



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 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: (March 27 – April 02)

Monday: 12:10 PM +Yvonne Boone by James & Sally Campbell
Tuesday: No Service
Wednesday: 5:30 PM +Sherry Mae Hons by Mary Beth Larson
Thursday: 12:10 PM +Dennis Marek by Sacred Heart Choir
Friday: 5:30 PM +Barbara Marek by Sacred Heart Choir
Saturday: 8:00 AM **No Service**
6:00 PM Special Anniversary Intentions for Corey & Lindsay Brasher by Mike & Kay Flippin
Sunday: 8:00 AM Special Intentions for Deacon Jim Novak by Andy & Janice Lane
10:00 AM +Rosalie Peters by Shan & Marty Slaggle

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (March 27 – April 01)

Mon.: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	John 8:1-11
Tues.: Numbers 21:4-9	John 8:21-30
Wed.: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	John 8:31-42
Thurs.: Genesis 17:3-9	John 8:51-59
Fri.: Jeremiah 20:10-13	John 10:31-42
Sat.: Ezekiel 37:21-28	John 11:45-56

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: (April 02)

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

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

Sunday, March 26:

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

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

6:00 PM, Pastoral Center/Finance & Pastoral Council Meeting (Approve Budget)

Wednesday, March 29:

5:30 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration with Benediction concluding at 7:30 PM
6:00 PM, Hall & PC/M meal/Faith Formation sessions for all grades until 7:15 PM

Thursday, March 30: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Friday, March 31: (Day of Abstinence) (Last Fish Fry this Lenten Season)

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, April 01: (Before 6 PM Mass - Meet at Mosler Hall for Blessing of the Palms and Procession)

No 8 AM Mass
9:00 AM, Mosler Hall/Kolache baking until completion
6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 02: (Before 10 AM Mass - Meet at Mosler Hall for Blessing of the Palms and Procession)

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass (Preceded by Holy Rosary)

9:00 AM, Mosler Hall/Cinnamon roll baking until completion

10:00 AM, Sacred Heart/Mass

All Weekend Liturgies: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: JOHN 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

ADULTS: How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?

CHILDREN: What do you hope for after your life on earth is ended?



"God made me to know Him, to love Him and serve Him in this world to be happy forever with Him in the next." Is that what we are living? Our primary purpose on earth is to glorify God. We are created chiefly for the life beyond the grave. This present life is merely a preparation for everlasting life. Are we living for that purpose, or for just the fleeting happiness the world and flesh can give? **"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation!" 2 Corinthians 6:2** - Keeping this quote in mind will help us when we have been weak or forgetful in persevering in our Lenten resolutions. It doesn't matter what we did yesterday, or even a few minutes ago. The

important time is **NOW**, and we need to make the best of NOW. Not the past, not the future, but the present. Lent is not the time for procrastinating!

Resurrection is the theme of 5th Sunday of Lent readings. We, as Christians, hope in the resurrection; therefore, we lead a life of holiness, trusting in Jesus, who is the resurrection and life. In raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows us that He is above death; in Him, death finds its new meaning as entry into eternal life. Although the resurrection is highlighted, the underlying message for us today is to believe in Jesus and find new life. Jesus weeps - which can be interpreted as a call to conversion. This weeping could be for the lack of faith of people in the healing and strengthening power of God. Today Jesus looks at you and me, weeps and wants us to be raised from our shortcomings and weaknesses. After rising from all our iniquities, God will instill in us a new spirit to live a life of true followers of Christ. This journey of faith is not in isolation but in the care of others. To be risen again with Christ, one has to be in a close relationship with one's neighbor. So, let us not be a cause of destruction to others. Instead, be an instrument that leads everyone to new life. **Pray and Practice:** *Dear Jesus, by raising Lazarus to life, you promised and showed us that the resurrection and new life are in you alone. May we never keep you away and help us to become a channel of peace and love, leading them to you.* Love and prayers

Fr. Bose Jujavarapu

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Jesus called to his friend from the dead, "Lazarus, come out!" It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: "Come out!" Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call?

HELPERS/BAKERS NEEDED:

Bakers Needed! Please come help with Kolache/Cinnamon roll baking on **Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2 starting at 9 am.** No experience necessary! Come for as long as you can! Men, women, and children welcome! Free samples! Lunch, fun, and fellowship provided!

MARCH 29TH CHANGES – FAITH FORMATION:

We will be modifying our Faith Formation schedule after Spring Break, **beginning this Wednesday, March 29.** Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. Meal at 6 p.m. in Mosler hall followed by sessions from 6:30 until 7:15 or so. Holy Hour Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

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

March 31, last Friday this Lenten Season from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in Mosler Hall. It will be \$15 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.

EASTER LILIES FOR THE SACTUARY: In keeping with our tradition, we ask you to donate Easter Lilies in honor/memory of your loved ones, living or deceased. All lilies must arrive at the Church early Saturday morning, April 8th to decorate the Sanctuary in time for the Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation.

