



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 04, 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: (December 05 - 11)

Monday: **NO SERVICE**
Tuesday: **NO SERVICE**
Wednesday: 6:00 PM: **Rosary**
Thursday: 12:10 PM: +Jimmy Smajstrla by Sacred Heart Choir (**SH-Holy day of Obligation**)
5:30 PM: St. Mary's Past and Present Parishioners & Clergy by Cuba Family (**SM-Holy day of Obligation**)
7:00 PM: +Glenda Hertel by Guy Ed & Sherri Syptak (**SH-Holy day of Obligation**)
Friday: **NO SERVICE**
Saturday: 8:00 AM: **NO SERVICE**
6:00 PM: +Pete Ermis by Johnny & Jeanette Holub
Sunday: 8:00 AM: For Fr. Bose and Deacon Jim by Todd & Marianne McCartney (St. Mary's)
10:00 AM: +Chris & Sherry Hons by Shan & Marty Slaggle

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (December 05 - 10)

Mon.: Isaiah 35:1-10	Luke 5:17-26
Tues.: Isaiah 40:1-11	Matthew 18:12-14
Wed.: Isaiah 40:25-31	Matthew 11:28-30
Thurs.: Genesis 3:9-15, 20	Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Fri.: Isaiah 48:17-19	Luke 1:26-38
Sat.: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11	Matthew 11:16-19
	Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: (December 11)

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

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Second Reading: James 5:7-10
Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

Sunday, December 04:

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: Second Sunday of Advent
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass –Fr. Joseph Lim

Monday, December 05: NO SERVICE

Wednesday, December 07: (Christmas Play Practice for Youth Participants)

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Rosary
6:30 PM, Mosler Hall/M meal for all children/youth in Religious Education, Youth Discipleship, RCIC and all parish ministries
7:00 PM, Pastoral Center/Faith Formation sessions for all grades until 7:45 PM

Thursday, December 08: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass of the Solemnity
5:30 PM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass of the Solemnity
7:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass of the Solemnity

Friday, December 09: NO SERVICE

Saturday, December 10: NO 8AM MOTHER MARY MASS & ADORATION (Second Collection – Retired Religious)

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

Sunday, December 11: (Second Collection – Retired Religious)

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: Third Sunday of Advent
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass –Fr. Joseph Lim

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

ADULTS: What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

CHILDREN: What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

Second Sunday of Advent



“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist’s call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God who comes among us to make divine judgment manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgment to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of obligation – Dec. 8th)



Immaculate Mary is full of grace. She is not only Christ’s disciple, who with the help of grace has overcome the chains of sin, but she is totius Trinitatis nobile triclinium, the noble resting place of the Holy Trinity (St Thomas Aquinas, Expositio Salutationis Angelicae, I). The Immaculate, full of grace, will always be Mother and Queen for that elect part of the Church that we hope one day to join, that will one day joyfully sing before the Almighty.

PRAYER: *O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed*

and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

SERVE THE POOR THROUGH THE 2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: A CALL TO GRATITUDE: “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” – 1 Peter 4:10

Through the Annual Diocesan Appeal, we express our gratitude for God’s love in our lives by making a sacrifice to share what we have received with others, especially the poor and marginalized receiving assistance from Catholic Charities. Thanks to you our **Sacred Heart parish** has **pledged \$ 14,757.50** from **50 families**. We are striving for 100 percent participation. We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our **parish goal of \$18,500**. Please complete and return the commitment form that was mailed to you or donate online at bit.ly/DiocesanAppeal (case sensitive). Your gifts before December 31 may be eligible for charitable deductions on your taxes.

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION:

Thanks **St. Mary of the Assumption** for reaching **your Goal of \$4,200!** Thank you to all who responded so generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each year the success of this Appeal depends on you. Again this year, we have answered the Call to Gratitude by supporting the work of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish family has pledged **\$ 4,279.50** from **13 families**. Thanks to you for fostering the Kingdom of God here in North Texas.

