



**SACRED HEART
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Seymour, Texas

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: AUGUST 22, 2021

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (In the Old Chapel Room behind screen)
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 (August 23 – 29)

Monday: 12:10 PM: For the Special Intentions of Fr. Bose by Cathy Hostas
Tuesday: **NO SERVICE**
Wednesday: 6:00 PM: +Joe Simek by Mike & Kay Flippin
Thursday: 12:10 PM: +Debbie Kennedy by Terry & Belinda Bench
Friday: 12:10 PM: +Sister Anna Nguyen Thi Vinh by Yen Khang Van
Saturday: 7:10 AM: +Rosalie Peters by Sacred Heart Choir
6:00 PM: +Alvin & Glenna Jungman by Shan & Marty Slaggle
Sunday: 8:00 AM: +Annie Snapka by Jodie Darilek (**St. Mary**)
10:00 AM: +Alice Kuhler by Jerry & Geraldine Kuhler

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (August 23 - 28)

Mon.: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10	Matthew 23:13-22
Tues.: Revelations 21:9b-14	John 1:45-51
Wed.: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:27-32
Thurs.: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13	Matthew 24:42-51
Fri.: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	Matthew 25:1-13
Sat.: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11	Matthew 25:14-30

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: (August 29)

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

At all Masses you must follow safe distancing and sanitize. Face mask/covering **are optional** at all times.

Sunday, August 22:

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass (Preceded by Holy Rosary)
9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by Mass
All Weekend Liturgies: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Monday, August 23:

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Masses
6:00 PM, Pastoral Center/Joint Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 25:

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/ Mass
6:30 PM, Pastoral Center/Parents, Catechists, Aides and Kitchen helpers meeting to plan the 21/22 Faith Formation Program

Thursday and Friday:

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Masses

Saturday, August 28:

7:10 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
5:45 PM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by 6 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 29:

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass (Preceded by Holy Rosary)
9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by Mass
All Weekend Liturgies: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JOHN 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

ADULTS: In what way has the example of Christian marriage (your own or that of another couple) helped you understand the relationship between Christ and his church?

CHILDREN: What can you do for your family to show them Jesus' love and care?

St. Bartholomew – August 24

St. Bartholomew, a doctor in the Jewish law, was a dear friend of St. Philip the Apostle. Because Bartholomew was a man "in whom there was no guile," his mind was open to the truth. He went willingly with Philip to see Christ, and recognized the Savior immediately as the Son of God. After having received the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost, Bartholomew evangelized Asia Minor, northwestern India, and Greater Armenia. In the latter country, while preaching to idolaters, he was arrested and condemned to death.

ST. MONICA – AUGUST 27TH: (c. 332 – 387) was an early African Christian Saint and the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. St. Monica is recognized as the patron saint of mothers. Her faith and dedication to motherhood played a pivotal role in the spiritual formation of one of the most brilliant philosophers and well-known saints of all time – Saint Augustine, her son.

After her husband's premature death, St. Monica dedicated her life to raising her children. As a single mother of three, she persevered in the face of many difficulties. Her greatest desire was for her children to follow Christ. Although later in life he was known as a fervent man of God, St. Augustine did not easily come to see God's truth. As a child, he proved to be quite difficult, causing Monica much grief, and as a young adult he remained uninterested in Christianity. But St. Monica never stopped praying for his eternal soul, in spite of the circumstances. On one particular occasion, when she was discussing the matter with a priest, he urged her to remain steadfast in her prayers, stating that it was "*not possible that the son of so many tears should perish.*"

A Testament to the Power of Prayer - After many years of prayer, Saint Monica finally saw her son give his life to the service of God. St. Augustine declared that his mother's resilience and dedication to prayer is what led him to become the man of God he was meant to be. He stated that St. Monica was not only his mother, but "the source of his Christianity." According to Pope Benedict XVI: *Augustine himself was to say, his mother gave birth to him twice; the second time required a lengthy spiritual travail of prayers and tears, but it was crowned at last with the joy of seeing him not only embrace the faith and receive Baptism, but also dedicate himself without reserve to the service of Christ.*

St. Monica passed away in A.D. 387, shortly after St. Augustine was baptized. Her legacy serves as a reminder for all Christians to never stop praying for those who do not yet know Christ. Saint Monica was buried at Ostia and at first seems to have been almost forgotten, though her body was removed during the 6th century to a hidden crypt in the church of Santa Aurea in Ostia. Her tomb was later transferred to the Basilica of Sant'Agostino, Rome.