PASTORAL/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: This Monday, March 27th at 6 pm in the Pastoral Center to approve budget.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: March 19, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,253.00
Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 805.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 4,058.00

Envelope Use: 41 Regular; 0 Youth; 16 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 664.00
Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 124.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 788.00

Envelope Use: 7 Regular; 0 Youth; 2 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat.72 & Sun. 81 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 Madeline Glass and 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 Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wed.!**

This Sunday at Noon, March 26 is the cut off for taking orders!!

Fund Raising Event for Fr. Bose Jujavarapu, HGN and Family

in India: Fr. Bose, Sacramental Minister for Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Mary of the Assumption - Megargel, is facing a very hard and bad financial crisis for his family back in India. His senior parents are hardworking (day labor) and his brother is a cab driver struggling to make ends meet. There is a severe diabetic child also in the home. They sold their house and moved to a larger city where there is access to hospital care and better paying jobs. They are currently renting an apartment. The old home of 33 years was in disrepair and so they will use those funds to purchase a plot of land for future construction. The estimate for a modest 1,300 sq. ft. house is about \$50,000. Fr. Bose is planning to take out some loans to complete the project. Our parishes want to help by asking support for a Kolache and Cinnamon roll bake sale. The baking days will be held on Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2. Flavors for kolaches are: cream cheese, cherry, and apricot. Both cinnamon rolls and kolaches are \$15 per dozen. **Pick-ups will be after 2 p.m.** on that Sunday and then on Monday, April 3 until 2 p.m. at the Sacred Heart parish hall. Place your orders on sign-up sheets in foyer of Sacred Heart or call Pam Jackson at (940-256-0788).

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. BOSE:

Please pass on your congratulations and thanksgiving to Fr. Bose; he celebrates his 12th year of Ordination as Priest next Wednesday, **April 5th.** May God continue to bless his ministry as he serves our parishes so faithfully.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY: Please meet at Mosler Hall before Mass. We will bless our Palms and process to the church as part of our Liturgy. Those unable to walk may remain in the Church.

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.

APRIL 2023 MINISTERS LIST

MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn Jim Novak

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

LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

Saturday

Tammie Glass

Sunday

Nathan Cockerell

USHERS—Terry Bench

Saturday

Quentin Bruggeman

Jason Glass

Madeline Glass

Sunday

Thomas Sanchez, Jr.

Eric Latham

Mark Nichols

Mason Nichols

FLOWERS—Donna Carver

01—Good Friday – Pam Jackson

08/09—(Easter Committee) Pam Jackson, Vickie & Gary Wright,
Audra & Cody Wright & Bobby & Kristi Novak

15/16—(Easter Committee)

22/23—Janice Knezek & Keramie Knezek

29/30—Shelli Myers & Chelsea Barton

ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

Saturday

01—Hagan & Knox

08—Madeline, Cooper & Slayton

15—Racie & Graceyn

22—Hagan & Cooper

29—Madeline & Knox

Sunday

02—Jacqueline, Ean & Case

09—Kryslyn & Jackson

16—Angelina, Stevi & Braelyn

23—Sam & Easton

30—Mason & Jackson

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (The Easter Vigil), and Easter Schedule:

Holy Thursday Mass: April 06 – 6:00 PM



Good Friday Service: April 07 – 5:30 PM (Begin
with Stations of the Cross outside) Weather
permitting

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass: April 08 – 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday: April 09 – 8:00 AM – St. Mary's

Easter Sunday: April 09 – 10:00 AM – Sacred Heart

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE:

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Simply note "CRS" on your check or envelope and add it to the collection by April 09 or give online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive)

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT THE POWER OF SACRIFICE: Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org> to learn more.

Collection will be taken up on Holy Thursday, April 6th.

PRAYER REQUEST/DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

Let Us Pray for You! For the sick, for the dying, for special intentions ... Lord hear our prayers. Submit your prayer requests at <https://fwdioc.org/prayer-request>

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

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 \$ 18,857.50 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 <https://bit.ly/DiocesanAppeal> (case sensitive).

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 **\$4,474.50 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 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, 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, Sandra & 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, 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 & James Styles, Deacon Jim Novak, Barbara Coltharp, Gary Coltharp, Jerry Kuhler, Vivian Steinbach, Ashley Felty, Deidra Groves, Jaime & Jim McLarty, Justin Elliott, Lana Studer, Robert Torrez, Waylan Wyatt & Levi Bourland.

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 & Sebastian Mabry. *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!



“Family Fishing Day”

Who: Families of Sacred Heart and St. Mary of the Assumption (Junior high and older...younger brothers and sisters and moms and dads welcome!)

When: Sunday, April 2nd

Time: 3 – 6 p.m.

Where: Seymour City Golf Course – middle ponds

What to bring: your rods/reels, chairs, and patience! We will have extra poles for those who do not own any. Bait will be provided. No fishing license is needed.

(Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available too... donations only!)

Contact: John Hostas (940-256-0908)

Come for the fun and fellowship!