

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, December 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

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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, 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

December	10	Faculty, staff & adult Bible Study—6 pm
		Knights meeting 8 pm
	11	FOCUS Breakfast— 10 am
	14	Finals begin
		Senior & Staff Mass & Dinner—5:05
	19	Commencement
	23-25	Christmas Break—offices closed
	31—1	New Year Break—offices closed
January	1-5	FOCUS SLS (Fr. D gone)
	18	MLK—Offices closed
	19	Classes begin
	30	KoC—2nd & 3rd Degree
February	1-5	Annual Priest 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, December 13	11:00 am	Benefactors
	1:00 pm	Don & Mary McCarley-anniv
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo- <i>For the People</i>
Monday, Dec 14	5:05 pm	Therese Najvar - b'day 12/14
Tuesday, Dec 15	5:05 pm	Walter Ledet †
Wednesday, Dec 16	5:05 pm	Rebecca McFadyen RIP
Thursday, Dec 17	5:05 pm	Matthew Najvar b'day 12/29
Friday, Dec 18	5:05 pm	John Paul Najvar b'day
Saturday, Dec 19	9:00 am	Graduating students
Sunday, December 20	11:00 am	Benefactors
	6:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo- <i>For the People</i>

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINT'S — Saints & Readings

Sunday, December 13— Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;

Philippians Phil 4:4-7; Luke Lk 3:10-18

Monday, December 14— Memorial of Saint John of the Cross

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17; Psalm 25:4-5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 15—

Zephaniah 3:1, 2, 9-13; Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 16—

Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 7:18-23

Thursday, December 17—

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3, 4, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17

Friday, December 18—

Jer 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday, December 19—

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Psalm 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25

Sunday, December 20— Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Holiday Mass Schedule

December	14 –18	5:05 pm
	19	9:00 pm
	20	11:00 am & 6:00 pm
	21	8:30 am
	22 & 23	5:05 pm
	24	5:05 pm Christmas Eve Mass
	25	11:00 am Christmas Mass
	26	9:00 am
January	27	11:00 & 6:00 pm
	29—31	5:05 pm
	1	10:00 am Mary, Mother of God Mass
	2	NO MASS
	3	6:00 pm only
	4 & 5	NO MASS
	6—8	5:05 pm
	9	9:00 am
	10	11:00 am & 6:00 pm
	12—15	5:05 pm
16	9:00 am	
17	11:00 am & 6:00 pm	

Chaplain's Desk → Breaking the Word:

Throughout His life, Jesus showed us to be merciful and loving. The Gospels tell us that He cared for the poor and the forgotten. He treated all people with respect. He reached out to sinners, calling them back to the Father's merciful embrace. And, through the ministry of His Church, the Risen Christ continues to show us His compassion and love today. This is why St. Paul tells us to "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil. 4:4).

Like the ancient Israelites in the First Reading (Zep. 3:14-18) and the tax collectors and sinners in the Gospel (Lk 3:10-18), we too, have reason to rejoice in the Lord always. Through the Church, we come to know that God loves us and calls us to share His love and mercy with others. It has been said that the hardest thing to do in life is to go through life without loving. And the second hardest thing is to do in life is to go through life, and having been loved, to keep love a secret inside you. We cannot keep God's love for us a secret. We have to share it with our neighbors, our community, and all of creation. The Holy Spirit will help us to do so.

I can think of no better reason to offer God our thanks and praise at the Eucharist than this: God loves us and invites us to genuine conversion so that we can more closely resemble His Son.

This takes place over time, of course, and is why Jesus asked us to offer the Eucharistic sacrifice in His memory. So we pray:

Merciful and compassionate Father, when we sin, you do not abandon us but rather stretch out your merciful hand to lift us up from sin and evil to the glory of Your name. You sent Jesus to redeem us and show us how to be fully human. Help us to follow His example as we rejoice at His coming.

God bless,

Our offices will be closed December 23, 24, 25 & 31
And January 1st & 18th

Fr. D.

Announcements

- ⇒ If you would like help with poinsettias, there are order forms in the back and you can drop them off with Kim in the office.
- ⇒ Fr. D will be gone to the FOCUS SLS from immediately after the 10 am Mass on the first, through the 5th.

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 (12/6) \$ 3169

2nd Collection—Building Fund \$ 374

Thank You!

Merciful Like the Father

The *logo* and the *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about.. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.



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.

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our seminarians!
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on the altar of the Lord
at St. Mary's.*
-Betty Ledet



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