



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEBRUARY 12, 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: (February 13 - 19)

Monday: **NO SERVICE**
Tuesday: **NO SERVICE**
Wednesday: 7:00 PM: Special Intentions for Fr. Bose by Terry & Belinda Bench
Thursday: **NO 12:10 PM SERVICE**
Friday: **NO 12:10 PM SERVICE**
Saturday: **NO 8 AM SERVICE**
6:00 PM: +Loretta Matus by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Sunday: 8:00 AM: +Alan Bewley by Zachary Schertz (St. Mary's)
10:00 AM: +Roy McGough by Marilyn McGough

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (February 13 - 18)

Mon.: Genesis 4:1-15, 25	Mark 8:11-13
Tues.: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10	Mark 8:14-21
Wed.: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22	Mark 8:22-26
Thurs.: Genesis 9:1-13	Mark 8:27-33
Fri.: Genesis 11:1-9	Mark 8:34—9:1
Sat.: Hebrews 11:1-7	Mark 9:2-13

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: (February 19)

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

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Sunday, February 12: ("Souper" Bowl Collection after all Masses)

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: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Jose Francis, TOR

Monday, February 13: NO SERVICE

Wednesday, February 15:

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, February 18: (No 8 AM Service) (Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses)

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

Sunday, February 19: (Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses)

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: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MATTHEW 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors,

You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.

But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said,

You shall not commit adultery.

But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said,

Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.

But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,

Do not take a false oath,

but make good to the Lord all that you vow.

But I say to you, do not swear at all; nor by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black.

Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

ADULTS: When in your life have you been able to keep the spirit as well as the letter of God's law?

CHILDREN: When have you taken the first step to make up with someone?

Our Lady of Lourdes – Feast Day – February 11th: The many miracles which have been performed through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes prompted the Church to institute a special commemorative feast, the "Apparition of the Immaculate Virgin Mary." The Office gives the historical background. Four years after the promulgation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception (1854), the Blessed Virgin appeared a number of times to a very poor and holy girl named Bernadette. The actual spot was in a grotto on the bank of the Gave River near Lourdes.

The Immaculate Conception had a youthful appearance and was clothed in a pure white gown and mantle, with an azure blue girdle. A golden rose adorned each of her bare feet. On her first apparition, February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin bade the girl make the sign of the Cross piously and say the rosary with her. Bernadette saw her take the rosary that was hanging from her arms into her hands. This was repeated in subsequent apparitions.

With childlike simplicity Bernadette once sprinkled holy water on the vision, fearing that it was a deception of the evil spirit; but the Blessed Virgin smiled pleasantly, and her face became even more lovely. The third time Mary appeared she invited the girl to come to the grotto daily for two weeks. Now she frequently spoke to Bernadette. On one occasion she ordered her to tell the ecclesiastical authorities to build a church on the spot and to organize processions. Bernadette also was told to drink and wash at the spring still hidden under the sand.

Finally on the feast of the Annunciation, the beautiful Lady announced her name, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

The report of cures occurring at the grotto spread quickly and the more it spread, the greater the number of Christians who visited the hallowed place. The publicity given these miraculous events on the one hand and the seeming sincerity and innocence of the girl on the other made it necessary for the bishop of Tarbes to institute a judicial inquiry. Four years later he declared the apparitions to be supernatural and permitted the public veneration of the Immaculate Conception in the grotto. Soon a chapel was erected, and since that time countless pilgrims come every year to Lourdes to fulfill promises or to beg

graces. — Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch. <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar>

I think what we are today is because of the choices we have made in life. Choosing is one of the difficult things in life, but everyone has to choose many a time in a day. Once one has taken a choice then it becomes his or her way of life. There is no going back and choosing the other. In the first reading (Sir 15: 15-20), we hear about the choices that God has set before us, good and bad, life and death. Whatever we choose becomes our way of life, the choice is to follow God and His laws or our human whims and fancies. Sirach encourages us to make the right choice in life that is to follow God. The psalmist speaks in today's response, **'They are happy who follow God's law.'** So our lives become happy and joyful when we follow the Lord and His commandments. How can I make the right choices in life? Our choices would most probably be correct when we understand the spirit of the law, make a choice according to it and live according to it. The second reading of the day from (1 Cor. 2:6-10) encourages following the law not out of obligation but rather out of pure love of God and His creation. Through today's Gospel from (Mt 5: 17-37), Jesus is asking us to check and see whether we are making the right choices with the right perceptive. Jesus is inviting each one of us to follow the spirit of the law with inner conviction which is the fruit of pure love of God and neighbor. May the Good Lord help us all to choose the right path in our life. God bless. **Fr. Bose Jujavarapu.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - In today's Gospel, part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges his followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious "law", it requires growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others. In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY:

The **Annual Fish Fry** starts **Friday, February 24th** any parish member (Male or Female) who could help in this project on Thursday and Friday evenings; please contact Roy Novak (Grand Knight) at 940/537-1127.

