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CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Seymour, Texas**

**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Megargel, Texas**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH: DECEMBER 27, 2020**

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (In the Old Chapel Room behind screen with Mask worn!)  
After each daily noon Mass; Wednesday's 6:30 -7:30 p.m.; Saturday 5 – 5:45 p.m. or by appointment**

**PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE:**

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK (December 28 – January 03)**

Monday: **NO SERVICE**  
 Tuesday: **NO SERVICE**  
 Wednesday: **NO SERVICE**  
 Thursday: **NO SERVICE**  
 Friday: 8:00 AM: Living & Deceased Parishioners & Clergy these 104 years (St. Mary-Solemnity of Mary)  
 10:00 AM: +Lillie Mae Novak by Eric & Trina Hostas (S.H. - Solemnity of Mary)  
 Saturday: 6:00 PM: For Special Intentions of Trent Barton by Tommy & Donna Caver  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM: +Rudy & Mary Darilek by Joe & Mary Hrcirik (**St. Mary**)  
 10:00 AM: +Vickie Studer by Shan & Marty Slaggle

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (December 28 – January 02)**

Mon.:	1 John 1:5—2:2	Matthew 2:13-18	
Tues.:	1 John 2:3-11	Luke 2:22-35	
Wed.:	1 John 2:12-17	Luke 2:36-40	
Thurs.:	1 John 2:18-21	John 1:1-18	
Fri.:	Numbers 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21
Sat.:	1 John 2:22-28	John 1:19-28	

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (January 03)**

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

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
 Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**We will be live streaming all Masses at Sacred Heart. KSEY will broadcast Saturday's 6 p.m. Mass  
 At all Masses you **MUST** wear face mask/covering and practice safe distancing**

**Sunday, December 27:**

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass  
 9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by Mass  
 All Weekend Liturgies: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
 All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: No Masses**

**Friday, January 01: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation**

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Solemnity of Mary Mass  
 10:00 AM, Sacred Heart/Solemnity of Mary Mass

**Saturday, January 02: (No 7:10 AM Mass)**

5:45 PM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by 6 PM Vigil Mass

**Sunday, January 03:**

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass  
 9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by Mass  
 All Weekend Liturgies: The Epiphany of the Lord  
 All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Ward

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For bulletins: go online to <https://sacredheartseymour.org/bulletins>. All past and present bulletins are posted.

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## **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH: LUKE 2:22-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**ADULTS:** How do your family members know that you are a compassionate person?

**CHILDREN:** What family member needs your compassion and kindness right now?



O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### **Old Calendar: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs: December 28<sup>th</sup>**

"A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

During this octave of Christmas the Church celebrates the memory of the small children of the neighborhood of Bethlehem put to death by Herod. Sacrificed by a wicked monarch, these innocent lives bear witness to Christ who was persecuted from the time of His birth by a world which would not receive Him. It is Christ Himself who is at stake in this mass-murder of the children; already the choice, for or against Him, is put clearly before men. But the persecutors are powerless, for Christ came to perform a work of salvation that nothing can prevent; when He fell into the hands of His enemies at the time chosen by God it was to redeem the world by His own Blood.

Our Christmas joy is tempered today by a feeling of sadness. But the Church looks principally to the glory of the children, of these innocent victims, whom she shows us in heaven following the Lamb wherever He goes. <https://www.catholicculture.org/>

### **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**



"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom."

### **Prayer for the New Year**

*O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.*

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

THE GIFT OF PATIENCE: *“Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.”* Luke makes it clear that Jesus, from the very beginning, is obedient to the Law of Moses. The Law of Moses was God’s plan in the Old Testament for the salvation of the Jewish people. Jesus is God’s plan in the New Testament for the salvation of all people.

Lk 2:22-40 this offering of two pigeons tells us that Joseph and Mary are poor. He was born in a stable Nazareth, far from Jerusalem the center of wealth and power. Old people around the Church reminds me Simon and Anna. They both were waiting for Jesus. We are a busy and impatient people. We expect instant gratification, and hate to be kept waiting. We know that “Anything worth having is worth working for.” We need also to learn that “Anything worth having is worth waiting for.” Our life is one mad rush to get from one wait to another, from one line to another. There are sayings which we have all heard: *“Good things come to those who wait”* and *“Some things are worth waiting for.”* If good things come to those who wait, is there anything you would be willing to wait your entire life for? It would have to be something really good, right? God works in a time zone where a day is as a thousand years. When our dreams don’t come true in a day, we need to keep in mind that God is still at work still wrapping the package still preparing the gift to fit our needs and preparing us for the gift. We need to pray, not just for the gift, but also for patience to wait for God’s unveiling.

