

### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, August 19

**5:00 p.m.** All elementary, Middle School and High School Students, Safety and do well in School

**7:30 p.m.** Intenciones de los parroquianos

#### Sunday, August 20

**9:30 a.m.** Daniel Stephens, Son, RIP

8/26/85; Jerry Stephens, Husband, RIP

8/27/12; Mary Joy, Mother RIP 9/20/94 by Helen Stephens;

Bob Cook Family

**11:00 a.m.** Parishioners Intentions

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**6:00 p.m.** College Students

### Weekly Parish Activities

#### August 20 to August 26

**Sunday:** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sacred Heart

9:30 a.m. SPANISH Bible Study

11:00 a.m. **Holy Mass**

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe

**11:00 a.m. Holy Mass**

#### St. Brendan:

**6:00 p.m. Holy Mass- St. Brendan**

#### St. Mary:

**9:30 a.m. Holy Mass - St. Mary**

**Monday:** Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Pius X

**8:00 a.m. Holy Mass (St. Brendan)**

**Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass (St. Brendan)** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday:** St. Rose of Lima

**7:00 p.m. Holy Mass**

6:45 p.m. Bible Study at OLG

7:00 p.m. Youth Group OLG

**Thursday:** St. Bartholomew

**8:00 a.m. Holy Mass**

6:30 p.m. Español-Estudio Biblica en St. Brendan

7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración St. Mary

**Friday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

**8:00 a.m. Holy Mass**

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**10:00 a.m. Guitar Lessons, Sacred Heart Parish (Annette at 325-330-2431)**

**5:00 p.m. St. Brendan (English)**

**7:30 p.m. Santa Misa en St. Mary (español)**

### SECOND COLLECTION:

Catholic University of America----Sept 2-3

World Mission Sunday-----Oct 21-22

CCHD-----November 18-19

National Collection

for Retired Religious ----- December 9-10

### CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

August 20, 2017

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone--not just the Chosen People--to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make. The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm -- O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading -- The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel -- Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

### LLAMADOS A ACTUAR EN EL NOMBRE DE DIOS

20 de agosto

"¡Que todos los pueblos te alaben!" (Salmo 67:4) exclama la respuesta del salmo de hoy. En el salterio y en otras escrituras hebreas, este tipo de invocación es en realidad una invitación a Dios para que actúe e intervenga en las vidas humanas de tal manera que haga que todos -no sólo el Pueblo Elegido -expresen alabanzas. Dicho algo más fuerte, es como desafiar a Dios para que "aguante o se calle", el tipo de palabras duras que los salmistas de Israel, confiando en su íntima relación de amor con Dios, no temían expresar.

El Evangelio tiene su propia exclamación que anuncia la aparición de la mujer cananea con un "Entonces" (Mateo 15:22). "Entonces" o "he aquí" es una señal en la Biblia que nos indica que observemos con mucha atención, que Dios está por actuar o anunciar algo por medio de un individuo o una situación. En el caso de Jesús, Dios iba a obrar a través de esta mujer, a quien ninguno de los seguidores de Jesús hubiera creído pudiera ser una agente de la voluntad divina. Como los salmistas, puede que informemos en forma pasiva a Dios o quizás hasta activamente le desafíemos para que haga algo para que todos lleguen a creer, mas Dios siempre nos volteará las posiciones. Se convierte en nuestro llamado, nuestro deber (como lo fue para Jesús) observar atentamente las situaciones y a las personas en nuestra vida diaria para que Dios pueda actuar a través de nosotros, para que el Reino sea anunciado en nuestro diario vivir.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**PRAYER CORNER:** Please pray for the different intentions of each person this week for: Peter DeJong Teresa Villadesanchez, Marisol Sanchez, Tino Bernal, Lupita Ojeda, Maria Bernal, Ben Hamrick, Rudy Guerrero, Filegonio Cardenas, Ben Hamrick, Josefina Basulto de Solorio, Maria Inez Hernandez, Maureen Bole, Billy Joe Fulfer, David Gonzales, Tom Bole, Jeanna DeVinney, Lisa Lagarde, Bill Luther, Kate B., Pete Sanchez, Teresa Sanchez, , Robert Gifford, Bonnie Kennedy, Ken And Jaqueline, Ed Withers, Lindsay Schouten, Jaime Dittrich, Estela Patlan, Kody Huxon, Mrs. Nguyen, Nursing Home Patients, homebound parishioners, and all those who are ill

**Exciting Youth Ministry News! On Saturday, October 14th.**

St. Mary's will be hosting a Diocesan-wide Youth/Family Conference, **REVIVE** for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. It will begin at 10:00am and go until 7:00pm and is free for parents and younger children with a participating student (\$25/student—partial scholarships available!). Includes: Family Meal, Outside Activities, Vigil Mass and Family Holy Hour. Keynote/Breakout Speakers are Jackie Francois and her husband, Bobby Angel. We will need lots of volunteers to make this happen! Please see Karen Harper for more information and to register and/or volunteer.

