



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: APRIL 23, 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: (April 24 - 30)

Monday: 12:10 PM +Steven Michael Motl by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Tuesday: No Service
Wednesday: 5:30 PM +Rob King by Shan & Marty Slaggle
Thursday: 12:10 PM +Joe Simek by Mike & Kay Flippin
Friday: 12:10 PM +Robert Smajstrla by Sacred Heart Choir
Saturday: 8:00 AM +Robert Blott, Sr. by Donna Carver
6:00 PM +Roy & Yvonne Boone by Cathy Hostas
Sunday: 8:00 AM +Deceased members of the McCartney Family by Todd & Marianne McCartney (St. Mary)
10:00 AM +Hector Landa by Sacred Heart Choir

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (April 24 - 29)

Mon.: Acts 6:8-15	John 6:22-29
Tues.: 1 Peter 5:5b-14	Mark 16:15-20
Wed.: Acts 8:1b-8	John 6:35-40
Thurs.: Acts 8:26-40	John 6:44-51
Fri.: Acts 9:1-20	John 6:52-59
Sat.: Acts 9:31-42	John 6:60-69

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: (April 30)

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

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25
Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Sunday, April 23:

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 of Easter
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, April 24:

12:30 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Wednesday, April 26:

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

Thursday and Friday: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Saturday, April 29: (Good Shepherd Sunday – Special Collection Seminarian Education Fund)

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

Sunday, April 30: (Good Shepherd Sunday – Special Collection Seminarian Education Fund)

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 of Easter
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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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 OF EASTER: LUKE 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

ADULTS: In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

CHILDREN: When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

ANNUAL BLESSING OF FAMILIES AT YOUR HOMES DURING THE EASTER SEASON!!



There is a custom in many parishes of an annual visit and blessing by the pastor or administrator. Fr. Bose and I are making ourselves available to visit and bless your families and homes at your invitation through the Easter season. The order for the annual blessing of families in their homes directly pertains to the family and therefore requires the presence of the family members. So, please sign up on the form located in the entrance of the church for the blessing and choose the date and time that would be most convenient for you and your family if interested. We will contact you and set up this pastoral visit for the blessing! Dcn. Jim Novak

St. Mark, the Evangelist, Feast Day – April 25th : St. Mark is the author of the second Gospel, was the son of Mary whose house at Jerusalem was the meeting place of Christians, where St. Peter sought refuge after having been freed from prison. He was baptized and instructed by St. Peter. He accompanied St. Paul and his own cousin St. Barnabas in the evangelization of Cyprus before he became the companion and secretary of St. Peter in Rome about the year 42 A.D. He wrote his Gospel about the year 50 A.D. His Gospel is a record of St. Peter's preaching about Our Lord and pays special attention to the head of the Apostles, and emphasizes the miraculous powers of the Savior. The Gospel was written for Roman Gentile converts. It rarely quotes the Old Testament, and is careful to explain Jewish customs, rites and words. It excels in portraying the emotions and affections of both Christ and His hearers. St. Mark preached in Egypt, especially in Alexandria and was martyred there by the heathen. He died circa April 25, 68 A.D. in Alexandria, Egypt. In the 9th century, his relics were transferred from Alexandria to Venice, where a worthy tomb was erected in St. Mark's Cathedral.

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



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

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

God is the author of life. The people who have encountered God in Jesus at some point in their lives have experienced new life in body and spirit. In this 3rd Sunday of Easter both the first and second readings of the day, we see and witness the testimony of Peter about his experience of Jesus. Through his testimony, he reminds the people about the performance of God's deeds of power, wonders, and signs through his son Jesus when he was here on earth amidst them. God, through Jesus, has touched the lives of numerous people directly, especially those who were diseased and unwell and made them whole again. Now this same God has raised Him from the dead so that we may come to believe in the power of God. In the Gospel, we see how the risen Lord becomes a companion to the disciples who were on their way to Jerusalem after the death of Jesus. In their moments of pain, sorrow, and despair, He becomes the source of joy, happiness, and hope as He reveals Himself gradually to them. In the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes were opened, and they experienced a new life filled with faith, hope, and charity that led them to become the missionary of God's word.

Pray and Practice: *Lord, give us the grace so that our eyes may be opened to see the wonders of God in the creation and in our neighbours, and may it enable us to experience new life in You.* Continued prayers and hope you have a blessed week. Fr. Bose

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Third Sunday of Easter: As today's gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ's presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when he broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:

The Northwest Deanery meeting will be held at Sacred Heart, Wichita Falls, in the Parish Hall on Thursday, April 27. Join us for Spring Beginning "Pathway of Renewal". Meet new friends, see old friends, and enjoy a day of faith reflection. Registration will begin at 9:30am with business meeting starting at 10:00am. 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, April 23.**

Fr. Joseph Lim's dad passed away a few days ago. May he live forever in the eternal embrace of God's love. Fr. Lim was there with him in the Philippines and will be staying there for a while to take care of business. Please keep Fr. Lim in your prayers. **Address for cards unknown at this time.**

KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE: (Sign-up sheet in Foyer)

A refresher session will be Wednesday, May 17th from 6 – 7:30 pm in Mosler Hall. **There will be a meal provided.** This class is for all volunteers that have attended a previous session and is now due for a refresher class. Any volunteers that have not taken a previous session will be at a later date. This is Diocesan required for all volunteers (Choir, Ushers, Money Counters, Sacristans, Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Kitchen Helpers, Catechists, and any other ministry). No one under 18 may attend. . Thank you!

