



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 27, 2022

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Reconciliation Room)

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 (March 28 – April 03)

Monday: 12:10 PM: +Loretta Matus by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
 Tuesday: **NO SERVICE**
 Wednesday: 12:10 PM: +Janie Railsback by Sacred Heart Choir
 Thursday: 12:10 PM: +Glenda Hertel by Jerry & Geraldine Kuhler
 Friday: 5:30 PM: +Charlie & Vlasta Simek by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
 Saturday: 8:00 AM: +Rosalie Peters by Terry & Belinda Bench
 6:00 PM: Special Anniversary Intentions for Corey & Lindsay Brasher by Mike & Kay Flippin
 Sunday: 8:00 AM: +Charlie Kulhanek, Jr. by Rosie Kulhanek (**St. Mary**)
 10:00 AM: For the Special Intention of the Moline Family by Cathy Hostas

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (March 28 – April 02)

Mon.: Isaiah 65:17-21	John 4:43-54
Tues.: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12	John 5:1-16
Wed.: Isaiah 49:8-15	John 5:17-30
Thurs.: Exodus 32:7-14	John 5:31-47
Fri.: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22	John 7:1-2, 10
Sat.: Jeremiah 11:18-20	John 7:40-53

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: (April 03)

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

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
 Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
 Holy Gospel: John 8:1-11

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

Sunday, March 27: (2nd Collection – Catholic Relief Services) Tim Francis Presents – Signs from God

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass (Preceded by Holy Rosary)
 9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by Mass
 3:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Tim Francis Presents – “Signs from God” till 5:30 PM followed by Pot Luck Meal
 All Weekend Liturgies: Fourth Sunday of Lent
 All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, March 28: Tim Francis Presents – Signs from God

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass
 1:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Tim Francis Presents – “Signs from God” till 3:00 PM
 6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Tim Francis Presents – “Signs from God” till 8:30 PM

Wednesday, March 30:

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass
 6:00 PM, Hall & PC/Meal/ Faith Formation sessions - Review of Examination of Conscience for Reconciliation
 7:00 PM, Sacred Heart/**Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service** with 3 priests available

Thursday, March 31: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Friday, April 01: (Day of Abstinence)

5:10 PM, Sacred Heart/ Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
 5:30 PM, St. Mary of the Assumption – Megargel/Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour Adoration
 5:30 PM, Mosler Hall/Knights of Columbus' Fish & Shrimp Fry – **Drive-up only** until 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 02: (Special Emergency Collection for Wildfires in Eastland County)

8 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass/Holy hour Adoration with **Parish Listening Session** until 10 a.m.

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

Sunday, April 03: (Special Emergency Collection for Wildfires in Eastland County)

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: Fifth Sunday of Lent

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them Jesus addressed this parable: “A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’

So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”’ So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”

ADULTS: When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?

CHILDREN: Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?

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 \$18,063** from **56** families and our **St. Mary Parish has pledged \$3,749** 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

Upcoming 2023 Synod on Synodality Diocesan Phase...Parish Listening Sessions:



The parishes of Sacred Heart, St. Mary of the Assumption and all parishes of the Diocese are being asked to participate in providing input to the 2023 Synod called for by Pope Francis.

Pope Francis has invited everyone in the Church to embark on the journey together. Through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God are called to be part of this process- the Synodal Process- this is a three-year process that starts at the parish level, then moves to the diocese, the nation, the continent and ends in 2023 with the meeting of the general assembly of the synod of bishops in

Rome. During this process we are asked to reflect, and dialogue based on two main questions. How are we listening to God? And how are we listening to each other? **We have set our “listening session” for Saturday, April 2 from 8 a.m. until about 10:00 a.m.** We will begin with Mass and then Eucharistic Adoration closing with Benediction at the end of the “listening session” process. All parishioners are invited to come, young and old, those in leadership councils, and anyone who feels called by the Holy Spirit to express their joys and concerns. More information on the process can be found on the Diocesan website.

