



**SACRED HEART  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Seymour, Texas

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CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Megargel, Texas

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: JANUARY 02, 2022**

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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 (January 03 - 09)**

Monday: 12:10 PM: +Johnny Joe Matus by Melvin & Shirlee Motl  
Tuesday: **NO SERVICE**  
Wednesday: 6:00 PM: +Jimmy Smajstrla by Mike & Kay Flippin  
Thursday: 12:10 PM: +Jerry Ermis by Johnny & Jeanette Holub  
Friday: 12:10 PM: +Glenda Hertel by Sacred Heart Choir  
Saturday: 7:10 AM: +Roy Boone by Cathy Hostas  
6:00 PM: +Martha Simek Studer by Melvin & Shirlee Motl  
Sunday: 8:00 AM: Special Intentions for Johnny Joe Pechacek by Deacon Jim & Rilda Novak (**St. Mary**)  
10:00 AM: +Angeline Hajek by Carol Vacker

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (January 03 - 08)**

Mon.: 1 John 3:22—4:6	Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues.: 1 John 4:7-10	Mark 6:34-44
Wed.: 1 John 4:11-18	Mark 6:45-52
Thurs.: 1 John 4:19—5:4	Luke 4:14-22
Fri.: 1 John 5:5-13	Luke 5:12-16
Sat.: 1 John 5:14-21	John 3:22-30

**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: (January 09)**

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

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38  
Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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

**Sunday, January 02:**

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: The Epiphany of the Lord  
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

**Monday, January 03:** 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

**Wednesday, January 05:**

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration with Benediction concluding at 8 PM  
6:30 PM, Hall & PC/M meal/Faith Formation sessions for all grades until 7:45 PM

**Thursday and Friday:**

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Masses

**Saturday, January 08: (Special Collection – Priest Care Fund)**

7:10 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass/Holy hour Adoration with Benediction till 12 PM  
5:45 PM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by 6 PM Vigil Mass

**Sunday, January 09: (Special Collection – Priest Care Fund) (Last day of the Christmas Season)**

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: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: MATTHEW 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

**ADULTS:** When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

**CHILDREN:** When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

### The Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Savior.



### Annual Diocesan Appeal Give Thanks to the Lord:

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever.* – Psalm 107:1 - Thanks to you our **Sacred Heart Parish has pledged \$17,303** from **54** families and our **St. Mary Parish has pledged \$3,580** from **13** families. We are striving for 100 percent participation. 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>. 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

**Goals for our Parishes are:** Sacred Heart – Seymour - \$19,800      St. Mary of the Assumption – Megargel - \$3,900

### Next Weekend news for the Christmas Season Decoration Team!

We will be taking down all decorations in the church and outside immediately after the 10:00 a.m. **Mass of the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>**. We appreciate the teams' diligence and dedication in making this Christmas season so beautiful and joyous in our church's beauty. Also those who donated poinsettias may pick them up in the foyer after Mass. God bless! Deacon Jim

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** Today, the Church celebrates the feast of 'Epiphany of the Lord'. 'Epiphany' means manifestation. It, however, doesn't mean that the manifestation of Jesus was only for the three wise men, but also for the whole world symbolically. In today's Gospel, we find two different types of people: King Herod and the three wise men. Herod wanted to kill Jesus by all means, because he felt that Jesus would be a threat to him as he wanted to hold on to his power and throne. He was unable to see Jesus as the Messiah or a King who was born to redeem His people who were living in the clutches of sin and death. Whereas, the wise men followed the star and left for an unknown destination to worship the child Jesus. Not only that, their encounter with Lord Jesus was so empowering and enlightening, that they even defied the orders of King Herod and went home through some other way.

Like the wise men from the East, we too need to recognize the signs of the time and try to find our Saviour in our hearts and in our daily lives. We should not close our eyes to the truth though it may not be pleasant; or otherwise, we too, like Herod, may fall into selfishness and sin and thereby fail to find goodness outside of ourselves.

**Pray and Practice:** Lord, open my heart and mind to recognize your resplendent presence and love in my life so that I may feel empowered to stand for the Truth which is you. Amen!! Fr. Bose

### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!**

**The Epiphany of the Lord:** Today we hear Saint Paul proclaim that he exercises stewardship of "God's grace" for the benefit of the Christian community. Earlier in this letter to the Ephesians, he prayed they would come to realize the actual value of "these riches" of God's grace they inherited. This letter was written to remind, encourage, and spiritually motivate this Eucharistic community to appreciate just how immeasurably wealthy they had become to inherit a life in Christ. What value do we place on our life in Christ? If someone asked us to put a price on this life in today's currency, how would we respond? \$100 million? \$100 billion? Priceless? Do we live as though our life in Christ is priceless?

