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### **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MATTHEW 10:37-42**

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

**ADULTS:** When have you felt more fully alive by giving of yourself to another?

**CHILDREN:** When have you been able to put what someone else needs ahead of what you want for yourself?

### **ST. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

Veneration of the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church (**June 29<sup>th</sup>**).



They are the solid rock on which the Church is built. They are at the origin of her faith and will forever remain her protectors and her guides. To them Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under God's providential guidance that they were led to make the capital of the Empire, sanctified by their martyrdom, the center of the Christian world whence should radiate the preaching of the Gospel.

St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in A.D. 66 or 67. He was buried on the hill of the Vatican where recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of the basilica of St. Peter's. St. Paul was beheaded in the via Ostia on the spot where now stands the basilica bearing his name.

Down the centuries Christian people in their thousands have gone on pilgrimage to the tombs of these Apostles. In the second and third centuries the Roman Church already stood pre-eminent by reason of her apostolicity, the infallible truth of her teaching and her two great figures, Sts. Peter and Paul.

### **ST. THOMAS – FEAST DAY JULY 03**

St. Thomas, the disciple who at first did not believe, has become for the Church one of the first witnesses to her faith. He is fond of appealing to his testimony and frequently puts in our mouths those simple words whereby he expressed the fervour of his regained faith: "My Lord and my God." It is known that St. Thomas preached the Gospel in Asia beyond the frontiers of the Roman Empire, probably in Persia and possibly as far afield as India.

Much has been written and said about Thomas' weakness of faith. St. Gregory the Great saw God's providential ways: The unbelief of Thomas has benefited us more than the faith of Magdalene. Should we not then reflect on our own failings? So often do we make the firmest resolutions to avoid this or that fault, and yet how easily we repeat it. Give some thought to God's ultimate purpose in permitting your faults and to how valuable for our soul's progress is the realization of our weakness and wretchedness.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY – 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

Saturday is the national 244<sup>th</sup> celebration of our Nation's independence. As we celebrate let us remember to pray that God will strengthen and bless America and make our nation a haven of liberty and justice for all — born and unborn.

**Prayer:**

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion. Be close to our president and our statesmen; give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world. Make me more deeply aware of my heritage; realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen. Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen



Dear Brethren and Sisters the readings today speak of discipleship. A Disciple is the one who is always in touch with God. We are reminded of Mary and Martha of Bethany when we think of Discipleship. Martha was busy with all the household chores, but Mary chooses the better part to be at the feet of the Lord. We, too, ought to be at the feet of the Lord from time to time. Who are all called to be Disciples? Discipleship is a call certainly, but it is for all of us Christians. It is for all of us who are baptized and are members of the Catholic Church. Priesthood and Religious life is a vocation and needs a special calling from the Lord in our heart to be his followers through a way of life. Nevertheless, regardless of who we are, all of us are called to be Disciples. Little children to whom the Lord has said that to them belongs the kingdom of heaven is also called to Discipleship. For Discipleship, we need faith and courage, especially in the context of our world of today. To be a Disciple is costly. We need compassion, humility, patience, forgiveness, love, fidelity, self-control, and sacrifice. This will not come all at once, but from time to time with the grace of the Lord. **Are we ready?** Do we have the courage to embark upon this journey! We commemorate the Lord in the Eucharist, who lost his life so that he could save us all! Let us ask Jesus for the graces that we need for our lives to be faithful disciples. **Love and Prayers, Fr. Bose Jjuvarapu**

#### **A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - In today's gospel reading the Twelve hear Jesus speak these words: "whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." This is the first time Matthew mentions the word "cross" in his gospel, and it is not in direct reference to Jesus' crucifixion but as a prerequisite to following him. Good stewards recognize that the call to discipleship requires them to "take up the cross" and align their goals in life and their fate with that of Jesus, that is, with suffering, opposition, resistance and even death. Reflect this week on the crosses you need to take up daily in order to comprehend the way of Jesus Christ.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION:**

Congratulations to our 4 First Communicants: Krosby Anderson, Slayton Barton, Harper Hunt and Libby Lane. They celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion this Saturday, June 27. Thanks to all their Religion teachers, parents and especially Felicha Duque and Sherri Bardwell for bringing them to this Sacrament. Please pass on your congratulations and keep all of them in your prayers.

**MASSES ON CATHOLIC MEDIA:** When viewing a Mass on any media, please recite the prayer "**An Act of Spiritual Communion**" when you if present would be receiving Holy Communion. To view our Live Stream Masses, Log on to our website <https://sacredheartseymour.org/> & scroll down to the box titled Find us on Facebook or log on to **your** facebook page and find us there.

#### **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.

***"If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell people not to kill one another?"*** Mother Teresa of Calcutta

#### **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: June 21, 2020**

##### **SACRED HEART:**

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,223.00

Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 3.00 Holy Day: \$ 0

**TOTAL: \$ 3,226.00**

Envelope Use: 36 Regular; 0 Youth; 1 Special; 0 Holy Day

##### **ST. MARY:**

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 455.00

Youth: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0

**TOTAL: \$ 455.00**

Envelope Use: 8 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

**Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat 41 & Sun 66 St. Mary – Sun ?**

##### **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 the Jim Knezek 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.**

**OFFICE HOURS & BULLETIN NOTICES:** Office Hours are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10am - 3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wednesday!**

**STEWARDSHIP:** During these difficult times, please prayerfully consider still using your contribution envelopes if you are able by: **adding to collection basket, by mail or drop in our Drop box in front of the office.** "*Of everything you give me, I will faithfully return a tenth part to you*" (Genesis 28:22). Thank you to those who are contributing to our Church during this Pandemic. **Please continue doing the best you can!**

##### **ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION POOL PARTY**

The Pool party **has been suspended** as of right now. Bishop Olson said we could not have the party at this time.