REPENTANCE AND THE FATHER'S LOVE: The parable of the prodigal son (Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32) is unique to the Lukan Gospel and it explains to us the unconditional love God has for humanity. If we are to summarize the whole parable in three words, they would be I) losing II) finding and III) rejoicing. First of all, dividing the property while the father still lives is fine; however, selling it would be something unusual. In general, the children could claim the property only after the death of the father. Therefore, the younger son selling the property and squandering it would have caused unbearable pain in the heart of the father. This action is the sign of the death of the Father-Son relationship. This is 'losing'. Secondly, the son repents. He wishes to come back to the father but is hesitant. He gathers up his courage and comes back. While the son was far away, the father could recognize him. He comes running to the son, rather than the son doing so. The son took the first step of returning to the father while the father took an extra step welcoming the son back home. He confesses his sins, but the father's attention is on the son and not on the long list of his sins. This is 'finding'. Thirdly, the father clothed him restoring his position, put a ring on his fingers restoring his authority and put sandals on his feet restoring the sonship. This is 'rejoicing'.

Pray and Practice: Lord, make me realize your love and let me repent and come back to you. My continued prayers Fr. Bose!!!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Today we hear one of the most beloved stories in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Reconciliation is a prominent theme. Seeing the younger son returning to him, the son who left the family and squandered his inheritance, the compassionate father runs to embrace him. Jesus offers us a vision of a loving God who is merciful and forgiving when we, through our own sinfulness, leave his presence, and then through repentance, return to him. The remainder of the Lenten season offers us an opportunity to reflect on God's compassion and our need for reconciliation. If you have not done so already, consider celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation and experience God's loving embrace and forgiveness.

SPECIAL COLLECTION-WILDFIRES IN EASTLAND:

On the **Weekend of April 2/3** we will be taking up an emergency special collection for the Eastland Complex Wildfires. Governor Greg Abbott has issued a disaster declaration for 11 counties in Texas including Eastland and Comanche counties of the Diocese of Fort Worth. St. Rita in Ranger is currently offering temporary shelter to assist those in need. We ask the faithful to be generous in giving to Eastland Wildfire Disaster Relief and to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Eastland County. Parishioners can give online now at <https://fwdioc.org/eastland-wildfire-disaster-relief>.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR LENT: This Wednesday, March 30 @ Sacred Heart, Seymour (3 Priests): Fr. Bose, Fr. Francis and Fr. Albert - Please take advantage of the Church's great Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we can truly begin anew with our sins having been removed and forgotten by God and thus reconciled with God and our neighbor. Canon 989 states: "After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year."

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. BOSE:

Please pass on your congratulations and thanksgiving to Fr. Bose, he celebrates his 11th year of Ordination as Priest on Tuesday, **April 5th**. May God continue to bless his ministry as he serves our parishes so faithfully.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: March 20, 2022

<u>SACRED HEART:</u>			
Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:			\$ 4,233.00
Youth: \$ 20.00	Special: \$ 25.00	Holy Day: \$ 0	
			TOTAL: \$ 4,278.00
Envelope Use: 44 Regular; 1 Youth; 1 Special; 0 Holy Day			
<u>ST. MARY:</u>			
Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:			\$ 477.00
Youth: \$ 0	Special: \$ 0	Holy Day: \$ 0	
			TOTAL: \$ 477.00
Envelope Use: 8 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day			
Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 72 Sun. 94 St. Mary – Sun 34			

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!**

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – Ukraine Special Collection: Your help is needed in Ukraine where there are already more than 2.9 million people in need of assistance. There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who may flee to neighboring countries for safety. Most Reverend Michael Olson has asked that Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth join him in responding to these needs through a special collection for **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in all parishes this weekend.** CRS and its partners need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs, as well as those related to families forced to flee their homes as the situation intensifies. CRS and Caritas partners on the ground are preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries, ready to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, fuel to keep warm, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more. The situation there is rapidly unfolding, relief efforts cannot continue without your help. When you donate, you provide immediate assistance for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers affected by this crisis. Your prayers and support will make so much difference, especially during this time of Lenten almsgiving. Please contribute generously by donating to **this weekends** Sunday collection during Masses or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive).

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS BY ZACH SCHERTZ:

(No session on March 30) Next session is Wednesday, April 06: 7:15 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the Old Chapel Room in the Church. **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.

EASTER LILIES FOR THE SACTUARY:

In keeping with our tradition, we ask you to donate Easter Lilies in honor/memory of your loved ones, living or deceased. All lilies must arrive at the Church early Saturday morning, April 16th to decorate the Sanctuary in time for the Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation.

