

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year and that you were able to spend lots of quality time with your family and friends and enjoyed it despite the hectic pace of most of our holidays and get-togethers. In case you are wondering how I got on with my surprise visit to my parents the day after Christmas: as I walked in the door at home my father just looked at me and said nothing in disbelief, while my mother, who was talking to me on the phone thinking I was still in Houston, literally just stared at me and was probably in between "I am having visions" or "my medication is really too strong". All in all, it was one of the best kept secrets and biggest surprises I have managed to pull on my parents in a long time. It is the nice surprises in life that keep us all young and on our toes while making good memories.

We welcome Jenna Elizabeth Mathers, the first child of very proud parents, Christine and Michael Mathers, into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at the 11:15 a.m. mass, with her god-parents, Sharon Breaux Ives and Matthew Lawrence Oldham. May they all be blessed with the strength and knowledge of God's abiding presence in their lives now and always.

With Christmas officially ending this weekend, any of you who would like to take some of the poinsettias home with you after the 11:15 a.m. mass are most welcome to do so, but I would kindly ask you to leave the gold foil pot holders here for further use, probably this Easter.

I am looking forward to St. Mark's Gospel in our bible study beginning this Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. and the following morning, Thursday, at 10:30 a.m. The calendar for the rest of the year up until the end of May is on the bulletin board in the entrance corridor as well as on our parish web page. If you want a copy, please feel free to take one home with you.

In case you might be wondering what is happening with the parking lot - after our Christmas rains, welcome as they were, the ground now has to dry out to a certain level before the black-top is put down which should be fairly soon, providing there is no more rain.

It's back to normal life again.

Have a great week and God Bless, Fr. Niall

HOUSTON, TEXAS

PARISH SYMPATHIES: Our sympathies and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Anne Marinko who died recently. Please keep them in your prayers.



SUPER SENIORS: The Super Seniors will meet on Sunday January 8, 2012 after the 11:15 Mass. The program will be Volunteering in Spring Branch. Please bring a favorite dish to share.

Deacon Louis Horr.

SILENT LENTEN RETREAT: The Lenten season offers us an opportunity to link our lives with Jesus and to draw strength from the Lord for ourselves and those who are dear to us. St. Catherine will be participating in a Silent Lenten Retreat at the Cenacle Retreat House February 24 - 26, 2012. The retreat will be led by Rev. Richard Buhler, SJ. Contact Mary Malicki at 713-465-3652 for more information.

Mary Malicki

ARCHDIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY): January 15, 2012, 2-4 pm, St. Dominic's Chancery, 2403 Holcombe Boulevard, Houston. Are you interested in becoming a member of the Archdiocesan Choir? Mid-year auditions will take place on Sunday, January 15 from 2-4 pm. To schedule your appointment, please contact Dr. Rick Lopez at rlopez@archgh.org or call 713-741-8764 no later than January 10. Please prepare a hymn, psalm or sacred song for the audition. Bring two copies of the music you will be singing, one for you and one for the accompanist. The Office of Worship will provide an accompanist for the audition.



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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7 - 8, 2012



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Sat. 01/07 5:00 P.M. † Antonio Hinojosa
Sun. 01/08 8:30 A.M. SI George Coury
 11:15 A.M. † Steve Piper
Tue. 01/10 12:15 P.M † Ed Egan
Wed. 01/11 12:15 P.M. SI Elaine & Mark
 Trevithick
Thur. 01/12 12:15 P.M. SI Grant & Diane Shinn
Fri. 01/13 12:15 P.M. SI Larry & Sheila Coury
Sat. 01/14 5:00 P.M. SI Susan Trocki
Sun. 01/15 8:30 A.M.
 11:15 A.M. † Christian Brogan

Sat. 01/07 **The Epiphany of the Lord**
 5:00 P.M. Mass
Sun. 01/08 8:30 A.M. Mass
 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. CCE
 11:15 A. M. Mass
 Super Seniors
 Indonesian Mass
Tue. 01/10 12:15 P.M. Mass
Wed. 01/11 12:15 P.M. Mass
 2 - 4 P.M. Caring Hearts
 7 - 8:30 P.M. Bible Study
Thur. 01/12 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. Bible Study
 12:15 P.M. Mass
Fri. 01/13 12:15 P.M. Mass
Sat. 01/14 **Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**
 5:00 P.M. Mass
Sun. 01/15 8:30 A.M. Mass
 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. CCE
 11:15 A. M. Mass



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40;
 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

READER AND EMHC SCHEDULE

January 7 - 8, 2012

	<u>Reader 1</u>	<u>Reader 2</u>	<u>Reader 3</u>
5:00 P.M	B. Nunley	P. Spaeth	J. Verdina
8:30 A.M	B. Pearl	M. Malicki	D. Maas
11:15 A.M	W. Archer	C. Bayens	M. Piper

EMHC

5:00 P.M.	B. Aucoin
8:30 A.M.	A. Brothers
11:15 A.M.	R. Groendes