##### **Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

May the grace and blessing of the Sacred Heart be with you; the peace of the Sacred Heart encompass you; the merits of the Sacred Heart plead for you; the love of the Sacred Heart inflame you; the sorrows of the Sacred Heart console you; the zeal of the Sacred Heart animate you; the virtues of the Sacred Heart shine forth in every word and work, and may the joys of the Beatific Vision be your eternal recompense. Amen

##### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARISHES!**

The Diocesan Board of Directors of the Advancement Foundation has approved our operational grant requests for the upcoming 2021 fiscal year. Sacred Heart will receive \$30,000 annually and St. Mary of the Assumption will receive \$10,000. These grants will be distributed monthly for use in our parishes for administrative salaries, benefits and our Youth Ministry program. Our operating Grant is available through the generosity of Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth through their/our stewardship to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row that we have been blessed with our making our goals and thus receiving the grant amount requested. Deacon Jim



**Our Blessed Sacrament in our Tabernacle and our Shrine with votive candles are open Daily. Stop in and pray today!**

## JULY 2020 MINISTERS LIST

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—Sandy Lane

To be announced later

### HOMEBOUND MINISTERS—3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAYS

To be announced later

### MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn Jim Novak

Terry Bench, Marilyn McGough & Cathy Hostas

### LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Jessica Lane	Nathan Cockerell

### USHERS—Terry Bench

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Jerry Barton	Gary Wright
Blaine Barton	Ricky Wright
Kyle Barton	Cody Wright
	Michael Wright

### FLOWERS—Donna Carver

04/05— Suzanne Beach & Kathy Decker  
11/12— Katrina Morrison & Barbie Donnell  
18/19— Marianne McCartney & Debbie Knezek  
25/26— Shelby Urbanczyk & Jerica Myers

### ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

To be announced later

### COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER: JUNE 27/28:

The Peter's Pence Collection has ancient roots in New Testament times, when people would provide material support for those who preached the Gospel to distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today, the collection is the way we unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father as members of the Catholic Church. Through the Peter's Pence Collection, we stand in solidarity with Pope Francis as he reaches out to foster the faith and dignity of people on the margins. How Pope Francis Invites Us to Serve All Over the past seven years, Islamist terrorists have attacked religious and ethnic minorities in northern Bangladesh, killing and wounding aid workers, destroying homes, and displacing families. During his apostolic visit to Bangladesh, Pope Francis called "leaders and followers of the religions present in this country to live together in mutual respect and good will" (address, Ecumenical and Interreligious Meeting for Peace, Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 1, 2017). How We Can Join Pope Francis and Be a Witness of Charity Showing mutual respect and good will toward the victims of violence in Bangladesh, the Holy Father funded a project to rebuild the homes of 55 families of all faiths who were attacked. When you support the Peter's Pence Collection, you help Pope Francis take concrete steps to foster reconciliation and peace anywhere conflict and violence exist in the world. **How You Can Help**

- **PRAY:** Pray for the Holy Father as he reaches out compassionately to serve those around the world who are suffering and will benefit from this collection.
- **SHARE:** As a way to spread the message of mercy and peace, share this flier with someone who might be interested, and tell others how Pope Francis supports the marginalized.
- **GIVE:** Please give generously to this collection as a witness of charity and an offer of hope to those who suffer around the globe.

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

### Faith Formation for Youth and Adults – New way to Catechize –We have a subscription to Formed: A technology platform for the delivery of award-winning Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more.

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

Registering for FORMED:

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

If you need help signing up, please call the office and we will help you.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." The Lord's goodness dwells in our marriage. Open up the secret of His goodness on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are July 17-19 and and Sept. 11-13, 2020. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>. For more information e-mail [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [emmddf@gmail.com](mailto:emmddf@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>



### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Whenever you are ill or have been hospitalized, please call for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick immediately.

### 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 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 Rodriquez, 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 Hrcirik, Hailey Glass, Debbie Turner, Dana Riddles, Teagan Matthews, Bob Walker, Christina Lambert, Korie Hole, Richard Casillas, Hannah Green, Jim Cuba, Henrietta Styles, Sandra Moorhouse, Sharon Wright, Arleen Kuhler, Abigail Novak, Braxton Pierce, John McCandless, Kayla McLarty, 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, Geraldine Kuhler, Fred Holey, Emma Allbritton, Cameron and Donovan Muharib, Jonathan Carver, Steve Eddleman, Blaise Decker & Teresa Hunt.

**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.*

# **Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction – First Saturday**

**July 04, 2020**

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction is offered on the first Saturday of the month after the Holy Mass at 7:30 a.m and concludes with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament at 12 PM in which the priest or deacon blesses the faithful with the Sacred Host. As Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us on the first Saturday of the month! Sacred Heart, Seymour.



**Do You Really Love Me?**

**Then**

**Come To Me**

**Visit Me**

**Where?** Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Seymour.

**When?** First Saturday of the month after the 7:10 am Holy Mass until 12:00 pm

**“Jesus Waits for Us in This Sacrament of Love”** *mysterium fidei*