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA: SEPTEMBER 11/12

The Weekend of September 11/12, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Located in the heart of the nation's capital, Catholic University offers graduate and undergraduate courses in more than 180 academic programs. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting edge research in multiple fields. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. It will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project, a University initiative jumpstarted by philanthropy which aims to help bishops, priests, and the lay faithful develop a deeper understanding of the lay vocation and principles for effective action in the wake of the recent Church crisis. Through research, new academic programs, and dialogue, the project brings together the clergy and lay leaders to develop solutions to the issues facing our Church and bring about reforms. Thank you for your generosity. Learn more at: collection.catholic.edu

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GIVES US LIFE: “Lord, to whom we can go? You have the words of eternal life”. In our 21st Sunday in ordinary time all three readings talk about the ‘call’. The first reading from (Jos 24: 1-2, 15-17) tells us whom to serve. The second reading from (Eph 5: 21-32) is about subjection to one another in marital commitment and the gospel reading talks about the Spirit of the Lord give us life. Jesus asks us to listen to the words of the Spirit, who guides us and who leads us all in his path. He emphasizes it, saying “**unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will not inherit eternal life**”. Jesus is inviting us to serve the living God whom we receive in the Holy Eucharist daily.

The world is full of pomp, glory, glamour and attractions. It is because of which we live our human fulfillments with our desires and run after this material world for our contentment. We have to ask ourselves is this the way God is calling us to serve Him? The choice is ours. Is it worldly subjection that we want to subject ourselves to the world or to the Lord and the life giving Spirit that we wanted to be subjected to?

Pray and Practice: Lord, give us the grace to experience your presence in the Holy Eucharist and serve you faithfully. Amen. Love and prayers **Fr. Bose Jujavarapu**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today’s Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus’ followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the Twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus. A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just “along for the ride?” Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?

Finance/Pastoral Council Meeting – August 23rd

There will be a joint meeting **this Monday, August 23rd** at 6:00 p.m. at the pastoral center.

FAITH FORMATION 21/22 MEETING: **This** Wednesday, August 25th there will be a Faith Formation meeting after the 6 PM Mass for all parents, catechists, aides and kitchen helpers. All are encouraged to come and hear what is planned for the new school year. Parents or guardians are especially encouraged to step up and volunteer in some aspect of Faith Formation as your children participate in formation. Reminder: our Wednesday Mass at 6:00 p.m. is required for full attendance to each session throughout the year. Please bring your thoughts and ideas to this meeting as we discuss and plan this important part of our parish’s mission in Faith Formation. The first session for our parish will begin Wednesday, September 08, 2021.

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. Please continue to keep him in your daily prayers.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

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



OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: August 15, 2021

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$4,411.00

Youth: \$ 127.00 Mission: \$ 1,834.10 Holy Day: \$ 690.00

TOTAL: \$ 7,062.10

Envelope Use: 51 Regular; 3 Youth; 0 Special; 17 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 641.00

Youth: \$0 Mission: \$ 457.00 Holy Day: \$ 95.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,193.00

Envelope Use: 8 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 4 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat 69 Sun 118 St. Mary – Sun 33

SEVEN DAY LIGHTS:

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: For the Alvin & Glenna Jungman Family by Shannon & Barbie Donnell Family, For the Henry & Lillie Mae Novak Family, For the George & Margaret Holub Family, For the Jim & Janice Knezek Family, For Michael Wright & Family, For Ricky & Charlotte Wright & Family.

FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS BY: Kay Flippin, Terry & Belinda Bench, 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 & Thursday 10am–3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wednesday!**

ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE: AUGUST 25TH:

At his coronation as king of France, Louis IX bound himself by oath to behave as God’s anointed, as the father of his people and feudal lord of the King of Peace. Other kings had done the same, of course. Louis was different in that he actually interpreted his kingly duties in the light of faith. After the violence of two previous reigns, he brought peace and justice.

Louis “took the cross” for a Crusade when he was 30. His army seized Damietta in Egypt but not long after, weakened by dysentery and without support, they were surrounded and captured. Louis obtained the release of the army by giving up the city of Damietta in addition to paying a ransom. He stayed in Syria four years.

Louis deserves credit for extending justice in civil administration. His regulations for royal officials became the first of a series of reform laws. He replaced trial by battle with a form of examination of witnesses and encouraged the use of written records in court.

Louis was always respectful of the papacy, but defended royal interests against the popes, and refused to acknowledge Innocent IV’s sentence against Emperor Frederick II.

Louis was devoted to his people, founding hospitals, visiting the sick, and like his patron Saint Francis, caring even for people with leprosy. He is one of the patrons of the Secular Franciscan Order. Louis united France—lords and townsfolk, peasants and priests and knights—by the force of his personality and holiness. For many years the nation was at peace.

Every day, Louis had 13 special guests from among the poor to eat with him, and a large number of poor were served meals near his palace. During Advent and Lent, all who presented themselves were given a meal, and Louis often served them in person. He kept lists of needy people, whom he regularly relieved, in every province of his dominion.