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: April 16, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:	\$ 3,601.00
Youth: \$ 0	Special: \$ 0 Easter: \$ 50.00
TOTAL: \$ 3,651.00	

Envelope Use: 42 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 1 Easter

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:	\$ 622.00
Youth: \$ 0	Special: \$ 0 Easter: \$ 25.00
TOTAL: \$ 647.00	

Envelope Use: 9 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 1 Easter

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 55 & Sun. 102 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 Ean, Easton & Case Hertel and 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.!**

Good Shepherd Sunday Special Collection Seminarian

Education Fund April 29/30 (Previously printed date of May 6/7 was incorrect, the **envelope in your box is dated May 6/7**) On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, in the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "*whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.*"

The Diocese of Fort Worth is blessed to have 24 seminarians in various stages of the thorough discernment and formation journey. In imitation of Jesus Christ, they will teach and grow the faith. With your support, the Diocese of Fort Worth is committed to paying for all of the costs associated with their formation and education. Consequently, our seminarians can commit to prayer and studies during their education and formation. This period can span seven to nine years and cost up to \$50,000 annually for each of the men. In 2022, more than \$240,460 was collected on Good Shepherd Sunday, enough for 5 of our 24 seminarians. Please respond in love for their years of generous service by donating to the Seminarian Education Fund. Funds raised during the **Good Shepherd Sunday Seminarian Special Collection** remain in the Diocese of Fort Worth and are used for our seminarians. Additionally, a portion of the collection in parishes pastored by religious order priests is sent to support formation programs of their religious orders.

Please prayerfully promote this special collection. Even more so, please include these men in your prayers and to encourage other young people to consider the reality that Christ is calling them to follow Him as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious. Just as our seminarians have responded to God's call to discernment, we too can respond in prayer and generosity.

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.

FAITH FORMATION 2023/2024 REGISTRATION:

There are sheets in foyer of church with the Grade and name of child that **will be advanced next year**. Please check over to see if that will be the correct grade for your child. Also, if there have been any changes in address or phone numbers, please let us know. Any **new children need to be registered**. You can also call or text Marilyn at 940/357-0005. Thank you, Marilyn & Donna

BABY SHOWER:

All are invited to a Baby Shower benefitting Expectant Mothers - Join us for Food and Drinks in the Gabriel Project Room (located at Sacred Heart Parish, Wichita Falls) on May 6 – 7 after each of the Masses. **Gifts are welcomed and appreciated! Items Needed:**

- ♥ Newborn & Size 1 Diapers
- ♥ Bottles/Bibs
- ♥ Hooded Towels/Washcloths
- ♥ Socks
- ♥ Baby Lotion & Baby Wash
- ♥ Newborn 3 mo. – 6 mo. Clothing (Boys & Girls)
- ♥ Teethers & Toys (1 to 12 months)
- ♥ Gift cards for food/groceries once babies are born

LITURGICAL NORMS IN EASTER SEASON

The 50 days of the Easter Season are accentuated by changes in our liturgical practices so that we can actually experience the differences of this joyful season in our worship together. Some of these changes are required and others are optional. So that we can better enter into the joyful spirit of Easter we are observing the following norms. During Mass we will substitute the Sprinkling Rite for the Penitential Rite throughout the entire Easter Season. You will note that the Sunday Readings are taken from the New Testament only and the first of these Readings is always taken from Acts of the Apostles. The use of white vestments and the characteristic white displayed in the sanctuary emphasizes the new life of Resurrection in which all of us were initiated through our Baptism into Christ Jesus. The *Gloria* and the *Alleluia* are once again resurrected to help us express our Easter joy and to praise the Lord of Glory who is risen. Fresh flowers also return and are displayed in our sanctuary as signs of our new risen life through Christ who conquered sin and death once and for all. The Easter Vigil opened up the waters of Baptism to us so that we, Holy Mother Church, now give New Birth to those reborn into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Baptisms can therefore be celebrated once again during the Sunday liturgies. The Baptismal Font and all of the Holy Water Fonts are also flowing with fresh water to remind us of our own Baptism as we make the Sign of the Cross upon entering the Church. First Holy Eucharist of our children and Confirmation of our adults complete the Easter sacraments of our initiation that bring us into full membership of the Church. They make us the People of God, adopted sons and daughters, coheirs with Christ, disciples of the Risen Lord Jesus. Our theme for the Easter Season is “The Lord is Risen, He is Truly Risen!”

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” Let your hearts burn for Jesus and your spouse. Learn how on the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are Apr. 28-30 and July 28-30, 2023. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Questions – email apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.

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 \$ 19,043.75 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 <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 **\$4,558.25 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 Rodriguez, 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, 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 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, 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, Cindy Coltharp, Levi Bourland, Chris Scott, Rayden Denman, Ashley Wright-Burke & Family.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN: Ryan Holman, John George, Kyle Matus, Andrew Gelb, Tai Bandy, James Crawford, Sam Atwood, Josh Wright, Chance Freeman, Wayne Howard, Corey 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.*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. - Mark 12:30