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

Every Friday during Lent (**February 24th – March 31**) from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in Mosler Hall. It will be **\$15** (price went down from last year) 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.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK AT ALL MASSES- February

18/19: When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped - for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

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.

QUEEN OF PEACE MEN'S GROUP ENCHILADA DINNER FUND RAISER:

Next **Sunday February 19, 2023** Queen of Peace Men's group will be having a fund raiser for their Youth Group Summer Retreat from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm in OLQP Great Hall. Adults: \$10 Children under 10 Free.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: February 05, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 7,344.00
Youth: \$ 621.00 Special: \$ 10.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 7,975.00
Envelope Use: 65 Regular; 21 Youth; 1 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 852.00
Youth: \$ 35.00 Special: \$ 100.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 662.00
Envelope Use: 9 Regular; 2 Youth; 1 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 86 & Sun. 95 St. Mary – 39

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 Matt Culver & his 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.!**

FEBRUARY 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:

12:10 PM at Sacred Heart in Seymour (**Fast and Abstinence**)
5:30 PM at St. Mary in Megargel (**Fast and Abstinence**)
7:00 PM at Sacred Heart in Seymour (**Fast and Abstinence**)

SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE ORDERS OF SERVITES:

Feast Day – Feb. 17... These seven men were the founders of the Servite Order, a community instituted for the special purpose of cultivating the spirit of penance and contemplating the passion of Christ and Mary's Seven Sorrows. Due to the spirit of humility cherished by the members of the Order, their accomplishments are not too widely known. But in the field of home missions great things are to their credit, and certainly they have benefited millions by arousing devotion to the Mother of Sorrows.

The Breviary tells us that in the midst of the party strife during the thirteenth century, God called seven men from the nobility of Florence. In the year 1233 they met and prayed together most fervently. The Blessed Mother appeared to each of them individually and urged them to begin a more perfect life. Disregarding birth and wealth, in sackcloth under shabby and well-worn clothing they withdrew to a small building in the country. It was September 8, selected so that they might begin to live a more holy life on the very day when the Mother of God began to live her holy life.

Soon after, when the seven were begging alms from door to door in the streets of Florence, they suddenly heard children's voices calling to them, "Servants of holy Mary." Among these children was St. Philip Benizi, then just five months old. Hereafter they were known by this name, first heard from the lips of children. In the course of time they retired into solitude on Monte Senario and gave themselves wholly to contemplation and penance. Leo XIII canonized the Holy Founders and introduced today's feast in 1888.

— Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

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

ST. VALENTINE - FEBRUARY 14: Legend states that Valentine, along with St. Marius, aided the Christian martyrs during the Claudian persecution. In addition to his other edicts against helping Christians, Claudius had also issued a decree forbidding marriage. In order to increase troops for his army, he forbade young men to marry, believing that single men made better soldiers than married men.

Valentine defied this decree and urged young lovers to come to him in secret so that he could join them in the sacrament of matrimony. Eventually he was discovered by the Emperor, who promptly had Valentine arrested and brought before him. Because he was so impressed with the young priest, Claudius attempted to convert him to Roman paganism rather than execute him. However, Valentine held steadfast and in turn attempted to convert Claudius to Christianity, at which point the Emperor condemned him to death.

While in prison, Valentine was tended by the jailer, Asterius, and his blind daughter. Asterius' daughter was very kind to Valentine and brought him food and messages. They developed a friendship and toward the end of his imprisonment Valentine was able to convert both father and daughter to Christianity. Legend has it that he also miraculously restored the sight of the jailer's daughter. The night before his execution, the priest wrote a farewell message to the girl and signed it affectionately "From Your Valentine," a phrase that lives on even to today. He was executed on February 14th, 273 AD in Rome. The Martyrology says, "At Rome, on the Flaminian Way, the heavenly birthday of the blessed martyr Valentine, a priest. After performing many miraculous cures and giving much wise counsel he was beaten and beheaded under Claudius Caesar."

The church in which he is buried existed already in the fourth century and was the first sanctuary Roman pilgrims visited upon entering the Eternal City. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

The valentine has become the universal symbol of friendship and affection shared each anniversary of the priest's execution – St. Valentine's Day. Valentine has also become the patron of engaged couples. - <https://www.catholicculture.org/>

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 \$18,718.75 from 56 families, if all complete their pledges we will exceed our goal.** We are striving for 100 percent participation. We are counting on every family to make some commitment in order to for sure 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 **\$ 4,348.25 from 13 families.** Thanks to you for fostering the Kingdom of God here in North Texas.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY LENT IS COMING! Join our faith community—and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from any of the Ash Wednesday Masses. The Youth will receive theirs from their Faith Formation session prior to Ash Wednesday. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org> to learn more.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: 6th Sunday in Ordinary

Time: *"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 5:20 The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.

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, 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, 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.***