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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 22, 2023

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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: (January 23 - 29)

Monday: 12:10 PM: For the legal protection of unborn Children
Tuesday: **NO SERVICE**
Wednesday: 7:00 PM: Special Birthday Intentions for Cathy Hostas by Carol Vacker
Thursday: **NO 12:10 PM SERVICE**
Friday: **NO 12:10 PM SERVICE**
Saturday: **NO 8 AM SERVICE**
6:00 PM: +Dena Hostas by Terry & Belinda Bench
Sunday: 8:00 AM: +Alan Bewley by Jodie Darilek (St. Mary's)
10:00 AM: +David Hajek by Jerry & Geraldine Kuhler

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

Mon.:	Isaiah 32:15-18	Matthew 5:1-12a
Tues.:	Hebrews 10:1-10	Mark 3:31-35
Wed.:	Acts 22:3-16	Mark 16:15-18
Thurs.:	2 Timothy 1:1-8	Mark 4:21-25
Fri.:	Hebrews 10:32-39	Mark 4:26-34
Sat.:	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19	Mark 4:35-41

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: (January 29)

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

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, January 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: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Lim

Monday, January 23:

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass for National Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn Children

Wednesday, January 25:

6:00 PM, Pastoral Center/Faith Formation sessions for all grades until 6:45 p.m. or completion
6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Holy Hour Adoration until Benediction at 6:50 p.m.
7:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass

Thursday and Friday: NO SERVICE

Saturday, January 28: (No 8 AM Service)

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

Sunday, January 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: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Lim

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

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MATTHEW 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles,
the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light,
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death
light has arisen.*

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

ADULTS: To whom could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?

CHILDREN: What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something about Jesus?

Prayer For the Unborn child

*Heavenly Father, in Your love for us,
protect against the wickedness of the devil,
those helpless little ones
to whom You have given the gift of life.
Touch with pity the hearts of
those women pregnant in our world today
who are not thinking of motherhood.
Help them to see that the child they carry
is made in Your image, as well as theirs, made for eternal life.
Dispel their fear and selfishness
and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth
and all the needed care that a mother alone can give. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE: FEAST DAY – JANUARY 25TH:

St. Paul was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents who were descended from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Roman citizen from birth. As he was "a young man" at the stoning of Stephen and "an old man" when writing to Philemon, about the year 63, he was probably born around the beginning of the Christian era.

To complete his schooling, St. Paul was sent to Jerusalem, where he sat at the feet of the learned Gamaliel and was educated in the strict observance of the ancestral Law. Here he also acquired a good knowledge of exegesis and was trained in the practice of disputation. As a convinced and zealous Pharisee, he returned to Tarsus before the public life of Christ opened in Palestine.

Some time after the death of Our Lord, St. Paul returned to Palestine. His profound conviction made his zeal develop to a religious fanaticism against the infant Church. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, St. Stephen, and in the fierce persecution of the Christians that followed.

Entrusted with a formal mission from the high priest, he departed for Damascus to arrest the Christians there and bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was nearing Damascus, about noon, a light from heaven suddenly blazed round him. Jesus with His glorified body appeared to him and addressed him, turning him away from his apparently successful career.

An immediate transformation was wrought in the soul of St. Paul. He was suddenly converted to the Christian Faith. He was baptized, changed his name from Saul to Paul, and began travelling and preaching the Faith. He was martyred as an Apostle in Rome around 65 AD. — Excerpted from Lives of the Saints - <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day>

CONVERSION TO VOCATION- The readings of today inspire us to understand that God has saved us, and we are called to spread that Gospel to others. Prophet Isaiah emphasizes God's tendency to bring the best from the worst situations, light from the darkness (Is 8:23-9:3). In the second reading (1Cor 1:10-13, 17), Paul reminds us that we must be united in our efforts to evangelize. The Gospel reaffirms our vocation through the calling of Jesus' disciples Simon, Peter, and Andrew, to join with them in spreading the Good News. Jesus' radical call to follow Him requires a conversion of the change of heart to respond to the invitation of all, out of the ordinary, into the extraordinary. The Greek word "*metanoia*" is translated as 'convert' or 'repent'. The closest meaning to "*metanoia*" is 'change of heart', which can be understood in many ways. For John, the Baptist, 'Be converted' means 'turn away from one's sins. In the words of Jesus, 'Conversion' implies a renewal of life or a radical call to imitate His footsteps. The true meaning of the conversion Jesus put forth to all is a radical change in individual behavior. We are called to convert our old ways to a new vocation to live a harmonious, peaceful, and equal life in a country of pluralism. **Pray and Practice:** *Lord our God, give us the strength to bear witness to you. May we prompt to encourage young people to a religious vocation to proclaim the Gospel. Fr. Bose*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's gospel we hear Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him. Following Jesus was a difficult journey for these first disciples. It is difficult for us today. Jesus wants to teach us his way of thinking, acting and encountering the world. But it is not easy for us to embrace his teaching. Good stewards of Jesus' teachings realize they are on a spiritual journey, and must learn from their experiences of being open and resistant to the gospel. They realize the need to be liberated from those actions that keep them from enjoying a closer friendship with Jesus. What is it in our lives that we need to reform? What keeps us from revealing God's glory to others?

