



**SACRED HEART  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Seymour, Texas

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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: FEBRUARY 26, 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 27 – March 05)**

Monday: 12:10 PM: +Chris Boone by Terry & Belinda Bench  
Tuesday: **No Service**  
Wednesday: 7:00 PM: +Sherry Mae Hons by Susan Gulley  
Thursday: 12:10 PM: +Ann Kolacek by Melvin & Shirlee Motl  
Friday: 5:30 PM: +Fr. Jose Kiran Varaparia by Sacred Heart Choir  
Saturday: 8:00 AM: +Rosalie Peters by Sacred Heart Choir  
6:00 PM: +Alvin & Glenna Jungman by Jackie & Rhea Allison  
Sunday: 8:00 AM: Special Birthday Intentions for Johnny & Stanley Cuba by Cuba Family  
10:00 AM: +Lynn & Vivian Holman by Donna Carver

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (February 27 – March 04)**

Mon.: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18	Matthew 25:31-46
Tues.: Isaiah 55:10-11	Matthew 6:7-15
Wed.: Jonah 3:1-10	Luke 11:29-32
Thurs.: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Matthew 7:7-12
Fri.: Ezekiel 18:21-28	Matthew 5:20-26
Sat.: Deuteronomy 26:16-19	Matthew 5:43-48

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: (March 05)**

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

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a  
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

**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

**Monday, February 27:** 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

**Wednesday, March 01:**

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, March 02:** 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

**Friday, March 03: (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, March 04: (Special Collection for Turkey/Syria Relief)**

8 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration until 10 a.m. Benediction

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

**Sunday, March 05: (Special Collection for Turkey/Syria Relief)**

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 Lent  
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: MATTHEW 4:1-11**

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written:

*One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God."*

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

*He will command his angels concerning you  
and with their hands they will support you,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone."*

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written,

*You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."*

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

*The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
and him alone shall you serve."*

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

**ADULTS:** What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?

**CHILDREN:** What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?

### **LITURGICAL NORMS FOR LENT:**

The Sundays in the Lenten Season are characterized by the use of violet vestments to emphasize that we have entered into a time of repentance in our lives and in our worship together. Some of these changes are required and others are optional. So that we can better enter into the penitential spirit of Lent we are observing the following changes. During Mass we are kneeling for the Penitential Rite as we plead for God's mercy for our sins. We see the color purple displayed in the church and sanctuary as a sign of our call to conversion from sin and to life in Christ. Singing the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia* are completely suspended for all Sunday Masses during Lent as a reminder that our joy is suppressed until we can praise the Lord of Glory as his Resurrection dawns at Easter. No fresh flowers are used and the more limited use of music complements this penitential season. All of this helps us to experience the dying of ourselves that must precede our rising to new life. During the entire season of Lent no baptisms are celebrated, except in cases of life-threatening emergencies. Instead, Lent is a time of catechesis preparing us for Baptism. Baptisms will again be celebrated beginning on Saturday night, April 15, at the Easter Vigil. In the meantime, the Baptismal Font and all of the Holy Water Fonts remain dry so that we may experience the dryness of Jesus' 40 days in the desert and so that we might thirst for the living waters of Baptism which make of us a new creation on Easter. As we break out of our usual mode of celebrating the Sundays in Ordinary Time, let these external changes spur us on toward internal changes that are a sign of our response to God's call for a deeper Conversion during this Season of Lent. Our Theme throughout all of the Lenten Season is "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."



### **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**

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

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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - WE CAN FIGHT EVIL:** The first reading Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 tells us how Adam and Eve deliberately went against the commands of God. Their distrust and disobedience led not to wisdom but to shame and realization of their vulnerability as creatures. This fall had enduring consequences on humanity until the Son of God came to redeem it. St. Paul, in today's second reading Rom 5:12-19 contrasts Jesus Christ with Adam. The good news is that the free gift of grace in Christ supersedes and frees us from the consequences of Adam's sin. He brings justification and opens the door to eternal life. In the Gospel Mt 4:1-11, Matthew presents to us how Jesus resists and foils the attempts of the devil to tempt and entice Him. Firstly, Jesus, as the Son of God, refuses to rebel against the will of God by letting stones be stones and not turning them into bread. Secondly, He refuses to test the providential care of God by taking unnecessary risks. So, he does not jump from the pinnacle of the temple. Thirdly, He resolutely demonstrates His total love for God by refusing to worship wealth and power. As human beings, we are also tempted by the devil in different ways. But the new Adam, Jesus Christ, who came to restore the brokenness of humanity, shows us the way to defeat the devil. By His grace, we can fight the evil within and around us. **Pray and Practice:** *Lord, give us the courage and strength to fight against every evil to worship and serve You alone, my God and Creator.* Fr. Bose

#### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!**

**First Sunday of Lent:** In today's Gospel reading we listen to the confrontation between Jesus and the devil, who thought he might tempt Jesus to forget who he was and commit a grievous sin when he was most vulnerable. Jesus had just spent 40 days and nights out in the desert, alone, away from civilization. He was hungry, thirsty, and tired. If there ever was a time to tempt Jesus, that was it. Temptations to sin come at us every day, from many directions and in many different forms. When the temptation to sin tries to overcome us, how do we react? Do we consciously remind ourselves that we are followers of Christ? Is there a time this week when you have needed to confront a temptation to sin? What lessons did you take away from the experience?

