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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2018

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

Mass Intentions (Jan. 16 - 21, 2018)

Tues.	Communion Service
Wed.	Communion Service
Thur.	Communion Service
Fri.	Communion Service
Sat.	Joyce Abshire
Sun: 8 am	James Scales
10:30 am	For the Parish

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
Wednesday:	St. Anthony
Thursday:	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Friday:	Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Saturday:	St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

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

You are invited to attend the **15th Annual Harvest of Hope**, benefitting the programs of **Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas**. It will be held Tuesday, January 23rd at the MCM Elegante Hotel Ballroom in Beaumont. Cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner & program at 7:00 pm. Table sponsorships are for 8 seats and are available for \$1,000 - \$20,000. Individual sponsorship seats are from \$200 - \$2,500. Individual seats are \$125. For more information and/or to make reservations, please call Catholic Charities at (409) 924-4411 or visit their website at www.catholiccharitiesbmt.org. Your support will make a difference!

Southeast Texas Rally For Life...

Sunday, January 21st at 2:00 pm at St. Anne Church in Beaumont. Please join in the "Sanctity of Life" Celebration commemorating the 45th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision. Keynote speaker will be Fr. Martin Nelson. Please donate newborn baby items. All gifts will be distributed to Birthright of Beaumont and Hope Women's Resource Clinic. For more information, call Darrell Segura (720-9999) or Karen & Vic Soares (866-8652).

The Church mailing address is: **PO Box 427, Bridge City, TX 77611.**
We do **NOT** receive mail at the physical address.

The KC's invite all parishioners to the KC Hall for a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast **this** Sunday, January 14th from 8:00 to 10:30 am.



Pray for the sick of our Parish

George Peery Betty Duhon
Carol Faulk Lou Garriga



Collections for January 7, 2018

Envelope Collection	15,527.00
Loose Collection	764.00
Total Operating Income	16,291.00

Building Fund	2,774.00
Good Samaritan.....	140.00
Christmas Offering.....	280.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	204.00
Church in Latin America.....	76.00

We have open weekends for Memorial Tabernacle Flowers. Cost is \$45 and you may book your weekend in the Parish office.

Flowers at the tabernacle are in memory of

Linda LeLeux



Retreat Weekend for Married Couples

The Office of Family Life is hosting another "I Do Again" marriage enrichment event to help revive, strengthen and celebrate marriages. We are pleased to have Anthony & Tami Landry as our facilitators.

Friday, March 16th - Sunday, March 18th
Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza

3950 I-10 South Walden Road Beaumont, TX

Please register immediately as space is limited. Cost is \$100 per couple. Contact Sandra Hall at (409) 924-4325 / shall@dioceseofbmt.org or Jerome Cabeen at (409) 924-4390 / jcabeen@dioceseofbmt.org

Our bulletin, schedules and calendar are on our website.
www.sthenrybctx.org. Check it out, day or night.

TODAY'S READINGS

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

Psalms - 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).

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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



01/15 SHARE 6:00 pm
01/16 Legion of Mary 5:30 pm
" KC Family Night 6:30 pm
01/17 Adoration 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

01/17 RE Classes
01/18 Ladies of St. Henry Meeting 10:00 am
" RCIA 7:00 pm
" Choir Practice 7:00 pm

For more info go to:
www.sthenrybctx.org

Our Parish in Action...

Eucharistic Adoration Every Wednesday—after 8 AM Mass until 8 PM. Call Odette Hill at 344-2005 if you are able to dedicate an hour of prayer on a weekly basis.

Legion of Mary—meets each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For more info contact Judy at 749-4101 or Annette 735-9342.

10:30 AM Choir—meets for rehearsal every Thursday at 7 PM in the Church. New members are always welcome.

Al-Anon Meetings—meetings are every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Library of the Education Building. For more information, call Cindy at 749-9036 or Mike at 718-0333.

S.H.A.R.E.—St. Henry Apologetics and Religious Evangelization is open to all men and women of St. Henry and meets Mondays at 6pm in the Education Building. Call Ron Jackson at (409) 351-9876.

Ladies of St. Henry—meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month (Sept-May) at 10 AM in the Activities Bldg. Call Tenna Walker at 313-6596 for info.

Young at Hearts Group meets the 1st Tuesday each month for a pot luck luncheon in the Religious Ed. Bldg. at 11:30 a.m. Contact Peggy Biddle, Ruth Wallace or Judy Cole for more information.

Bunco meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in RE Bldg. Call Tracey Broussard at 344-2341 for more info.

Knights of Columbus—Officer's Meeting the Wed. before the Business Meeting; Business meetings are the 2nd Tues.; Family Night 3rd Tues. Call Carl Thibodeaux at 238-2116 for more info.

R.C.I.A. - meets on Thursday's at 7pm in the Religious Ed Building.

Bereavement Committee—If you would like to help provide food for families of deceased parishioners, call Barbara Piat at 735-5119.

Social Committee—plans and hosts Parish dinners and receptions at our Parish. Call Debbie Gregg at 988-1243 for more info.

Gather the Children will be every Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass (except for holiday weekends). Contact Alicia Romero (718-6407) if you are interested in helping.

Parishioners preparing to enter the hospital for non-emergency medical treatment or surgery are asked to call our parish office and make an appointment to receive the Anointing of the Sick **BEFORE** entering the hospital, if so desired.

If anointing is desired **AFTER** entry into the hospital, please contact the following:

- For **Christus St. Mary Hospital** contact the chaplain department of the hospital
- For **Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital** contact the chaplain department of the hospital
- For **The Medical Center of Southeast Texas** contact St. Charles Church in Nederland at 722-3413

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis will hold a day of reflection:
Called Formed and Sent Day 2018
Saturday, Jan. 20th from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Our Mother of Mercy, Beaumont

This is for catechists, PCLs, parents, youth ministers and their teams, RCIA teams, adult faith formation teams and anyone looking to grow in their faith. The event is free to all and lunch will be provided.
To register, call their office - (409) 924-4324

Altar Cleaning for January

Sue Beck Verlene Buchanan
Shirley DeCuir Clara Landry Tenna Walker

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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ordinary Time" began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecorated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH OUR PARISH?

If you are not currently receiving mail from the Parish office, either we do not have your correct address or we do not have you on the Parish roll. All persons who attend St. Henry Catholic Church should be registered with our office and should be using our envelope system. Census forms may be obtained from the Parish office. Please complete and return. If you have a new address, please contact the office with the correct information.

You must be registered to baptize your child, prepare for marriage or enroll someone in our education program. DON'T DELAY!!!

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