



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEBRUARY 19, 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 20 - 26)

Monday: 12:10 PM: +Fred & Mary Motl by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Tuesday: **NO SERVICE**
Wednesday: 12:10 PM: +Yvonne Boone by Deacon Jim & Rilda Novak (Ash Wednesday)
5:30 PM: For St. Mary's Parishioners & Clergy Past & Present by Cuba Family (SM-Ash Wednesday)
7:00 PM: +Estelle Heinrich by Melvin & Shirlee Motl (Ash Wednesday)
Thursday: **NO 12:10 PM SERVICE**
Friday: 12:10 PM: +Janie Railsback by Sacred Heart Choir
Saturday: 8:00 AM: +Robert Smajstrla by Terry & Belinda Bench
6:00 PM: +Alvin Jungman by Sacred Heart Choir
Sunday: 8:00 AM: For the Special Intentions of Annie Ward and Family (St. Mary's)
10:00 AM: +Alma Simek by Mike & Kay Flippin

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (February 20 - 25)

Mon.: Sirach 1:1-10	Mark 9:14-29
Tues.: Sirach 2:1-11	Mark 9:30-37
Wed.: Joel 2:12-18	2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
Thurs.: Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Fri.: Isaiah 58:1-9a	Luke 9:22-25
Sat.: Isaiah 58:9b	Matthew 9:14-15
	Luke 5:27-32

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: (February 26)

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

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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

Monday, February 20: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Wednesday, February 22: (Ash Wednesday – 1st Day of Lent) (Day of fasting and abstinence)

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass
5:30 PM, St. Mary of the Assumption – Megargel/Mass
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, February 23: NO SERVICE

Friday, February 24: (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, February 25: (Second Collection – Black and Indian Missions)

8 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
5:45 PM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by 6 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 26: (Second Collection – Black and Indian Missions)

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: First Sunday of Lent

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MATTHEW 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said,

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. "You have heard that it was said,

You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

ADULTS: What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do?

CHILDREN: When have you or someone you know insisted on "having the last word" in an argument? What happened afterwards?

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence beginning at Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical color for the season of Lent is violet. **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22.** Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to renew their commitments to spiritual practices like prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is an annual opportunity to grow in our faith, which means it's about much more than giving up unhealthy foods or treats, as you may have done when you were a kid. It is about abstaining from whatever is unhealthy in our lives - gossip, laziness, lack of social conscience - and, most importantly, taking concrete steps to do something more. Challenge yourself this year, and go beyond the clichés of "giving up" something. Now is a great time to take stock of your spiritual life, and to grow in it. Some Things you can do during Lent:

- ❖ Make a commitment to reading the Sunday readings before you go to Mass.
- ❖ Think about what you usually spend your money on.
- ❖ Go to a weekday Mass one day during the week or come for Holy Hour Adoration on Wednesdays
- ❖ Read the entire Gospel of Mark in one sitting.
- ❖ Read the Works of Mercy as Jesus describes them in Matthew 25.
- ❖ Think about a habit that has kept you from being whom God is calling you to be and give it up for Lent.
- ❖ Attend the Stations of the Cross.
- ❖ Pray for somebody.
- ❖ Set aside 30 Minutes a day or more for Praying and/or reading the Bible.
- ❖ Make a commitment to "fast" from cruel comments about others.



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

For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion. The majority concern His final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying the Cross.

The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. European artists created works depicting scenes of Christ's journey to Calvary. The faithful installed these sculptures or paintings at intervals along a procession route, inside the parish church or outdoors. Performing the devotion meant walking the entire route, stopping to pray at each "station." Today, images of the Stations (or simple crosses representing them) are on display in almost all Catholic churches. They serve mainly as a focus for Lenten worship services. But the Stations can also be performed privately, at any time of the year, even at home.

Ash Wednesday—“**Dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt return**”. (Gn. 3:19) “**Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God**”. (Joel 2:13) The month of February gives us an opportunity to evaluate our love for God, others and oneself, with an invitation through Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday, a day of prayer and fasting, marks the beginning of Lent. The 40 days of Lent is dedicated to prayer, fasting, and reflection, in preparation for the celebration of Christ’s Paschal Mystery. It is a time to re-focus and to re-enter the place of truth. It is where we find our true identity. In our present liturgy for Ash Wednesday, we use ashes made from the burned palm branches distributed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The priest blesses the ashes and imposes them on the foreheads of the faithful, making the sign of the cross and saying, “**Remember, man you are dust and to dust you shall return,**” or “**Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.**”

As we begin this holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we must remember the significance of the ashes we have received: We mourn and do penance for our sins. We again convert our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died, and rose, for our salvation. We renew the promises made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. Finally, mindful that the kingdom of this world passes away, we strive to live the kingdom of God now and look forward to its fulfillment in heaven. God bless. Fr. Bose Jujvarapu.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: In another passage from his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues to turn his disciples’ way of thinking upside-down. One of the lessons for the Christian steward in today’s Gospel is that if we have a chance to help someone in need, we should be generous and give more than is expected of us. Jesus went “the extra mile” for us. Can we be more like Jesus and “go the extra mile” for others?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY:

The **Annual Fish Fry starts this 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 (**Now – 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.