### **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, 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 New Year! Deacon Jim

### **REST IN PEACE!**

We commend to your prayers Raymond Henry Psencik. His funeral liturgy was celebrated on Thursday, December 30 at Sacred Heart. May he live forever in the eternal embrace of God's love and may all the faithful departed rest in the mercy of God.

### **2022 COLLECTION ENVELOPES:**

If you have not picked up your box of envelopes or if you did not have a box to pick up, please come by the office. We still have **12 boxes** at the office not picked up. All family members of our Parish should have a box of envelopes. Also Thanks again to the Holub family for their generous donation of our 2022 calendars.

*Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.* - Benjamin Franklin

## **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: December 26, 2021**

### **SACRED HEART:**

**Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:** \$2,486.26

Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Christmas: \$ 3,444.00

**TOTAL: \$ 5,930.26**

Envelope Use: 40 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 41 Holy Day

### **ST. MARY:**

**Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:** \$ 1,380.00

Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Christmas: \$ 875.00

**TOTAL: \$ 2,255.00**

Envelope Use: 7 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 8 Holy Day

**Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat 54 Sun 115 St. Mary – Sun 29**

### **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 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:**

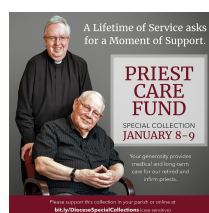
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am–3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wednesday!**

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

Thank you again for your donations to the Angel Tree Family. Nearly \$750 was donated and was used to purchase gift cards from United Supermarket, Dollar General, Family Tree and Bayco's. The children received many gifts of clothing and toys thanks to your generosity. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me." Mt. 25:40

### **Priest Care Fund Special Collection: January 8/9, 2022**

**"A Lifetime of Service Asks for a Moment of Support"**



The patron saint of priests, Saint John Vianney, once wrote "*the priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.*" A priest's love also extends to the Catholic faithful as they lead parishes, teach and preach the Gospel and offer the Sacraments. As faithful Catholics we have an opportunity to return to them, in love, a sense of security in

their retirement years by making a gift to the **Priest Care Fund**. One hundred percent of the money donated to the **Priest Care Fund** special collection remains in the Diocese of Fort Worth to provide medical and long-term care over and above what is covered by our priests' insurance and other resources.

Together, each year we are able to offset medical expenses for retired and infirm priests in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Please respond in love for their years of generous service by donating to the **Priest Care Fund**. There are several ways to contribute to this special collection. In addition to the Sunday collection during weekend Masses on January 8 and 9, donations can also be made by going to <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive). Thank you for honoring our retired priests' lifetime of service.

**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.



## JANUARY 2022 MINISTERS LIST

### EUCCHARISTIC 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

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

08/09—Margie Barton & Teresa Hunt

15/16—Charlotte Wright & Sandra Pavur

22/23—Lucia Rangel & Maria Avila

29/30—Bethany Campbell & Frankie Holub

### ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

#### Saturday

01—Madeline & Cooper

08—Racie & Knox

15—Hagan & Matt

22—Slayton Cooper

29—Harper & Knox

#### Sunday

02—Thomas & Easton

09—Stevi & Kryslyn

16—Sam & Brooklyn

23—Ean & Jacqueline

30—Bryson & Angeline

### MORE NEW YEAR'S STEWARDSHIP RESOLUTIONS!

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in the following quick samples:

**Stewardship of the Parish Family:** Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish's outreach or education and formation efforts. Maybe your gifts are working the parish's new garden. Is it time to enhance your generosity to the parish?

**Stewardship of Money:** Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

**Stewardship of Work:** Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.

**Stewardship of Mind:** Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your Bible. In our political system in the United States, become even more familiar with Catholic social teaching.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Whenever you are ill or have been hospitalized, please call for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick immediately.



## Stewardship Bulletin Reflections!

**The Epiphany of the Lord:** "...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

## 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.

## 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.



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

## 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, 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 Hmcirik, 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, 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 Reaves, Arya Myers, Keely Willden, Larry Ballard, Michelle Martin, Donna Anders, Lola Stubblefield, Debbie Garland, Michael Wright, Ricky Wright, Judy Horn, Bill Harmel, Nick Bryant, Sharon Boyd, Linda Willis, Ricky Moorhouse, Korbett Loftin, June Hmcirik, Jimmy Simek, Bobby Bohanon & Earl Carver.

**SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:** Ryan Holman, John George, Kyle Matus, Andrew Gelb, Tai Bandy, James Crawford, Sam Atwood, Josh Wright, Chance Freeman, Wayne Howard, Korey Bailes, Terri Bangle, 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.*

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

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

**January 08, 2022**

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction is offered on the first Saturday of the month at 7:30 AM after the 7:10 AM Holy Mass 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

**There is a sign-up Book in the Foyer of the Church**

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