

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 17 2015

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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 17	11:00pm	St. Mary's Benefactors
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo- <i>For the People</i>
Tuesday, Jan 19	5:05 PM	Emily Najvar. Jan 17th. B'day
Wednesday, Jan 20	5:05 pm	Walter Ledet †
Thursday, Jan 21	5:05 pm	Jerry Najvar †
Friday, Jan 22	5:05 pm	Intentions of the Orient Family
Saturday, Jan 23	9:00 am	Kenneth&Jetta Najvar, Wedding Anniv.
Sunday, January 24	11:00pm	St. Mary's Benefactors
	1:00pm	Neal Slaten - B'day
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo- <i>For the People</i>



St. Anthony of Egypt

January 17 (251-356) Patron: Amputees; animals; basket & brush makers; butchers; cemetery workers; eczema; epileptics; ergotism (Saint Anthony's fire); erysipelas; hermits; monks; relief from pestilence; skin diseases

Anthony "the Great", the "Father of Monks", ranks with those saints whose life exercised a profound influence upon succeeding generations. He was born in Middle Egypt of distinguished parents. After their deaths, he dedicated himself wholly to acts of mortification. One day while in church he heard the words of the Gospel: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor." It seemed as if Christ had spoken to him personally, giving a command he must obey. Without delay he sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and went into the desert. When overcome by fatigue, his bed was the hard ground. He fasted rigorously, living on bread, salt, and water, never eating before sundown; at times he passed 2 days without any nourishment & spent whole nights in prayer.

The saint suffered from diabolical attacks, but these merely made him more steadfast in virtue. He encouraged his disciples in their struggle with the devil with such words: "Believe me; the devil fears the vigils of pious souls, and their fastings, their voluntary poverty, their loving compassion, their humility, but most of all their ardent love of Christ our Lord. As soon as he sees the sign of the Cross, he flees in terror." St. Anthony lived in solitude for about 20 years. His was a perfectly purified soul. No pain could annoy him, no pleasure bind him. In him was neither laughter nor sadness. The sight of the crowd did not trouble him, the warm greetings of so many men did not move him. He seemed thoroughly immune to the vanities of the world, like a man unswervingly governed by reason, established in inner peace & harmony. "Let it be your supreme & common purpose not to grow weary in the work you have begun, & in time of trial & affliction not to lose courage & say: Oh, how long already have we been mortifying ourselves! Rather, we should daily begin anew & constantly increase our fervor. For man's whole life is short when measured against the time to come, so short, in fact, that it is as nothing in comparison with eternity. . . Therefore, let us persevere in our acts of asceticism. And that we may not become weary & disheartened, it is good to meditate on the words of the apostle: 'I die daily.' If we live with the picture of death always before our eyes, we will not sin. The apostle's words tell us that we should so awaken in the morning as though we would not live to evening, & so fall asleep as if there were to be no awakening. For our life is by nature uncertain & is daily meted out to us by Providence. If we are convinced of this & live each day as the apostle suggests, then we will not fall into sin; no desire will enslave us, no anger move us, no treasure bind us to earth; we will await death with unfettered hearts."

St. Athanasius, wrote his biography, which for became the classic handbook of ascetics. As seen by St. Anthony, the purpose of asceticism is not to destroy the body but to bring it into subjection, re-establishing man's original harmonious integrity, his true God-given nature.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — Saints & Readings

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

Monday, January 18—

1 Samuel 15:16-23; Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19—

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20—

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 21—Memorial of Saint Agnes

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Psalm 56:2-3, 9-13; Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalm 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11; Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 23—

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalm 80:2-3, 5-7; Mark 3:20-21

Sunday, January 24— Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15;
1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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.

Chaplain's Desk → Food for Thought

This Sunday's Liturgical Readings reminds us that we Christians have more cause for celebration than for gloom.

Yes, sin is real. Death does want to claim us. Social injustice is empirically verified each day. BUT... We also believe that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Grace does still work in our hearts and history - and in abundance. There is light which shines in the darkness and is not overcome. Life is stronger than death. Hope and not despair lies at the center of our daily living. We can risk giving ourselves in love in imitation of the One who is Love incarnate. We are people formed by good news. In fact, the best news. God loves each of us in an unbounded, totally forgiving and accepting way. We can celebrate, for we are no longer "forsaken" and "desolate." We are now called "My Delight" and "Espoused".

Each of us have been given gifts in abundance to be used for the common good. Our daily lives can be a responsorial Psalm: "Proclaim His marvelous deeds to all the nations"! (Psalm 96:1-2)

Fr. D.

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!
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Sunday Collection (1/10) \$ 2025

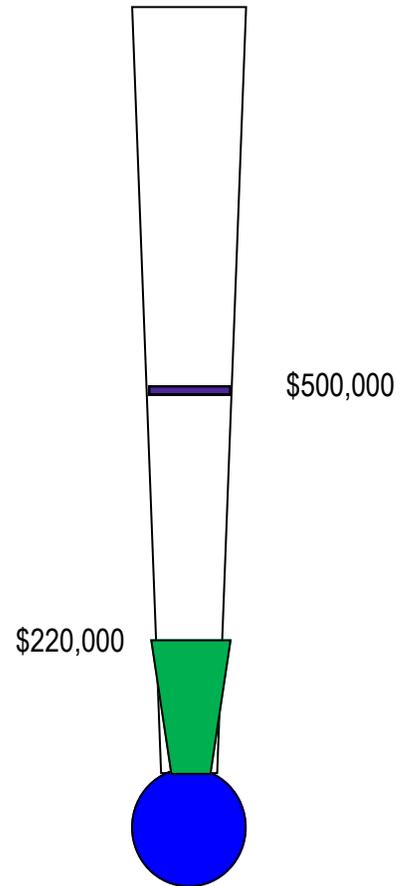
Thank You!

Announcements

- ⇒ Right to Life Organizational Meeting will be presented by Fr. Gavin Vaverek on Monday, January 25th at 7pm in Margil Center. Everyone is welcome!
- ⇒ Join us next week (January 24-30) in Roman Week, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Activities and Outreach will be going on all week to help bring in new Catholic Jacks! The Knights will have tables set up after Mass next week with more information.
- ⇒ Dancers of the Son have their Spring audition this Thursday at 6pm in Ganter Hall.
- ⇒ Interested in helping with the Mass? Training Times are below:
 - Readers - Wednesday, January 27th at 7:30pm in St. Joseph's Home
 - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Wednesday, January 27th at 8:15pm in St. Joseph's Home
 - Altar Server - Thursday, January 28th at 6pm in the Chapel
- ⇒ During this year of Mercy, we will be having monthly nights of Recollection to learn more about the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Join us Friday, January 29th at 7pm in the Chapel for our first one!
- ⇒ Haven't been Confirmed? Classes begin Sunday, January 24th at 8pm in St. Joseph's Home!
- ⇒ Please be in prayer for all of these people who are in our RCIA class:
 - Brianna Bueno
 - Matthew Perez
 - Johnathon Swanson
 - Devin Horton
 - Tralie DeAnda
 - Joshua Cliffe
 - Katherine Chavez
 - James McClean
 - Kristopher House
 - Matt Phillips
 - Randy Saunders



Our Goal
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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
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our seminarians!
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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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