Disturbed by new Muslim advances, Louis led another crusade to North Africa in 1270. Within a month of their landing at Carthage, the army camp was decimated by disease. Louis himself died there at the age of 56. He was canonized 27 years later. - Franciscan media.org

Stewarding Our Families: When “Back to School” means “Back to the Family Dinner Table”

August brings us face to face with one of life’s realities: summer vacation has to end. Children may groan and parents may breathe a sigh of relief, but one thing is certain. The beginning of school brings a return to routine, and this translates into less eating on the run and more scheduled meals around the family dinner table. It’s not always possible for the whole family to eat together, but making it a priority at least some nights of the week can pay big dividends for the Christian steward trying to raise a family of faith. Here are a few dinner table tips:

- Everyone should know certain nights are family dinner nights. Look closely at everyone’s schedule, make a plan, and then hold family nights sacred.
- Whether frozen pizza or prime rib, set the table nicely and sit down. Maybe light a dinner candle or pull out the cloth napkins now and then. Pick up a special dessert once in a while.
- Parents and kids often hit the dinner hour fatigued. Make an effort to relax. Start off with a smile and laughter, even when you’d rather hit the couch.
- If you haven’t already, begin the family custom of praying before meals in a spontaneous way. What was I most thankful for today? Where did I see a situation that calls for prayer? Let everyone take a brief turn. It may lead to a great conversation after the “amen.”
- Resist scolding or criticizing a child at dinner. Never demand to know why the math paper wasn’t turned in, or why the kid will not get out of bed on time. Save it for a private discussion later. Allow the dinner table to be a place of welcome and support.
- Share the ups and downs of your own day. Listen respectfully to their exploits and complaints.
- As you review the day’s events, don’t forget God. Just as you are interested in what your children are reading in literature class or library hour, express an interest in what’s being taught in religion class or in weekly faith formation.
- Set the rule that everyone remains seated until all are finished. Then the meal is complete.
- But the work’s not done. Divide the duties of setting the table, clearing, washing the dishes, even cooking so that everyone has a role to play and the work goes quickly.
- Bring back the custom of an “after dinner” prayer, brief and blessed.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Perhaps you wonder at times why we do what we do as Catholics. Or perhaps you have considered becoming a Catholic but just don’t know how. Or you know someone that might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. In any case, we invite you to enrich yourself or invite others to learn more by asking questions. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (the RCIA) is for people who either want to learn about Catholics or to become Catholic. If you are in an interfaith marriage and are already actively involved in a church of a different denomination, you may want to understand your family’s Catholic faith better. If you are not connected to any faith community, you are most welcome to inquire with us. If after preparation you decide to become Catholic, you will be normally formally accepted at Easter or at Pentecost. **We will be starting in the fall.** If you know someone who may be interested and need a personal invitation, please contact Den. Jim or Johnny Holub, our Director, with their name.

YOUTH PROGRAM FUNDING AND ENVELOPES!

Please consider your monthly contributions in using your monthly “youth envelopes” – the gold envelopes included in your box of envelopes. The money goes towards: books & supplies, Youth activities, Wednesday night Faith Formation meals, etc. Thanks for your consideration and continued support.

FAITH FORMATION 2021/2022 REGISTRATION:

Please register your pre-K – 12th grade child/children for next year’s Religious Education classes by contacting Marilyn McGough at 940/357-0005. She will need name of child, any changes of address or contact phone number and grade the child will be in. All children attending this upcoming fall Faith Formation sessions **must** register so the proper amount of books and materials can be ordered. Please leave a voice mail if she doesn’t answer and she will get back with you.

“He bought brothers for Himself by His blood, He made them welcome by being rejected, He ransomed them by being sold, He honoured them by being dishonoured, He gave them life by being put to death. So, brethren, rejoice in the Lord, not in the world. That is, rejoice in the truth, not in wickedness, rejoice in the hope of eternity, not in the fading flower of vanity. That is the way to rejoice. Wherever you are on earth, however long you remain on earth, the Lord is near, do not be anxious about anything!” - The Memorial of St Augustine of Hippo (354-430) – Father and Doctor of Grace

HELP US KEEP OUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

UP-TO-DATE. Please call our office to make any changes to your mailing address, email address, phone numbers or name.

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, Adaline Urbanczyk, Nick Garcia, Kayley Lowder, Ralph Veitenheimer, Cheryl Hopkins, Cathi Patterson, Genevieve Hmccirik, Hailey Glass, Debbie Turner, Teagan Matthews, Christina Lambert, Hannah Green, Jim Cuba, Henrietta Styles, Sharon Wright, Arleen Kuhler, Abigail Novak, Braxton Pierce, John McCandless, Kayla McLarty, Andrew Amador, Billie McGough, Brian Allen, 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, Geraldine Kuhler, Emma Allbritton, Donovan Muharib, Blaise Decker, Kellan Myers, Braxton Sturgeon, Rosario Cruz, Frank Garcia, Jr., Dorothy Matus, Karla Parker, Jeanelle Howell, Floyd Smith, Jason Schaller, Trina Hostas, Richard Latham, Jonathon Morgan, Coy Jakubicek, Charlie Reeves, Arya Meyers, Keely Willden, Larry Ballard, Lola Stubblefield, Debbie Garland, Michael Wright, Ricky Wright, Judy Horn, Bill Harmel, Kelley Harrington, Nick Bryant, Sharon Boyd & Mark Hertel.

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