

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the follow-

ing: Jacob Stephens. George & Wanda Duke. Fr. Nano, Fr. Ruggles, Fr. Kelly, Fr. McGrath, Fr. Rootman, Fr. Duyka, Msgr. Priest. John Fabetz. Bill Pritchett. Ryan Madden. Bernardo Garcia. Bill Hoffman, Jr. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Juan Delgado. Mark Owen. Andrea Easter. Dottie Schuetz. Cathy Ellis. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Beth Benoit, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Dennis Rayl, Judy Fazzio, Jim Catalano, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Greg Hass, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service

from our parish community: Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Colonel Sean Corrigan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lpl. Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Zachary Stephen York, Specialist 4 U.S. Army (Son of Steve & Julie York). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma).

THE LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 1/13 5:00pm Mass—Elise Sugg (Paige Sugg)

Sun 1/14 9:30am Mass—Jacob Stephens

Tue 1/16 9:00am COMMUNION SERVICE/ADORATION

Wed 1/17 7:45am MASS—Parishioners

Thurs 1/18 9:00am MASS—Rusty Anderson+ (Ruddie)

Fri 1/19 9:00am MASS—Abel de Jesus Roncancio Rojas+

Sat 1/20 5:00pm Mass— Deacon Sam Mullen 21st Ordination Anniversary

Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm

Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am

PARISH SUPPORT

Required Weekly Funds Offerings

1/06 & 1/07

\$ 3,961

\$ 6,224

Attendance

Sat.

85

Sun.

91

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

CHAINS OF GRACE

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.

—St. Francis de Sales

EVENTS AND NEWS

January Second Collections:

1/20 & 1/21: "Church In Latin America."

1/27 & 1/28: "Catholic Schools Special Collection."

Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm

"There is a mystery, the greatest of all mysteries—not that my adored Lord is in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar—His word has said it, and what is so simple as to take that word which is truth itself? - but that souls of His own creation, whom He gave His life to save, who are endowed with His choicest gifts in all things else, should remain blind, insensible, and deprived of that light without which every other blessing is unavailing!" - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Pastoral Council & Parish Council save the date,

Saturday, March 3rd. There will be a mandatory retreat at Holy Spirit with Rev. Vreeland (from TK Gorman) beginning at 1:00pm, ending at the 5:00pm Mass.

We are in need of a historian for our parish. The historian would talk to our parishioners that have been here for many years regarding the history of our church, so that the heritage will be preserved and can be honored and remembered in the future. By understanding the past, the historian will help the parishioners envision and prepare for the future. Please call Bridget Rich @ 903-769-3235 for more details.

2017 Annual Contribution Statements: If you want a copy of your statement. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. Your statement will be ready the last weekend in January.

Deacon Sam Mullen, celebrates his 21st year ordination anniversary on January 18th. CONGRATULATIONS!

Last call to pick up your 2018 Collection Envelopes in the hallway by the parish hall.

JANUARY EVENTS

Sun., Jan. 14th: Bishop Joseph will be celebrating our 15 year Anniversary of the dedication of Holy Spirit at the 9:30am Mass.

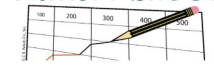
Family Faith Formation parents brief meeting immediately following Mass to receive packets.

Tues., Jan. 16th: No morning Mass. There will be a communion service/adoration. Fr. Mike will be attending the Priest Study Day in Tyler.

Wed., Jan. 17th: Fundraiser Meeting 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend meeting to help make this fund raiser successful.

Fri., Jan. 19th: K of C Fish Fry

Fund Raiser



We need your help now!

In preparation for our spring fundraiser, Sat. April 14th.

Casino/Dinner/Raffle

Can you help us for jobs such as:

Stapling tickets

Passing out tickets after a Mass or two

Come to a mtg. and help us plan our dinner

Help in the kitchen the night of event

Help decorate the tables the day before event

Donate a prize in the amount of \$25.00 or more

Help clean up after event

Then, come join in the fun on April 14th.

Please remember.....every parishioner is a member of our fundraising committee

Mtg. Wed. night 6:00pm

WEEK of PRAYER



for CHRISTIAN UNITY

Begins Thursday, January 18, 2018

Due to the increase of Flu cases in the state of Texas and in particular, the northeast area. Bishop Strickland wants to begin taking precautions during the reception of the Holy Eucharist. It is important that we safeguard the health of our parishioners as best we can during this flu season.

Bishop Strickland has given temporary suspension of the reception of the Most Precious Blood during Holy Communion.

And, Fr. Mike would like to temporary suspend the Sign of Peace during this time.