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY:**

**Help Needed:** Any parish member (Male or Female) who could help with the Lenten Fish Fry 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.

#### **SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION FOR TURKEY/SYRIA RELIEF:**

Next weekend, March 04/05, our parish will take up an emergency special collection for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake victims. Your donations will be supporting Catholic Relief Services in Turkey and Syria where extensive damage has been reported. CRS is currently caring for displaced people in safe shelters and distributing hot meals, hygiene supplies and winter items. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this emergency special collection for our international brothers and sisters in Christ. If you can, please give next weekend, online at <https://bit.ly/TurkeySyriaCollection> (case sensitive), or by texting TURKEY to 817-402-3525

#### **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: February 19, 2023**

##### **SACRED HEART:**

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,165.00  
Youth: \$ 10.00 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0  
**TOTAL: \$ 3,175.00**  
Envelope Use: 44 Regular; 2 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

##### **ST. MARY:**

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 1,340.00  
Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0  
**TOTAL: \$ 1,340.00**  
Envelope Use: 9 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

**Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 82 & Sun. 104 St. Mary – 44**

##### **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.!**

##### **BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY – RELIC PILGRIMAGE:**

Join Us! Blessed Michael McGivney – Model Parish Priest – Apostle of Charity - Founder of the Knights of Columbus. On Thursday, March 9th at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 2601 Lansing Blvd., W.F. TX – Veneration from 3 – 5 PM and Mass at 6 PM. Presented by Knights of Columbus.

##### **Mark your Calendar: Parish Mission: Monday, March 20 – 22:**

Fr. Jason Allen will be our presenter for this year's Lenten mission. The theme will be focused around the Holy Family and how we can model our families around Jesus, Mary and Joseph. There will a flyer on all the times offered on that Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please plan on enriching your Lenten journey as we take advantage of some reflections and prayer time. Thanks, Dcn. Jim

##### **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](mailto:Trent.barton@fwdioc.org). Please continue to keep him in your daily prayers.

##### **BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION:**

**Today**, our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in communities from coast to coast, including our diocese, which received \$14,000 from the Black and Indian Mission Collection last year. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today at Mass or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

##### **PASTORAL/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:**

The meeting will be this Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Pastoral Center.



**Our Blessed Sacrament in our Tabernacle and our Shrine with votive candles are open Daily. Stop in and pray today!**



## MARCH 2023 MINISTERS LIST

### MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn Jim Novak

Terry Bench, Marilyn McGough & Cathy Hostas

### LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

Saturday	Sunday
Johnny Holub	Zachary Barton

### USHERS—Terry Bench

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

### FLOWERS—Donna Carver

Lent—Feb 25-Apr 5

### ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

Saturday	Sunday
04—Hagan & Graceyn	05—Jackson, Easton & Sam
11—Knox & Madeline	12—Bryson, Case & Mason
18—Slayton & Cooper	19—Angelina, Braelyn & Stevi
25—Racie & Graceyn	26—Harper, Ean & Kryslyn

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent:

*“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’”* -Matthew 4:10 - Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God.

### ST. JOSEPH’S- RHINELAND ANNUAL PARISH SAUSAGE & FRIED CHICKEN DINNER –Sunday, March 19, 2023

from 11am – 1:00pm at KC Hall. There will be a Country Store with homemade baked goods and arts & crafts hosted by St. Anne’s Society. Plates are \$15 per adult & takeouts, and \$8 per children 10 Y/O and under. Bulk sausage (raw) \$6 per lb will be available Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Brown’s store. Cook sausage: 2 lb-\$15 will be available at meal. Dine-in or Drive Thru – First come, first serve basis!

### REMINDER: 2023 NW DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICES BEING HELD IN LENT!

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 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.” **(All Services at 7:00 PM):**

Thurs. March 02 @ Holy Family, Vernon  
Mon. March 13 @ St. Jude, Burkburnett  
Thurs. March 16 @ St. Joseph, Rhineland  
Mon. March 20 @ Our Lady of Guadalupe, W.F.  
**Thurs. March 23 @ Sacred Heart, Seymour**  
Thurs. March 23 @ St. Williams, Montague  
Mon. March 27 @ St. Mary, Henrietta  
Wed. March 29 @ Our Lady Queen of Peace, W.F.  
Thurs. March 30 @ Sacred Heart, W.F.  
Mon. April 03 @ St. Mary, Windthorst

*“Each of us has a part to play, a gift to share, a service to offer for building up the Body of Christ in love.”* - Pope Francis

## 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 \$18,745 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](http://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 **\$4,382 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.***



Sacrament of the Sick

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

# **Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction – First Saturday**

**March 04, 2023**

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction is offered on the first Saturday of the month after the **8 AM Holy Mass** and concludes with Benediction with the **Blessed Sacrament at 10 AM** in which the priest or deacon blesses the faithful with the Sacred Host. As Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us on the first Saturday of the month! Sacred Heart, Seymour.



Do You Really Love Me?  
Then  
Come To Me  
Visit Me

**Where?** Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Seymour.

**When?** First Saturday of the month after the 8:00 am Holy Mass until 10:00 am

**“Jesus Waits for Us in This Sacrament of Love”** *mysterium fidei*