred Liturgy of a special feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ"

Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

Today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places; 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever"; 4) spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world". — *Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rudolph G. Gandas*

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who piously recite the **Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ King**. A plenary indulgence is granted; if it is recited publicly on the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ King.

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before you. We are yours and yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known you; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Grant, O Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor for ever. Amen.



Advent

Go deeper

It's crunch time. Finals are getting closer, and that term paper due two days ago hasn't yet hit the printer. Your calendar is full, and adding something more seems impossible. The busyness can be a central reason why you might want to add something else to your calendar.

Next Sunday begins Advent leading to Christmas. Let the Advent season take your focus off deadlines and exams. Advent is a season of expectation, when we get to prepare for the incarnation. Advent is a season of hope, of longing. It focuses on both Jesus' first advent in Bethlehem and his second coming. Advent hinges on an analogy: just as the people of Israel waited for the Messiah, so too we long for the return of Jesus. A large part of Advent is about re-enacting this period of longing and hope for the Messiah, just as Mary longed for the birth of Christ.

So welcome the season as a time to refocus. A college student's identity can become so wrapped up in day-to-day busyness and stress that you forget that college is just your life for the time being, but your greater responsibility is to be formed as Christians, not as college students.... Advent offers you that chance to realign life to Christ — something that often is not the reality.

What could it look like for you to observe Advent? Daily Scripture reading? Daily Mass? Adoration? Intentionally engaging the people around you with prayer and service? How is God calling you?

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at St. Mary's.*

-Betty Ledet



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