My dear people of God on this Second week of Advent, Isaiah predicted of glorious times of Israel when it will take root, blossom, and sprout and fill the world with fruits (Is 27, 6). It is in Jesus that this fruitfulness became a reality. From Jesus will go out to the nook and corner of the world the message of peace, brotherhood and universal love. The image of a world where the wolf dwells with the lamb, and the leopard with the kid, the lion, and the calf graze together and are so docile to be led by a child, we have the ideal world-God's kingdom- that Jesus came to establish, a world from which enmity, hatred hostility are eliminated. John the Baptist calls for a change of heart as a preparation for welcoming the Messiah. His message is:” **Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.**” It is a call for having a radical change in one's thinking, seeing the world in a completely different way and living according to a new set of values. This is the way they can enter into the kingdom of God. The challenges that John the Baptist gives to people who came to him are **matters for our examination of conscience in preparation of Christmas.** What changes to we need to make in our relationships with God, others and nature that the harmony foretold by Isaiah be realized and Jesus' message finds welcome home in us? Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Second Sunday of Advent - In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: “Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!” The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?

2023 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Your envelopes are in the back of the church. 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!

THANK YOU AGAIN HOLUB TIRE - 2023 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 2023 “Feasts and Saints” Religious Calendars. Thank you!

Revival Meeting Delayed: Zachary Schertz must delay the Revival meeting due to technical problems.

2023 LECTOR WORKBOOKS: The books are on the table at the back of the Church. Readers please take one & mark your name off the list.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FUND DRIVE: Please consider a donation to help our annual drive to raise funds for the Ministerial Alliance. In the month of November and 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 will be also boxes in our Seymour stores for your convenience.

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

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: November 27, 2022

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,103.00

Youth: \$ 100.00 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0

TOTAL: \$ 3,203.00

Envelope Use: 32 Regular; 1 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 1,056.00

Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 19.00 Holy Day: \$ 0

TOTAL: \$ 1,075.00

Envelope Use: 8 Regular; 0 Youth; 1 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 68 Sun. 94 St. Mary – Sun 32

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 are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wed.!**

RECONCILIATION SERVICES BEING HELD IN ADVENT

Please take advantage of the Church's great Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we can truly begin anew with ours sins having been removed and forgiven 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.”

NW DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES – Advent 2022

(All Penance Services at 7:00 PM)

Mon. Dec. 05 @ St. Mary – Windthorst (5 priests)

Fri. Dec. 09 @ Holy Family – Vernon (3 priests)

Fri. Dec. 09 @ St. Jude – Burkburnett (4 priests)

Mon. Dec. 12 @ St. Mary – Henrietta (3 priests)

Thur. Dec. 15 @ Sacred Heart – WF (9 priests)

Fri. Dec. 16 @ St. Joseph – Rhineland (4 priests)

Fri. Dec. 16 @ St. William – Montague (4 priests)

Mon. Dec. 19 @ Our Lady Queen of Peace – WF (9 priests)

BAPTIZED INTO THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Let us pray for Lane Harrison Ickert who became co-heir with Christ and members of his Church through the celebration of baptism on Friday, November 25th, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. May God bless him, his parents and godparents as they grow into the fullness of the Christian life!

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHURCH

In keeping with our tradition, we ask you to donate Poinsettias in memory of your loved ones, living & deceased. All Poinsettias need to be delivered to the church by Thursday, December 22, in good time for our volunteers to decorate for the Christmas season.

Contact Information for Seminarian Trent Barton:

You can mail him at 401 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20017 or email him at: Trent.barton@fwdioc.org. Please continue to keep him in your daily prayers.

DECEMBER 2022 MINISTERS LIST

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—Sandy Lane

MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn Jim Novak

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

LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

Saturday

Johnny Holub

Sunday

Chris Jakubicek

USHERS—Terry Bench

Saturday

Tommy Holub

Johnny Holub

Josh Holub

Paul Holub

Sunday

James Knezek

Greg Knezek

Patrick Knezek

David Birkenfeld

FLOWERS—Donna Carver

Nov. 26-Dec.24—Advent

Dec. 25 – Jan 01—Christmas Committee: Pam & Steele Jackson, Vicky & Gary Wright, Audra & Cody Wright, Bobby & Kristi Novak.

ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

Saturday

03—Matt & Graceyn

10—Hagan & Cooper

17—Slayton & Knox

24—Slayton & Knox (4PM)

24—Matt, Racie & Madeline (10PM) 25—Harper & Mason (10AM)

31—Hagan & Cooper

Sunday

04—Bryson, Ean & Jackson

11—Stevi, Braelyn & Jacqueline

18—Sam, Case & Easton

Jan. 01—Angelina & Krysllyn

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS:

Next Weekend, December 10/11 a collection for Retired Religious will be taken up. Please help our aging religious! Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously by dropping in the collection basket next weekend or giving online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We recognize our Liturgical Committee members for their dedication in planning each liturgy throughout the liturgical year. Each liturgical season is unique in its themes and music. The committee's planning sessions are prayerfully conducted with preparation and thus are instrumental in presenting our worship as best our talents will provide. Our current committee members are: Donna Carver, Kay Flippin, Marilyn McGough and Fr. Bose. Thanks again for their ministry!

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS PLAY AND PARTY:

Our annual Christmas play and party will be Wednesday, December 14th starting at 6 PM at the Church. **Cast members should be in their classrooms by 5:15 for costumes. All others should be in their classrooms by 5:45.** We are asking parents to bring 2 dozen cookies or 1 dozen brownies or cupcakes. **This year instead of a gift for each of your child/ren a family is ask to bring one gift for our angel tree in the "Spirit of Giving" if you can.** Also remember to bring your camera for the play and for the "Guest" coming later in the hall. Youth Disciples will go caroling at the Care Center and other shut-ins after the party. Everyone is welcome!

PRAY FOR RAIN FOR OUR FIELDS, CROPS, RANGELANDS AND RESERVOIRS!

ADVENT WREATH:

As we are in the Season of Advent, we all have noticed the Advent Wreath in our Church. Some of us have Advent wreath in our house too. The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning that can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. Altogether, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death and resurrection. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize Hope, Love, and Peace (also prayer, penance and Sacrifice). The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday (Sunday of Rejoicing) because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The light signifies Christ, the light of the world.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Rick Kieschnick, Briley Hostas, Melvin Kuhler, Cindy Cuba 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, Michael Rodriguez, Bryker Fontenot, Adaline Urbanczyk, Kayley Lowder, Ralph Veitenheimer, Cheryl Hopkins, Cathi Patterson, Genevieve Hrnecirik, Hailey Glass, Debbie Turner, Teagan Matthews, Christina Lambert, Hannah Green, Jim Cuba, Sharon Wright, Arleen Kuhler, Abigail Novak, Braxton Pierce, 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, Emma Allbritton, Donovan Muharib, Blaise Decker, Rosario Cruz, Frank Garcia, Jr., Dorothy Matus, Karla Parker, Jeanelle Howell, Trina Hostas, Richard Latham, Coy Jakubicek, Arya Myers, Keely Willden, Larry Ballard, Michelle Martin, Donna Anders, Michael Wright, Ricky Wright, Judy Horn, Bill Harmel, Nick Bryant, Linda Willis, Ricky Moorhouse, Korbett Loftin, June Hrnecirik, Cori Bohanon, Bobby Bohanon, Earl Carver, Tony Leal, Connie Rodriguez, Helen Rodriguez, Marilyn McGough, Mary Ann Redder, Mike Sullivan, Chris Christian, Charles Wright, Patsy Sosolik, Troy Glass, Justin Walker, Scott Christian, Judy Wheeler, Lane Hrnecirik, Pam Jackson, Tamara Gann, Dale Peterson, Sharon Welsh Boyd, Anne Marie Vita, Billy Mac Howe, Deven Hall, Kim Novak, Lizzie Smith, Henrietta Styles, James Styles, Barbara Coltharp, Gary Coltharp, Tommy Carver, Jerry Kuhler, Deacon Jim Novak, Pat McWhorter, Frances Brown & Vivian Steinbach.

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