

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, January 10 2015

The Baptism of Our Lord

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Mass Times

Sunday	11:00 AM & 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)

Upcoming Events

January	1-5	FOCUS SLS (Fr. D gone)
	3	Sunday Mass—6:00 pm only
	17	Sunday Mass—11 & 6 only
	18	MLK—Offices closed
	19	Classes begin
	30	KoC—2nd & 3rd Degree
February	1-5	Annual Priest Retreat
	27-28	Women's Retreat

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, January 10	11:00pm	St. Mary's Benefactors
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo- <i>For the People</i>
Tuesday, Jan 12	5:05 PM	Walter Ledet †
Wednesday, Jan 13	5:05 pm	
Thursday, Jan 14	5:05 pm	Monica Najvar -1/14 B'day
Friday, Jan 15	5:05 pm	Thanksgiving of the Najvars
Saturday, Jan 16	9:00 am	Justin McCormick b'day (1/17)
Sunday, January 17	11:00pm	St. Mary's Benefactors
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo- <i>For the People</i>

Bishop Strickland's Statement on Texas Open Carry Law

On January 1, 2016, new legislation will go into effect in Texas which allows those with licenses issued by the State to openly carry handguns in places not prohibited by law. We will see our fellow citizens openly carrying weapons in stores, restaurants, theaters, parks, and other public places. This law revises the current "concealed carry" law but continues the requirements that those with licenses to carry handguns must be at least 21, have passed a criminal background check and have received classroom and shooting range instruction.

I respect and support the right that we have as Texans to defend ourselves and our families. As Catholics, we believe the legitimate defense of persons can be not only a right, but also a grave duty. In the Diocese of Tyler, I strongly encourage those who chose to exercise this right to continue to do so in a prudent and responsible manner. With respect to our communal worship, I believe that openly carrying a weapon is not appropriate during the Sacred Liturgy and may understandably cause great discomfort to some gathered to worship alongside us.

Accordingly, as Bishop, I ask the faithful of the Diocese of Tyler and guests of our churches to observe my instruction that weapons are not to be openly carried during Holy Mass or other times of public worship.

As Texans adjust to this new law, I would also encourage the clergy and faithful of the Diocese to address any questions that may arise with calmness, kindness and respect, taking into consideration both the feelings and the rights of all involved. Please direct any questions that may come up regarding this instruction or the position of the Diocese of Tyler to Mr. Peyton Low at the Chancery Office.

OPEN CARRY & HOLY MASS

Respecting the right of Texans to defend themselves and their families while at the same time being considerate of those who may be uncomfortable around weapons in the context of our sacred liturgies, Bishop Joseph E. Strickland has instructed that weapons are not to be openly carried during Holy Mass or other times of public worship. Peace Officers commissioned by local, state or federal agencies are exempt from this instruction. For more information, visit www.dioceseoftyler.org.

If a person who is lawfully carrying a weapon in an open manner enters a church, ushers, greeters and clergy are asked to refer the person to this statement.

As always, if someone is acting suspiciously or if an individual perceives danger to himself or others, call 9-1-1 and follow local security procedures.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD — Saints & Readings

Sunday, January 10— The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 or 40:1-5,9-11 ;Psalm 29:1-4,3,9-10 or 104:1-4,24-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7;Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Monday, January 11—

1 Samuel 1:1-8;Psalm 116:12-13,14-17,18-19; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12—

1 Samuel 1:9-20;1 Samuel 2:1,4-5,6-7,8;Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13—

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2,5,7-8,8-9,10; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14—

1 Samuel 4:1-11;Psalm 44:10-11,14-15,24-25;Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 15—

1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22;Psalm 89:16-17,18-19; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16—

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1;Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 17— Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5;Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10;

1 Corinthians 12:4-11;John 2:1-11

Chaplain's Desk → Breaking the Word

Dear friends,

The Spirit that empowered Jesus to make his new beginning is the same Spirit that empowered us in our Baptism. Few of us can remember that moment; most of us were carried to the font, infants in the arms of our parents or godparents. Our name was given to us, our commitment was spoken for us, our future was promised to God. We spend our lives catching up with our beginning, struggling to make good the large promises made on our behalf. What started at our christening needs to be validated by our personal decisions. We have not left our baptism behind us; it faces us each day as God's expectation of us.

Our baptism is not the only time we are empowered by the Spirit. The great medieval theologian St. Thomas Aquinas spoke of "new sending in the Spirit", times of grace when God enlivens people in special ways for different tasks. The Spirit doesn't retire at our Baptism; he is not shy about helping adults.