Pray and Practice: Lord, let me be patient enough to listen your voice and obey your will. Fr. Bose

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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God’s service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. As we await the dawn of a new year, are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

#### **NEW YEAR’S LITURGICAL SERVICES**

**Reminder:** Friday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (New Year’s Day) – **A Holy Day of Obligation!** In the Catholic Church, **Holy Days of Obligation** or **Holidays of Obligation**, less commonly called **Feasts of Precept**, are the days on which, as canon 1247 of the Code of Canon Law states; *the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body.*

All are welcome to join us for Schedule of Services at Sacred Heart Church in Seymour and St. Mary of the Assumption in Megargel:

#### **New Year’s Day/January 1 (Friday)**

8:00 AM Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption in Megargel

10:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart in Seymour

#### **FR. BOSE VISITING FAMILY IN INDIA:**

Please keep Fr. Bose in your prayers as he travels to India to spend time with his family. He will leave December 28<sup>th</sup> and return February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Contact Information for Seminarian Trent Barton:** You can mail him at: PO Box 404, St Benedict LA 70457 or email him at: [Trent.barton@fwdioc.org](mailto:Trent.barton@fwdioc.org). Please continue to keep him in your daily prayers.

#### **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: December 20, 2020**

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

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,573.00  
Youth: \$ 45.00 Special: \$ 225.00 Holy Day: \$ 0  
**TOTAL: \$ 3,843.00**

Envelope Use: 36 Regular; 2 Youth; 6 Special; 0 Holy Day

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

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 295.00  
Youth: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0  
**TOTAL: \$ 295.00**

Envelope Use: 6 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

**Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat 43 Sun 70 St. Mary – Sun 27**

##### **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: Monday & Wednesday 10am–3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Monday!**

##### **THANK YOU AGAIN HOLUB TIRE - 2021 CALENDARS**

Once again we give our appreciation to the George & Margaret Holub Family who work so hard at Holub Tire for their annual contribution to both of our parishes by providing us with our new 2021 *“Devotions to our Lady”* Religious Calendars. Thank you!

##### **2021 COLLECTION ENVELOPES:**

Your envelopes are in the back of the church. We ordered fewer envelopes this year **so most families will have a different number.** If you do not see your name, please contact the office. All families who are members of our Parish should have a box, unless you draft from your bank and don’t need a box. Thank you!

##### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS BY ZACH SCHERTZ:**

This Wednesday, December 30 at 7 PM, Prayer and How to Serve God - This week we will talk about why prayer is not just something that is said at meals and before bed. Likewise charity is not just a collection plate. Login in: [FaceBook.com/SchertzWriting](https://www.facebook.com/SchertzWriting)

##### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all who were involved in any way with the decorating and preparations for the Christmas season. Our church in its beauty is appropriately acknowledging our gratitude of the gift of the Incarnation and its recognition of the birth of Christ in our world and our lives. Thanks to the choir, the sacristans, altar servers, lectors, Extra-ordinary Eucharistic minister, those who donated the poinsettias and other volunteers who made our Christmas celebrations possible. Thanks again to all who sent cards and gifts to Fr. Bose and me. May you continue to be blessed in this upcoming New Year! Deacon Jim

##### **THANKS – ANGEL TREE DONATIONS:**

Thank you again for your donations to the Angel Tree Family. Over \$600 was purchased for gift cards to United Supermarket and Dollar General, and also a check cut for tools for trade. The students received many gifts of clothing, shoes and other accessories, thanks to your generosity. “Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.” Mt. 25:40

## JANUARY 2021 MINISTERS LIST

### MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn Jim Novak

Jerry Kuhler, Cody & Audra Wright, & Greg Knezek

### LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

**Saturday**

Kay Flippin

**Sunday**

Greg Knezek

### USHERS—Terry Bench

**Saturday**

Danny Lane

Michael Lane

Shannon Donnell

Glenn Peters

**Sunday**

Greg Hertel

Adam Hertel

Damon Hertel

### FLOWERS—Donna Carver

02/03—Margie Barton & Teresa Hunt

09/10—Charlotte Wright & Jeanelle Howell

16/17—Lucia Rangel & Maria Avila

23/24—Bethany Campbell & Frankie Holub

30/31—Deidra Groves & Rachel Groves

### ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

To be announced later

### **GIVING THANKS AT THIS YEAR'S END—2020**

At this special time of Christmas and New Year holidays—we pause to thank you for your faithful support of our parish. **We cannot say “thank you” enough!** Any additional gifts made to our parish by year's end, December 31, 2020, can help make a considerable difference to Sacred Heart Church and St. Mary of the Assumption Church in providing for the future of Catholic ministries and services in our parishes—while you gain substantial savings on your taxes! The charitable gift you make now could leave you and your family much better off come April 15, 2021! **Remember**—all the gifts to our parishes are tax deductible to the extent provided for by law. Thank you for being generous!