APRIL 2022 MINISTERS LIST

MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn Jim Novak

Dee Dee Peters, Shellye Kuehler, Jeanette Holub & Cathy Lohman

LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Tammie Glass	Nathan Cockerell

USHERS—Terry Bench

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Quentin Bruggeman	Thomas Sanchez, Jr.
Jason Glass	Eric Latham
Madeline Glass	Mark Nichols
	Mason Nichols

FLOWERS—Donna Carver

01—Holy Thursday – Pam Jackson
16/17—(Easter Committee) Pam Jackson, Vickie Wright,
Janice Knezek & Keramie Knezek
23/24—(Easter Committee)
30/May 01—Shelli Myers & Chelsea Barton

ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
02—Slayton & Matt	03—Bryson & Mason
09—Madeline & Knox	10—Easton & Sam
16—Stevi, Madeline & Harper	17—Brooklyn & Ean
23—Racie, Knox & Matt	24—Bryson, Easton & Thomas
30—Hagan & Cooper	May 01—Thomas & Mason

Texas Department of State Health Services:

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic at the **Seymour ISD High School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** Information has been furnished to incoming Kindergarten, 7th grade and High School Seniors regarding required vaccinations. This clinic is open to all eligible students as well as the general public. If your child needs immunization and you received a packet, please return the consent information to Tracy Orsak, School Nurse. If your child needs routine immunization and you did not receive information from the school, or if you are an adult who needs immunization, please call the DSHS Archer City office at 940/574-2159 to set up an appointment. The Texas Department of State Health Services provides vaccine for children and adults with no insurance, children on Medicaid, as well as the American Indian and Native Alaskan population. We cannot provide vaccine for those with CHIP, Medicare or private insurance.

If your private insurance covers vaccines, you will be referred to your physician. Parent or guardian over the age of 19 must accompany a minor under the age of 18. Children vaccines are provided for \$10 per visit, with a maximum of \$20 per household. Adult vaccines are \$20 per visit for adults with no insurance. No one will be denied services due to inability to pay. On Thursday, April 7, car seat inspections will be offered at the Archer City Field Office. Child safety seats will be inspected for correct type, size and proper installation. This service is offered by appointment to anyone in the surrounding area. If you have questions or would like to make an appointment for any DSHS service, please call Laura at the Archer City office at 940/574-2159

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.

PRAY FOR A GENEROUS RAIN FOR OUR FIELDS, CROPS & RESERVIORS!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY:

The **Annual Fish Fry is here**, any parish member that would like to help in this project is asked to contact Roy Novak (Grand Knight). (male or female).

KC FRIED FISH & SHRIMP DRIVE-UP ONLY FOR LENT:

Every Friday during Lent through **April 8** from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in Mosler Hall. It will be \$17 per drive-up only. Fish or Shrimp or both with Fries, Coleslaw, Pickle & Onion, Hush Puppies, Tartar sauce & Red sauce. Drive-ups will be served from the south side of Mosler Hall.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LENT

On all Fridays in Lent, there will be a 5:10 p.m. Stations of the Cross followed by Mass here at Sacred Heart. There will also be an 8 a.m. Saturday morning Mass in honor of The Blessed Virgin Mary. It will not, however, count to meet your Sunday obligation. We are also offering **Tim Francis Presents – Signs from God-** Miracles and their meaning this Sunday March 27th: 3 – 5:30 PM followed by Pot Luck meal at Mosler Hall. On Monday, March 28th 1 – 3 PM and 6 – 8:30 PM. Thanks! Dcn. Jim

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: ALL FRIDAY'S IN LENT

5:10 PM at Sacred Heart in Seymour
5:30 PM at St. Mary of the Assumption in Megargel



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, Bryker Fontenot, Jeff Gregg, Adaline Urbanczyk, Kayley Lowder, Ralph Veitenheimer, Cheryl Hopkins, Cathi Patterson, Genevieve Hrcirik, 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, Jason Gilley, Margie Psencik, Theresa Bruggeman, Andrea Sanchez, Ellen Schaefer Bruggeman, Machele Hass, Melvin Motl, Jeanie Evans, John Helton, Charlene Gajdos, Bart & Margarita Martinez, Geraldine Kuhler, Emma Allbritton, Donovan Muharib, Blaise Decker, 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, Debbie Garland, Michael Wright, Ricky Wright, Judy Horn, Bill Harmel, Nick Bryant, Sharon Boyd, Linda Willis, Ricky Moorhouse, Korbett Loftin, June Hrcirik, Cori Bohanon, Jimmy Simek, Bobby Bohanon, Earl Carver, Tony Leal, Troy Glass, Lorelai Beth Hendricks, Connie Rodriguez, Helen Rodriguez, Michele Belcher, Marilyn McGough, Raymond & Mary Ann Redder, Mike Sullivan, Chris Christian, Patsy Sosolik & Justin Walker.