THANKS: CHANGE FOR LIFE: Thanks to you, **we collected \$825.95** 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. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion.

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**)

QUEEN OF PEACE MEN’S GROUP ENCHILADA DINNER

FUND RAISER: This **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 12, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,360.00

Youth: \$ 20.00 Special: \$ 25.00 Holy Day: \$ 0

TOTAL: \$ 3,405.00

Envelope Use: 42 Regular; 1 Youth; 1 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 615.00

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

TOTAL: \$ 615.00

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

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 72 & Sun. 98 St. Mary – 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 Racie Decker & her 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.!**

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

On **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** all who have celebrated their 14th birthday and older are to abstain from meat on those days. In addition, all those who are healthy between the ages of 18 & 59 are to limit themselves to one main meal and no more than two other partial meals, which together do not equal the one main meal on those same days. The discipline of fasting and abstinence should always be approached in a spirit of prayer and with the goal of making a sacrifice in order to draw closer to the Lord.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks for your support last weekend in our Youth Disciples’ “**Souper Bowl**” can drive and collection. Our parish registered for record with the national organization **134 lbs. of canned soup/goods and \$247.00 in cash.** These were donated to SOHO, our local food bank, and their needs to serve our local poor. Thanks again.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION:

Next week, our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Our diocese also received \$14,000 in grant funding from this collection last year. Please give generously to the Black and Indian Mission Collection at all our Masses **next weekend, February 25/26** or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

PASTORAL/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting will be next Monday, February 27th at 6 pm in the Pastoral Center.

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.

SACRAMENTS/LITURGY PREPARATIONS

Baptism: 2 months prior to Baptism
First Reconciliation: 2nd grade/Religious Education
First Holy Eucharist: 2nd grade/Religious Education
Confirmation: 10th or 11th grade/Youth Discipleship
Adult Confirmation: 6 weeks prior to Pentecost
Christian Initiation: August through Pentecost
Marriage: 9 to 12 months prior to Wedding Liturgy
Marriage Annulments/Invalidation: 16 to 24 months
Anointing of the Sick: call the office when needed
Priesthood/Religious Life: 8 years/Seminary Studies
Planning Funeral Liturgies: a two-hour meeting

STEWARDSHIP OF PATIENCE!

Patience is a virtue that brings with it many rewards. One of the most rewarding benefits advanced by this virtue is found in the habit of *'delayed gratification'*. We live in a culture that is constantly shouting, *"You deserve it, and, you can have it right now!"* The result is many people fall prey to *'instant gratification'*. Instant gratification places a serious roadblock on our path to being the best disciples and stewards we can be. This is where patience can reward us. One of the hallmarks of stewardship is generosity; however, it is difficult to be generous if we too frequently give in to instant gratification. Advertisers would have us believe that we can spend our way to happiness. The truth is that sharing first and spending second is the path to sustained happiness and greater generosity.

When it comes to developing patience with our spending habits, the best course of action is to preface every spending decision with the question, *"Do I need this or do I simply want it?"* This question is at the heart of good financial stewardship. The modern media feeds our subconscious minds with hundreds of images every day, all intended to blur the difference between what we legitimately need and what we simply want. If we are not careful these images can have a powerful influence on our attitudes. *"Whoever controls the images controls the culture"* (Bishop Robert Morneau).

Making stewardship a way of life involves patience because it often requires that we make some adjustments to our lifestyle in order to become better stewards. Being patient with myself helps me on my journey. As with all the virtues, gratitude is the parent of patience. I try to be grateful in every situation, grateful for what I have, grateful for my job, grateful for my relationships. In gratitude I find patience whenever things don't go the way I think they should. Patience is more than the ability to wait; it is all about *how we behave* while we are waiting. Sometimes God makes us wait in order to teach us to trust Him, to have faith, and to be patient. There is nothing quite as exciting as waiting on God because we know whatever He has planned for us...it will be good!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: 7th Sunday in Ordinary

Time: *But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...* Matthew 5:44 - Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.



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

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 **\$4,347.25 from 13 families.** Thanks to you for fostering the Kingdom of God here in North Texas.

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, Troy & Stella Glass, Bernie Thomas, Josiah Decker, Sheila Helton, Ofelia Garcia, Johnny Joe Pechacek, Michael Rodriquez, Bryker Fontenot, Adaline Urbanczyk, Kayley Lowder, Ralph Veitenheimer, Cheryl Hopkins, Genevieve Hmrcirik, 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, Jeanie Evans, John Helton, Charlene Gajdos, 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, Melvin & Shirlee Motl, Judy Horn, Bill Harmel, Nick Bryant, Linda Willis, Ricky Moorhouse, Korbett Loftin, June Hmrcirik, 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, Justin Walker, Scott Christian, Judy Wheeler, Lane Hmrcirik, Tamara Gann, Dale Peterson, Sharon Welsh Boyd, Anne Marie Vita, Billy Mac Howe, Deven Hall, Kim Novak, Lizzie Smith, Henrietta & 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.***

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