We should all pray for the sending of the Spirit, particularly when we face change and important decisions. The Spirit of God is the power behind new beginnings.

If we are willing to begin, He is there to Grace Our New Venture in Faith during this New Year.

May God Bless You Always!

Fr. D.

Announcements

- ⇒ Adoration during break will be from 9 am—1:00 pm
Wednesdays and every day from 4 pm to 5 pm.
- ⇒ Right to Life Organizational Meeting will be
presented by Fr. Gavin Vaverek on
Monday, January 25th at 7pm in Margil Center.
Everyone is welcome!

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 (1/3) \$ 1096
2nd Collection—Building Fund \$111

Thank You!

Blessed Gregory X *(Pope Gregory X)*

1210 - January 10, 1276

This pope of the 13th century and friend of St Bonaventure was a true son of St. Francis, distinguishing himself by his love for the holy places in Palestine and his incessant efforts to establish peace everywhere. Theobald Visconti was born at Piacenza in 1210. He was conspicuous from his youth for his virtue as well as his success in studies. He devoted himself especially to the study of canon law, first in Italy, then in Paris and Liege. In Paris, he was associated with the intellectual circles surrounding the university for more than two decades. His closest friends were the Franciscans, especially St. Bonaventure. After he was named archdeacon of Liege, Pope Clement IV commissioned him to preach the Crusades. Theobald himself took up the cross, but instead was sent on a peace mission to England.

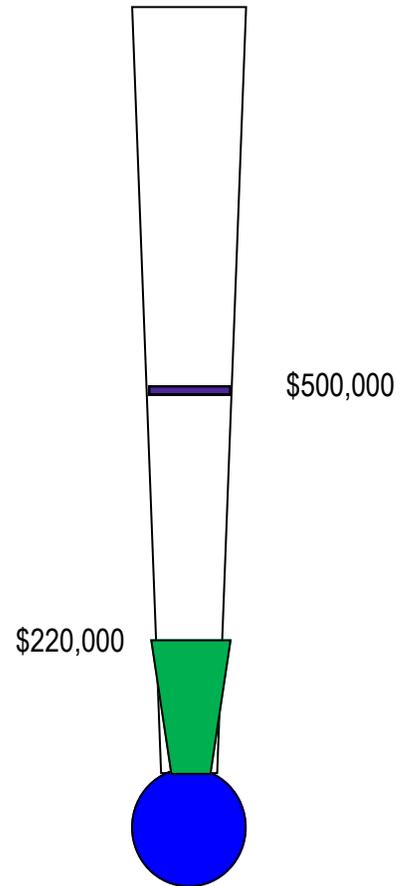
When his friend, the Tertiary King Louis IX died in 1270, Theobald hastened to comfort the king's son and the other Crusaders and also to satisfy his devotion by visiting the holy places. At this time the Holy See was vacant. It had been for almost 3 years, since the death of Clement IV in 1268. Finally, on September 1, 1271, a committee of six cardinals, to whom the rest had referred the election, chose a new pope. Much to the surprise of everyone, their choice fell on Theobald, who was still in the Holy Land. St. Bonaventure had been summoned from Paris to assist in nominating a candidate and he had recommended the Archdeacon of Liege, who was then about sixty years old. Returning to Rome, Theobald was first ordained a priest, then consecrated a bishop; and on March 27, 1272, he was crowned Pope Gregory X.

The reign of Blessed Gregory X as pope was short, only three years and nine months; but in that short time he accomplished much as a peacemaker. Sometimes he called on the Franciscans to work for peace. It was Blessed Gregory X who convoked the 14th General Council, the Second of Lyons, which was in session for two months in 1274, and was attended by 500 bishops. The previous year he made St. Bonaventure a Cardinal, and told him to accept the red hat "in humility of spirit." He wanted the Seraphic Doctor at his side during the Council. On the way to France, the Pope was joined by St Bonaventure; and together they reached Lyons 6 months before the opening of the Council. The more public affairs claimed his attention, so much the more did Gregory X strive for personal holiness and perfection. Abstemious in diet and sparing in speech, he managed to devote much time to prayer and to carry out his many duties in a prayerful spirit and constant union with God.





Our Goal
\$1,000,000



We now begin the Kick-off for our future Student Center. 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.

**GOD BLESS
ALL
CATHOLIC JACKS!**

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our seminarians!
"Nick and Nick"**

-The Bolinger Family



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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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