**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*

### ALTAR SOCIETY DONATIONS:

Your Altar Society made donations to Fr. Bose's and Deacon Jim's favorite charities as a Christmas gift from our parish. Fr. Bose's was to Heralds of Good News Mother Theresa and Deacon Jim's was to the Ministerial Alliance. We wish them both a Blessed New Year!

**OWD (make-up) FUNDRAISER!!** Our donation drive is over at year end. There are envelopes and a basket labeled Olde World Dinner in the foyer of the church. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to support this shortfall. So far we have collected **\$12,297.25** from donations and **\$5,037.00** before expenses from our Kolache & Cinnamon Roll Bake sale. God bless! Deacon Jim

## FAMILY VIDEO TO WATCH!!!

Please try and watch the YouTube video: **The Christ Child: A Nativity Story** (17 minutes). You will be blessed!

### MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FUND DRIVE:

Please consider a donation to help our annual drive to raise funds for the Ministerial Alliance. Through out the Month of December the community churches ask for your support to replenish our funds so that we can help those needy within our local community. You may simply drop off a donation or place a donation in the weekly collections marked “Ministerial Alliance.” There are also boxes in our Seymour stores for your convenience.

**Annual Diocesan Appeal “The Reason for Our Hope.”:** Thanks to you: **Sacred Heart Parish has pledged \$13,305** from **46** families and **St. Mary Parish has pledged \$1,969** from **9** families. We are striving for 100 percent participation. We count on every family to help our parishes meet its goal. Diocesan Appeal provides funds to ministries and programs in these categories: (Gratitude and Support for the Clergy, Outreach to Rural and Needy Parishes and Schools, Hope and Healing for the Poor, Love and Strengthening for Families, Faith and Formation for Future Generations, Stewardship Education and Development Support for Parishes). **It is not too late to give!** Please complete and return the commitment form that was mailed to you or pick up a commitment envelope in the back of the church or donate online at: <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/annual-diocesan-appeal-donation>. **Goals for our Parishes:** Sacred Heart – Seymour - \$18,000 and St. Mary of the Assumption – Megargel - \$3,500

### 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, Johnny Joe Pechacek, Kent Bickly, Michael Rodriguez, Rhea Allison, Bryker Fontenot, Jeff Gregg, Alvin Jungman, Adaline Urbanczyk, Nick Garcia, Kayley Lowder, Ralph Veitenheimer, Glenda Hertel, Cheryl Hopkins, Cathi Patterson, Cynthia Tatlock, Genevieve Hmcirik, Hailey Glass, Debbie Turner, Dana Riddles, Teagan Matthews, Bob Walker, Christina Lambert, Hannah Green, Jim Cuba, Henrietta Styles, Sandra Moorhouse, Sharon Wright, Arleen Kuhler, Abigail Novak, Braxton Pierce, John McCandless, Kayla McLarty, Andrew Amador, Nicole Glass, Billie McGough, Brian Allen, Gary Lowe, Jason Gilley, Raymond & Margie Psencik, Theresa Bruggeman, Andrea Sanchez, Ellen Schaefer Bruggeman, Machele Hass, Melvin Motl, Jeanie Evans, John Helton, Charlene Gajdos, Madison Kulhanek, Bart & Margarita Martinez, Randy Coltharp, Geraldine Kuhler, Emma Allbritton, Donovan Muharib, Steve Eddleman, Blaise Decker, Kellan Myers, Jackie Anders, Braxton Sturgeon, Royce Miller, Ashlyn Stone, Rosario & Felipe Cruz, Fr. Bose's Family in India, Debbie Howard, Frank Garcia, Jr., Steve Sullwold, Kross Chism, Suttyn Chism, Dorothy Matus, and Karla Parker.

**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 & Trey Matus. *Please call the office to update the prayer list for those to be added or removed.*