PRIEST CARE FUND – Thank you for your generous support of last week's collection for the *Priest Care Fund*. Your contributions provide medical and long-term care for those who care for us. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Simply add your Priest Care Fund collection envelope to your Sunday collection by **January 30** or give online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive)

2022 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS –

Your annual letters recording how much you have contributed to our parish and other collections over the 2022 year has been mailed out. This is for your records and tax purposes. If you did not receive one, please notify the office.

CHANGE FOR LIFE! Sunday, January 15 – February 12

Notice...there is an oversized baby bottle bank in the foyer and will remain there until Feb. 12. Please put in your spare change (or bills!) to help support the Haskell Pregnancy Care Center. The Center ministers to our area with free pregnancy tests, sonograms, adoption information, and many more life-supporting resources. Your change can change someone's life. And continue to pray for an end to abortion.

FR. BOSE VISITING FAMILY IN INDIA:

Please keep Fr. Bose in your prayers as spends time with his family in India. He departed January 16 and will return February 17th.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: January 15, 2023

<u>SACRED HEART:</u>			
Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:			\$ 4,076.32
Youth: \$ 145.00	Special: \$ 1,850.00	Holy Day: \$ 0	
			TOTAL: \$ 6,071.32
Envelope Use: 41 Regular; 2 Youth; 29 Special; 0 Holy Day			
<u>ST. MARY:</u>			
Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:			\$ 641.00
Youth: \$ 0	Special: \$ 90.00	Holy Day: \$ 0	
			TOTAL: \$ 731.00
Envelope Use: 8 Regular; 0 Youth; 2 Special; 0 Holy Day			
Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 89 & Sun. 99 St. Mary – 41			

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 Slayton & Graceyn Barton & their Family by Cathy Hostas.

FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS BY: Kay Flippin, Terry & Belinda Bench, Ricky & Charlotte Wright, Marilyn McGough, 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.!**

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – Canceled for Monday, January 23rd: It will be rescheduled.

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 \$17,606.25** from **55 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).

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 **\$ 4,255.75** from **13 families**. Thanks to you for fostering the Kingdom of God here in North Texas.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:

The Northwest Deanery meeting will be held at Sacred Heart, Wichita Falls, in the Parish Hall on Thursday, January 26. Join us for "Birds of the Bible". Meet new friends, see old friends, and enjoy a day of faith reflection. Registration will begin at 9:30 with business meeting starting at 10:00. Lunch will be served after Mass. Cost is \$6 which includes a light breakfast and lunch. If you would like to attend, please contact Janice Knezek (940/867-7523) or Donna Carver (940/642-1804) by this **Sunday, January 22**.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS – JANUARY 28TH

St. Thomas ranks among the greatest writers and theologians of all time. His most important work, the *Summa Theologiae*, an explanation and summary of the entire body of Catholic teaching, has been standard for centuries, even to our own day. At the Council of Trent it was consulted after the Bible.

To a deeply speculative mind, he joined a remarkable life of prayer, a precious memento of which has been left to us in the Office of Corpus Christi. Reputed as great already in life, he nevertheless remained modest, a perfect model of childlike simplicity and goodness. He was mild in word and kind in deed. He believed everyone was as innocent as he himself was. When someone sinned through weakness, Thomas bemoaned the sin as if it were his own. The goodness of his heart shone in his face, no one could look upon him and remain disconsolate. How he suffered with the poor and the needy was most inspiring. Whatever clothing or other items he could give away, he gladly did. He kept nothing superfluous in his efforts to alleviate the needs of others.

After he died his lifelong companion and confessor testified, "I have always known him to be as innocent as a five-year-old child. Never did a carnal temptation soil his soul, never did he consent to a mortal sin." He cherished a most tender devotion to St. Agnes, constantly carrying relics of this virgin martyr on his person. He died in 1274, at the age of fifty, in the abbey of Fossa Nuova. He is the patron saint of schools and of sacred theology.—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch -

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear>

NATIONAL DAY OF PENANCE

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*.

Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or **January 23**, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. (**Note: The Pro-Life Rally & Respect Life Mass is This Sunday, January 22 at Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth, In the Arena: Rally starts at 2 PM and Mass at 6 PM** – it is a unique event where families and youth are invited to hear about what it means to be pro-life in today's community. There will be food trucks, praise and worship, a family-friendly keynote, and the rally will end with the Annual Respect Life Mass celebrated by Rev. Monsignor James Hart. This event is completely free and open to all in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

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

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

January 19 - 27, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. On Monday, January 23, we are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, **Thursday, January 19 – Friday, January 27**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

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.



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

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, 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, Donovan Muharib, Blaise Decker, Rosario Cruz, 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, 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, Jerry Kuhler, Vivian Steinbach, Ashley Felty, Diana Burnett, Deidra Groves, Jaime & Jim McLarty, & Justin Elliott.

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, 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.*

Human life cannot be seen as an object to do with as we please, but as the most sacred and inviolable earthly reality. There can be no peace when this most basic good is not protected. It is not possible to invoke peace and despise life. - Pope John Paul II

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