



**SACRED HEART  
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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 29, 2020**

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: CURRENTLY SUSPENDED**

During all Masses, you are all remembered in the **Daily Prayers**. May God help us in this time of trials and testing. Amen

**PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE:**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK WITHOUT CONGREGATION (March 30 – April 05)**

Monday: 12:10 PM: Special intentions for Cindy Kuehler by Ben & Irene Kuehler  
Tuesday: 12:10 PM: Special intentions for the health of all our Parishioners at Sacred Heart & St. Mary  
Wednesday: 6:00 PM: +Tim Kuehler by Robert Dillard Family  
Thursday: 12:10 PM: +Jerry Hampton by Religious Ed Family  
Friday: 12:10 PM: Special Intentions for Family & Friends by Tommy & Donna Carver  
Saturday: 12:10 PM: Special Anniversary Intentions for Cory & Lindsay Brasher by Mike and Kay Flippin  
Sunday: 8:00 AM: +Lillie Mae Novak by Andy & Janice Lane (**St. Mary**)  
10:00 AM: +Randal Psencik by Joe & Mary Hrnecir

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (March 30 – April 04)**

Mon.: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	John 8:1-11
Tues.: Numbers 21:4-9	John 8:21-30
Wed.: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	John 8:31-42
Thurs.: Genesis 17:3-9	John 8:51-59
Fri.: Jeremiah 20:10-13	John 10:31-42
Sat.: Ezekiel 37:21-28	John 11:45-56

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (April 05)**

Please prepare for worship by prayerfully reading the Scriptures for next weekend Masses:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

**Live streaming: Daily Masses Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 12:10 PM and Wednesday Daily Masses at 6 PM with 1 hour of Adoration. Sunday Masses at 10 AM. Until further notice!**

**Sunday, March 29:**

St. Mary of the Assumption & Sacred Heart/Mass/Celebrated by Fr. Bose without congregation  
8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption  
10:00 AM, Sacred Heart (**Live Stream**)  
All Weekend Liturgies: Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: (Live Stream)**

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Masses/Celebrated by Fr. Bose without Congregation

**Wednesday: (No Faith Formation sessions) (Live Stream)**

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass/Celebrated by Fr. Bose without Congregation/Adoration

**Saturday, April 04: (Live Stream)**

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass/Celebrated by Fr. Bose without congregation

**Sunday, April 05:**

St. Mary of the Assumption & Sacred Heart/Mass /Celebrated by Fr. Bose without congregation  
8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption  
10:00 AM, Sacred Heart (**Live Stream**)  
All Weekend Liturgies: Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

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**Please signup for Flock Notes and also follow us on our Facebook or our website: <https://sacredheartseymour.org/>**

**Office Information:** Open - Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 AM – 3:00 PM. Office phone calls has been forwarded to Deacon Jim Novak's cell for 24 hour monitoring.

### **SUNDAY OF LENT: JOHN 11:1-45**

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

**ADULTS:** How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?

**CHILDREN:** What do you hope for after your life on earth is ended?



"God made me to know Him, to love Him and serve Him in this world to be happy forever with Him in the next." Is that what we are living? Our primary purpose on earth is to glorify God. We are created chiefly for the life beyond the grave. This present life is merely a preparation for everlasting life. Are we living for that purpose, or for just the fleeting happiness the world and flesh can give? **"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation!"**

**2 Corinthians 6:2** - Keeping this quote in mind will help us when we have been weak or forgetful in persevering in our Lenten resolutions. It doesn't matter what we did yesterday, or even a few minutes ago. The important time is NOW, and we need to make the best of NOW. Not the past, not the future, but the present. Lent is not the time for procrastinating!

### **ATTN: Faith Formation for Youth and Adults – New way to Catechize**

**We have a new subscription to FORMED: A technology platform for the delivery of award-winning Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more.** Our Parish may not have the opportunity for Religious Education at our location in the future due to the virus. This is the new way to catechize at home, just as home schooling today. Everyone, young and old, can log on and register free and use any menus listed. Please check it out! If you need any help with signing up please call the office. Dcn. Jim

From FORMED: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to <https://formed.org/signup>
2. Select your parish (Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Seymour, TX)
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED
5. If you need help signing up, please call the office and we will help you