**Religious Education:** We will be registering students, Pre-K through Seniors in High School, for St. Mary's CCD classes 2017-18 during August. Parents can register their students on Wednesdays in the Family Life Center from 3:00pm-7:00pm or by appointment. All students wishing to prepare for Confirmation, together with their parents, will make an Encounter appointment. A registration table will also be set up in the church entryway after some of the 7:30 p.m. Saturday Masses and some of the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Classes will be held in St. Mary's FLC after 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, 11:00am-12:15 p.m. beginning Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10 per student with a \$20 maximum charge per family. Please call Karen Harper (254.485.0567).

**NEWS FOR ALL PARISHES**

**WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT,** Last week Myra Speers came to speak to the parish about the ACTS retreat, as well as a witness by one of our own parishioners, Laurie Shelton. The next retreat will take place on **October 5-8, 2017 at Bridgeport, Texas.** Grow in your relationship with God and meet those who want to grow in faith and love. Transportation is provided. Fee is \$185 (\$100 deposit will hold your spot). Payment /Deposit may be made at the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office, 108 NW 4th Ave., Mineral Wells, Texas 76067 or contact **Susan Moore at 325-338-3789 or susan.moore@cisco.edu**

**ST. BRENDAN'S NEEDS CATECHISTS!**

Do you feel called to teach the Catholic faith? St Brendan's is needing some CCD teachers and assistants for the new school year. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. and begin in mid-September. Please contact Sharron Esquell 254-592-5002, for more information.

**RCIA CLASSES**

RCIA classes will begin Sunday, September 10, 4:15-5:45pm, in the CCD Center at St. Brendan's. Anyone interested in joining or returning to the Catholic Church, learning more about our Catholic faith, were baptized Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation are invited to attend. For further information contact Rita Wisner 254-965-5257.

**WELCOME BACK NEW AND RETURNING COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Frs. Matthew and James, along with all four parishes in our Catholic Community would like to welcome new and returning College Students. We pray for a successful academic year filled with God's grace, mercy and blessings. St. Brendan is always open (side door) for you to come and pray when you wish to do so. There is Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. every Sunday at St. Brendan, across the street from Tarleton State University on W. Washington Street. Please come to 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass to meet other students and to join us at Newman Hall for dinner after Mass beginning August 27 at 7:15 p.m. Come find out about Catholic Campus Ministries and our activities. If you need any information, please call Cameron McKenzie at (254)434-7410.

**ANUNCIOS**

**REVIVE**

**¡Nuevas noticias de la pastoral juvenil!** El sábado, 14 de octubre, Santa María se celebrará una conferencia de la juventud/familia de toda la diócesis, **REVIVE** para todos los estudiantes de grados 6-12 y sus padres de familia. Comenzará a las 10:00am y hasta las 7:00pm y esta gratis para los padres de familia y los niños más pequeños a estudiantes participantes (\$25/estudiante con becas parciales disponibles!). Incluye: Comida, actividades, Misa de vigilia y hora Santa familiar. Conferenciantes son Jackie Francois y su marido, Bobby Angel. ¡Necesitamos muchos voluntarios para que esto suceda! Para más información y para inscribirse y/o ayudar, por favor hable con Karen Harper.

**GRACIAS A TODOS LOS AYUDANTES**

Gracias a todos quien nos ayudaron con el 3° Congreso Carismatica. Ganamos \$6986.00 para el fondo de edificio de Sacred Heart.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER**

North Central Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center would like to partner with Catholic Charities of Ft. Worth and Parishes in the Fort Worth Diocese to hold three two-hour seminars, one each in Palo Pinto, Erath and Somervell Counties. These seminars would each focus on Caregiver Resource for non-paid caregivers in one of the following three areas:

- **Caregivers of Older Adults**
- **Caregivers of persons with disabilities**
- **Grandparents (or other relatives) raising children under 18 years old.**

There will be a 3 hour training in September 19th. Times will be given later.

Catholic Charities will be present on October 8 to speak with and meet parishioners.

If you are in need of assistance, please call our HOPE hotline at 817-534-0814, Option 2.