

St. Mary's Chapel

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC



CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Welcome y'all!

Sunday, January 8, 2016

Feast of the Epiphany

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Mass Times

Sunday	11:00 AM, 1:00 & 6:00 PM
Monday— Friday	5:05 PM (<i>Mon 5:05 will begin 8/29</i>)
Saturday	9:00 AM
<i>On Holy Days of Obligation & Ash Wednesday, Mass is at 12:05 & 5:05 pm</i>	

Confession

Monday through Friday:	4:00 pm
Saturday:	8:00 am—8:50 am
Sunday:	10:00-10:45 am & 5:00-5:45 pm & by appointment

(Sacred Heart has confession @ 4:15 Saturday if you can't make one of these times)

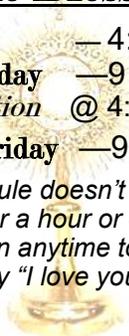
Upcoming Events

January	13	Essential Oils of the Bible class—6:00pm
	16	Leadership Workshop
	17	Classes begin
	20	Awakening 4th day
	28	March for Life—Austin
February	4	CDA Masquerade Ball
	18-20	Men's Retreat
	25	Choir Concert
March	1	Ash Wednesday
	5	Rite of Election RCIA Presentation to the Bishop
	11-17	Spring Break
April	1	Women's Retreat
	9	Palm Sunday
	14	Good Friday-offices closed

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...."*



*We are a Catholic Campus Ministry at Stephen F. Austin State University
dedicated to bringing Christ to the lives of the students on campus.*

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.

LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES - MASS SCHEDULE - MASS INTENTIONS

DATE OBSERVANCE & FEAST	TIME	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	REQUESTED BY
Sunday, January 8 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8,10-11,12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12	'Mass for the People'	St. Mary's & Fr. Denzil
Monday, January 9 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	5:05 pm	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or ;Acts 10:34-38; Psalm 29:1-4,9-10; Matthew 3:13-17	Jerry Najvar	Andrew & Maeve
Tuesday, January 10	5:05 pm	Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2,5, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 1:21-28	Walter Ledet(RIP)	Betty Ledet
Wednesday, January 11	5:05 pm	Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 1:29-39		
Thursday, January 12	5:05 pm	Hebrews 3:7-14;Psalm 95:6-7, 8-9, 10-11; Mark 1:40-45		
Friday, January 13	5:05 pm	Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3,4,6,7, 8; Mark 2:1-12		
Saturday, January 14	5:05 pm	Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8,9,10,15; Mark 2:13-17		
Sunday, January 15 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34	'Mass for the People'	St. Mary's & Fr. Denzil

OFFERING MASSES FOR OUR BELOVED ONES IS OUR SPIRITUAL DUTY AND A CHARITABLE WORK.
PLEASE OFFER MASSES FOR THEM ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS.
ENVELOPES ARE IN THE FOYER OR IN THE OFFICE. YOU MAY COME TO THE OFFICE TO CHECK FOR AVAILABLE DATES.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we solemnly celebrate the feast of "The Epiphany of the Lord," and this is the last Sunday of the Christmas season. Now, the word Epiphany" comes from the word 'Epiphania' meaning 'revelation' or 'manifestation.' According to the tradition, "The Epiphany of the Lord" signifies specifically the manifestation of the Christ child to the entire world. The feast is based on one of the most enigmatic stories in the New Testament, of the visit of the Magi (Wise Men), shortly after the birth of Jesus, reported in the Gospel of Matthew: "Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.'" The Magi followed the star which led them to Bethlehem. There they found the Christ child, did him homage and presented him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Twenty centuries have gone by since that first adoration of the Magi, and this long procession of the gentile world still continues to make its way to Christ. Through this feast of "The Epiphany of the Lord," the Church proclaims the manifestation of Jesus to all mankind of all times, with no distinction of race or nation.

"The Epiphany of the Lord," is the feast of faith & of the apostolate of faith. It is a feast of our seeking & recognizing Jesus, & coming to him & worshiping him at this Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility & the frankincense of our adoration. It is also the feast of God's challenge to each one of us, so that the entire world may be incorporated into the People of God.

It reminds us therefore that we should use every available means to bring our friends, relatives and colleagues close to Jesus. "LORD, ALL THE NATIONS WILL ADORE YOU." And this is the Good News of today.

God Bless Y'all!

Fr D



Epiphany Customs

This feast is also known as Twelfthnight, "Theophany" or "Three Kings Day" & recalls Christ revealing Himself as Divine in three different ways: to the Magi, at His Baptism, & with His miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

For families who practice traditions involving "the Magi" or leaving gifts for children, the day begins with the wee ones discovering what was left for them while they slept on Twelfth Night.

At today's Mass, there can be a blessing of gold, frankincense, myrrh, Epiphany Water, and, after Communion, a blessing of chalk. People bring small special items of gold to have with them during Mass, and they will be blessed if they are exposed when sitting in the pew with them (wedding rings, rosaries, for example). When Mass is over, you can take some of the blessed chalk, frankincense, myrrh, & Epiphany Water home with you.

When you get home, sprinkle some Epiphany water (otherwise & afterwards used as regular Holy Water) in the rooms of your house to protect it and bring blessings. This Holy Water recalls the waters of the Jordan, and is a visible reminder of Christ's Divinity, of Jesus's revealing Himself as God at His Baptism, when we heard the words from the Father: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

It is a popular custom among some people that all who enter or re-enter their home for the first time after the blessing should step with their right foot across the threshold so as to start things off "on the right foot."

It is customary in some religious orders to choose a new patron Saint today for the coming year. Families can do this, too, choosing a new Saint by designating someone (e.g., father or mother, etc.) to select the new Patron, by determining by lots who will select the new patron, by having family members write down their choices and choosing at random, by allowing the person to choose who presents the best argument for a particular Patron, etc. It would be very beneficial if the person who chooses teaches the rest of the family about that particular Patron, perhaps looking up the Saint in Butler's works, finding art work depicting the Saint, etc., and sharing it.

As to foods, the bread-like Three Kings Cake is eaten on this day. In some cultures, whoever finds the piece with the trinket (usually shaped like Baby Jesus) inside has to host the Candlemas party.

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Our Sunday Offering

St. Mary's is not a traditional parish, and relies on support from its generous donors.

Sunday Collection (1/1) \$ 2094

Thank you for your generous support!

Announcements

⇒ During the **holidays** we will only have **Adoration** 1 hour before Masses. No 1:00 pm Mass through January 22nd.

⇒ If you can help with the **liturgy** during the holidays (altar server, reader, Eucharistic Minister or usher, please put your name and number on the form in the back to let Fr. D know. Thank you!

⇒ **Oils of the Bible Class.** Did you know that oils for healing, cleansing and holy anointing are mentioned more than 500 times in the Bible? Modern science has found these ancient oils effective to promote overall health & vitality. Come discover the infinite care to which our Creator has gone, to provide us the medicines we need to heal and maintain our health using His creations. Friday, January 13th @ 6:00 pm in St. Joseph's library. RSVP - 936-205-0192.





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.*



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