## **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: LAY LEADERS, PRIESTS, DEACONS AND RELIGIOUS**

### **NOTICE ABOUT MASSES:**

All Mass intentions scheduled in bulletin are being celebrated by Fr. Bose **without** a congregation physically present in the church. The receiving of Holy Communion in any circumstance and also all opportunities for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) are **suspended** until further notice. Please stay at home to worship as a family. Church will be open for prayer but with no more than 10 people in Church at one time. Please log-on and review the latest Bishop Olson's Pastoral letter, March 24, and his explanations of receiving Plenary Indulgencies granted by Pope Francis. Please continue to pray! We will be clarifying more information when we can through our website, Facebook or by Flock Notes if you have signed up to receive Flock Notes. When viewing a Mass on any media, please recite the following prayer "**An Act of Spiritual Communion**" when you if present would be receiving Holy Communion.

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**CATHOLIC MEDIA:** We will live stream our Daily Masses as well as our Sunday 10 AM Mass celebrated by Fr. Bose as scheduled in our bulletin. You will also be able to view it anytime after. You can either Log on to our website <https://sacredheartseymour.org/> & scroll down to Find us on Facebook or log on to your facebook page and find us there. There are many ways to keep up your Catholic faith through the media during this time. The Diocese of Fort Worth will live stream Sunday's 11:00 a.m. Mass and they also have a link to churches that are live streaming on their website. We have subscribed to Formed, signup instructions in this bulletin. If you have Roku for TV, it has Formed, Catholic TV and EWTN channels.

### **A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent:** Weekend of March 28/29 - Jesus called to his friend from the dead, "Lazarus, come out!" It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: "Come out!" Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call?

### **SPECIAL PRAYER OF THE HOLY FATHER:**

The Secretariat of State of the Holy See has requested that all local Churches be informed that all members of the faithful and other Christians are invited to participate in the special prayer of the Holy Father taking place in Saint Peter's Square this **FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020**. Pope Francis will pray at Noon our local time. The faithful can view Pope Francis in prayer at [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va). The Holy Father will grant to all participants the Plenary Indulgence before imparting the *Urbi et Orbi* Blessing.

## **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: March 22, 2020**

### **SACRED HEART:**

**Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:** \$ 1,795.00  
Youth: \$ 100.00 Special: \$ 230.00 Altar Society: \$ 25.00  
**TOTAL: \$ 2,150.00**

Envelope Use: 15 Regular; 1 Youth; 7 Special; 1 Altar Society

### **ST. MARY:**

**Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:** \$ 242.00  
Youth: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0  
**TOTAL: \$ 242.00**

Envelope Use: 2 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

**Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat 41 & Sun 60 St. Mary – Sun 18**

### **SEVEN DAY LIGHTS:**

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** For Arvin & Rosalie Peters Family, For Alvin Jungman & Family by Shannon & Barbie Donnell Family, For the Henry & Lillie Mae Novak Family, For the George & Margaret Holub Family.

**FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS BY:** Kay Flippin, Terry & Belinda Bench, Ricky & Charlotte Wright, Marilyn McGough, Tommy & Donna Carver. If you would like to contribute to the Seven Day Lights, the cost is \$1 per week. Thank You.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Please prayerfully consider still using your contribution envelopes if you are able either by mailing or dropping off in our drop box at the office during these trying times. "*Of everything you give me, I will faithfully return a tenth part to you*" (Genesis 28:22).

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Rick Kieschnick, Briley Hostas, Melvin Kuhler, Cindy Cuba Boone, Yvonne Boone, Carolyn Bertschy, Bessie Casillas, Joe Saitta, Jr., Donna Hampton, Cathy McElroy, Cora Shelton, Mary Matus, Mary Myers, Olivia Wright, Keaton Hehl, Stella Glass, Bernie Thomas, Josiah Decker, Sheila Helton, Ofelia Garcia, Ronald Wright, Valerie Bowen, Johnny Joe Pechacek, Kent Bickly, Michael Rodriguez, Derek Daniel, Rhea Allison, Bryker Fontenot, Jeff Gregg, Alvin Jungman, Adaline Urbanczyk, Nick Garcia, Kayley Lowder, Rosalie Peters, Ralph Veitenheimer, Glenda Hertel, Cheryl Hopkins, Craig Bickly, Cathi Patterson, Cynthia Tatlock, Genevieve Hrnccirik, Hailey Glass, Debbie Turner, Dana Riddles, Teagan Matthews, Nathan McCandless, Bob Walker, Christina Lambert, Korie Hole, Richard Casillas, Jimmie Sue Loran, Hannah Green, Jim Cuba, Henrietta Styles, Sandra Moorhouse, Sharon Wright, Arleen Kuhler, Koby Peterson, Abigail Novak, Braxton Pierce, John McCandless, Kayla McLarty, LeeAnn Cooke, Lynette Lyles, Andrew Amador, Nicole Glass, Billie McGough, Brian Allen, Gary Lowe, Jason Gilley, Raymond & Margie Psencik, Cori Bohanon, Theresa Bruggeman, Andrea Sanchez, Paul Holman, Ellen Schaefer Bruggeman, Machele Hass, Melvin Motl, Jeanie Evans, John Helton, Charlene Gajdos, Madison Kulhanek, Bart & Margarita Martinez, Emily Ermis and Baby, Darrell & Judy Holden and Family & Jonathan Carver.

**SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:** Skylar Holman, Ryan Holman, John George, Kyle Matus, Andrew Gelb, Jeffrey Copeland, Ricky Smith, Tai Bandy, Brody Jones, James Crawford, Sam Atwood, Josh Wright, Chance Freeman, Wayne Howard, Korey Bailes, Derek Harvey, Mitchell Lee, Zachary Hamilton. *Please call the office to update the prayer list for those to be added or removed.*

Dear Loving Parishioners,

Greetings of love, peace and prayerful wishes to you from your spiritual Fr. Bose Jjuvarapu. COVID -19 has made the whole world stop spinning for a while, emptied the streets and cities and closed the churches around the globe. **As Catholics, we are suddenly faced with our parish doors being locked and limited access to the sacraments. This can be very disheartening. Now more than ever, we must hold fast to the great virtue of Hope. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II “Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.” We must open the doors of our hearts to Christ and trust in the Lord who will give us everything we need.**

As Holy Father Pope Francis writes “*Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.*” Let us all remember then that every changing color of a leaf is beautiful and every changing situation of life is meaningful, both need a very clear vision. So, looking at the crisis let us not be upset, angry, grumble or complain, instead let us remember that Pain is a sign that we are alive, Problems are a sign that we are strong and Prayer is a HOPE we are not alone. We are running in circles looking for some cure to this disease but in fact, what is needed right now is the humility to bend our knees on prayer. If we can acknowledge this truth and condition our hearts and minds, our lives will be more meaningful, different and worthwhile.

My brothers and sisters, I am united with you in prayers. I am praying in my daily celebration of Holy Masses for all of you and you do participate and receive a spiritual communion. I am seeking the help of the Blessed Mother, who is our refuge and help, to intercede for us in the rosary. Spending my time in prayer and meditation I am placing all of you individually at the feet of God in a special way. As I am praying and reflecting over this crisis, I want all of you to be strong and positive. **Take this time as a God-given opportunity to build your relationships in the family. Spend quality time with all the family members and tell them how much you love and value them in your lives. Have a family meal and play indoor games together. Spend some time in scripture reading and reflection. Make a Bible Study with your family and see how each one understands differently.**

Spend some time in silence and self-reflection. Think about your future goals, dreams and make substantial plans for how you want to achieve them. Remember your priest is always with you. Please be aware that ***Priest is not for himself but for others in Christ***, so I am always there for spiritual matters.

Do not look forward to the trials and crosses of this life with dread and fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God, to whom you belong, will deliver you from them. He has guided and guarded you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in His arms. Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. ***“The same Eternal Father who cares for you today will take good care of you tomorrow and every day of your life. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you the unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all useless thoughts, vain dreads, and anxious imaginations”***- St. Francis De Sale. St. Paul also admonishes us with these words ***“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*** (Romans 12: 12) Brothers and sisters, every mass that I offer during this pandemic is offered for the end of this virus and for your protection. Let us pray for each other. Let us ask Our Mother our lady of Guadalupe to intercede for us and pray for all of us.


As we obey the Law of our country, our state, our county and our Church, let us take care of ourselves and our brothers and sister around us. The church doors are opened and if you wish, you may spend some personal time with the Lord.

**MAKE YOUR TELEVISED OR ONLINE SUNDAY MASS A SPECIAL SUNDAY EXPERIENCE DURING THESE CRITICAL TIMES. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WE CAN REUNITE AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD.** Though we all are physically distanced from each other for some time, yet we are united spiritually through prayers. Praying for you all and hoping to see you earliest.

Yours in Christ Jesus,



Fr. Bose Jjuvarapu



Deacon Jim Novak