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.*

2021-2023 Synod on synodality

The Synod convoked by Pope Francis is an invitation to all the faithful to be part of a three-year process that starts at the parish level and is underway in the Diocese of Fort Worth with parish-level listening sessions. Sacred Heart in Seymour will conduct its listening session on **Saturday, April 2nd, from 8 AM – 10:00 AM** in the Church beginning with Mass.

What will happen at a listening session?

1. First, there will be the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
2. Next, there will be reading from the Gospel.
3. After this, there will be time for silent meditation and listening.
4. We will then break into small sharing groups.
5. After this, we will reassemble to hear the main themes from each group.
6. Our time will conclude with Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked that we avoid certain pitfalls to promote the vitality and fruitfulness of the Synodal process:

- The temptation of wanting to lead ourselves instead of being led by God.
- The temptation to focus on ourselves and our immediate concerns.
- The temptation to only see “problems.”
- The temptation of focusing only on structures.
- The temptation not to look beyond the visible confines of the Church.
- The temptation to lose focus of the objectives of the Synodal Process.
- The temptation of conflict and division.
- The temptation to treat the Synod as a kind of a parliament.
- The temptation to listen only to those who are already involved in Church activities.

May the listening sessions be a time to listen to God and to each other.

May we hear what God has to tell us and where He desires to lead us!

Detailed information about the Synod is on the Diocese’s website at: <https://fwdioc.org/synod>

In preparation for the listening sessions, please read and reflect on the Preparatory Document for Listening Sessions

Resources to prepare for Listening Sessions are found here: <https://fwdioc.org/synod-resources-for-listening-sessions>

2022

7th and 8th Graders Attend Latin Mass in Fort Worth



Over the weekend of March 5th, our students took a trip to Fort Worth to attend a traditional Latin Mass according to the ancient liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church. Six students made the trip: Brier Pierce, Claire McCartney, Tillee Bardwell, Bryson Hostas, Thomas Sanchez, and Mason Nichols. Chaperones were Mark Nichols and Cathy Lohman.

We left Seymour at eight o'clock Saturday morning; our first stop was at St. Patrick's Cathedral where the group received a guided tour of the cathedral from Deacon Jim Crites. We looked at the beautiful windows and statuary, while he told us some of

the history. He then took us to the basement, where the decades old vestments and relics are kept. We were shown the crypt where former bishops of the Fort Worth diocese are interred, including Bishop Delaney.

Our next stop was the Stockyards, where we thought we would eat lunch. However, a rodeo was under way and the crowds were large. We navigated through the wooden Maze, where we competed for the fastest time. Thomas was the first to figure the way out. We were starving and grabbed a quick bite at Taco Bell before heading to Escape the Room in Sundance Square. Our escape room was a submarine, and we had to solve all the puzzles in one hour or less or we would be trapped in the submarine without oxygen. We failed, but we got close. After hearing that most of our group had never visited an escape room, the woman working there told us that it was their hardest room. That provided some consolation, and we did have a lot of fun trying.



After a brief stop to check into our hotel, we headed to Cowtown Bowling Palace, where we bowled for a little over an hour. It was wonderful to watch the students' progress. They were bowling gutter balls at first but made rapid improvement, and they were bowling strikes before the hour was out. We ordered pizza delivery to our hotel and turned in for the night.



Sunday morning after breakfast, we drove to St. Benedict's Catholic Church; it is a small parish located in a neighborhood, and they are still undergoing renovations to the inside. We took our places in the confession line, and Mass began immediately after confessions were finished. It was a High Mass meaning that everything except the readings and the homily are sung. High Mass is always beautiful, but this Mass was exceptionally so. The singing was done by three men; with no exaggeration, their voices were as wonderful as the famous Three Tenors. I believe the students were interested and enjoyed the experience; at least I hope so.

From St. Benedict's, we returned to downtown Fort Worth to view the Fort Worth Water Gardens. This part of the trip is always a favorite with the students, and it doesn't take long to view the three water features. After a delicious lunch of unusual burgers at the Rodeo Goat, we headed home.

Our seventh and eighth graders will be conducting a bake sale sometime after Easter to raise funds for this special experience.