



**SACRED HEART
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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: MAY 21, 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: (May 22 - 28)

Monday: 12:10 PM Special Anniversary Intentions for Bob & Sarah Blott by Donna Carver

Tuesday: No Service

Wednesday: 6:00 PM +Tommy Carver by Marilyn Gibson

Thursday: 12:10 PM +Yvonne Boone by Terry & Belinda Bench

Friday: 12:10 PM +Barbara Marek by Sacred Heart Choir

Saturday: 8:00 AM +Jimmie Rae Griffin Smith by Deacon Jim & Rilda Novak

6:00 PM +Angeline Hajek by Carol Vacker

Sunday: 8:00 AM For Our Special Intentions by Andy & Janice Lane (St. Mary)

10:00 AM Special Intentions for Eric & Trina Hostas by Cathy Hostas

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (May 22 - 27)

Mon.: Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33

Tues.: Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11a

Wed.: Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11b-19

Thurs.: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 John 17:20-26

Fri.: Acts 25:13b-21 John 21:15-19

Sat.: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 John 21:20-25

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST: (May 28)

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

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23

Sunday, May 21: (1st Communion) (Special Collection – Catholic Communication Campaign)

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: The Ascension of the Lord

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, May 22:

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

6:00 PM, Pastoral Center/Finance & Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 24: (Training session & Commissioning of Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass followed by Training and Commissioning of Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

Saturday, May 27:

8 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

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

Sunday, May 28:

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: Pentecost Sunday

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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

ADULTS: With whom have you shared the good news of Jesus in the past month?

CHILDREN: What good news about Jesus could you share with someone?



Ascension is a time to teach our children that by living the faith the day will come when "we all shall be taken up in clouds to meet Christ and to be with our Lord forever." As joint heirs of heaven, we must keep before their eyes and ours the fact that this was the reason for our creation. We must also stress the words of Christ, our Brother, words of consolation for us at His Ascension: "I go to prepare a place for YOU."

At the end of His earthly life Jesus ascends triumphantly into heaven. The Church acclaims Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father's right hand and to share His glory. But Christ's Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him in His own person: "for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him" (St. Leo). <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar>

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN: Connect with Christ and One Another - Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).

Your support for the CCC helps the Church to modernize how it communicates the joy of the Gospel in developing nations worldwide. Not only does it help spread the



Gospel, but it also helps form young disciples and gives them the practical skills they need to navigate today's digital media environment. Good communication is what the Catholic Media Association mandates. With financial support from the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC), the Catholic Media Association is training its members, including diocesan newspapers and communications officers, to integrate communication programs across various media platforms and move members from a print-first to a digital-first mindset. A digital-first mindset allows for immediate use of content on websites, social media, and digital newsletters, followed by print products when they are ready. By supporting the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign, you help local diocesan papers and other Catholic media outlets improve their ability to inform their audiences in today's fast-paced, digitally-based media environment. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in the Diocese of Fort Worth stay here to support

local communications projects such as North Texas Catholic, the Diocesan website, live streaming of Mass, public relations and social media efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc. Support the collection today by giving your donation in the second collection basket or at [https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections \(case sensitive\)](https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections(case%20sensitive)).

Hail, Holy Queen



Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

Please remember the Month of May is the month of Virgin Mother Mary...Pray especially for good weather, vocations, pro-life and for world peace!

Ascension of the Lord: Today's readings tell us two stories of the same event by the same author Luke. The ascension of the Lord is an integral part of our Christian faith. This reminds us that we belong to God. We are created to live a heavenly life. We are marching towards heaven while we are on this earth. The ascension of the Lord is not just the final act in the earthly ministry of Jesus, but it is about a new way of being here and now. St Augustine says, "To be with Jesus because where the head is, the body must also be." This image of Jesus rising through the clouds into heaven is the symbol of harmony, as Luke saw in his times with Paul. We must attend to the reality that the Son of God descended into the human world. He completed His mission by victory over death to life and freeing us from slavery to sin. The ascension of Jesus is surrounded by rich symbolism that He will be coming at the end of time. It is an invitation for us to reflect on our life. Are we preparing ourselves to be in heaven with Him? Do we wish to be His witnesses on earth? St Paul says, 'we must lift our eyes from all the worries and anxieties of this earthly life to see Jesus seated at the right hand of God the Father.' **Pray and Practice:** *God, our loving Father, send us Your gift of the Holy Spirit upon us so that we may follow the right path that leads to heaven.* **Love and Prayers Fr. Bose**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

The Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension - In today's Gospel Jesus charges his followers to "make disciples of all nations." What exactly is going on here? What is this Great Commission anyway? Good stewards know they are directed to share what they exercise stewardship over: their life of faith in Christ Jesus. They know Jesus didn't direct them to go to church and to keep quiet about it; or to go out into the neighborhood, workplace or marketplace and just be nice. Christ's Good News is meant to be shared. Many people in our communities don't know about Jesus Christ. Does that bother us? Do we care? Do we realize we are supposed to do something about it?

FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

1st Communion will be **this Sunday, May 21st, during the 10 AM Mass.** There will be a reception after the Mass in Mosler Hall. Please prayer for our 1st Communion students: Madalyn Blackard, Harleigh Myers & Jessica Isabella Ortiz.

SESSION AND COMMISSIONING OF EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer to note whether you wish to continue being an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please mark the form yes or no and/or add your name if you wish to serve as one newly commissioned and trained. There will be a required training session for all those past or future in the church this **Wednesday, May 24** after the 6 p.m. Mass. All those present will be commissioned to serve the Precious Body and the Precious Blood. We are requesting from the Diocese to return to offering the Precious Blood and thus need to show our most current roster. **Our goal is to start on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), June 10/11.**

REST IN PEACE!

We commend to your prayers Sterling Ray Martinez. His funeral liturgy was celebrated on Monday, May 15th at Sacred Heart in Seymour. May he live forever in the eternal embrace of God's love and may all the faithful departed rest in the mercy of God.

PASTORAL/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting will be this Monday, May 22 at 6 pm in the Pastoral Center. Please all members try to attend. Thanks, Deacon Jim

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: May 14, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 4,162.00
 Youth: \$ 17.00 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 4,179.00

Envelope Use: 40 Regular; 2 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 940.00
 Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 940.00

Envelope Use: 10 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 52 & Sun. 153 St. Mary – 35

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 Bryson Hostas and his Family by Cathy Hostas, For the Ricky Wright Family. **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.!**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:



"Stellar, Shine Jesus' Light" VBS starts Tuesday, July 4th through Thursday 6th, from 9 am - 12 noon. It will be at the Pastoral Center and is for ages 4 (Pre-K) - 6th grade (2023-2024 School Year).

Please RSVP your child/children's name by May 22 on the sign up sheet in the church foyer, scan the bar code or text Audra Wright at 940/636-8464 so we can be sure to have enough supplies. If you have questions and/or want to help, please call or text Audra Wright.

“THANK YOU”! - FAITH FORMATION:

Last Wednesday, May 10th was the last day of Faith Formation until September. **Thanks** to all the catechists and their aides, kitchen staff, crossing/security guards, faith formation staff and anyone else who helped in any way this faith formation year. A special thanks to Kara Loftin for heading up the kitchen staff. *“A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart”.*

ANNUAL ALTAR SOCIETY “NO-BAKE” BAKE SALE!

Mark your calendar: **June 03/04** - It's time again for the annual “No-Bake” Bake Sale to benefit the Altar Society projects. The Altar Society, comprised of all the women of our parish, serves in all ministries. Candles, cleaning of vestments and altar cloths, and flowers are under our care. We provide bereavement dinners and meals for priests for Reconciliation Services. The Altar Society presents gifts to our priest and deacon for Pastor Appreciation Day, Christmas and birthdays in the name of our parish. We contribute to parish projects and programs when possible. As outreach beyond our parish, we sponsor a child through Unbound and have donated to the deanery project of socks and underwear for the Appalachian missions. Altar Society's sole purpose is service, and your donations for our “No-Bake” Bake Sale will be used to continue this service. Please donate \$10 (or more!) to our annual fund-raiser after Masses on **June 03/04** or send your contribution to the Pastoral Center. Thank you, and may God continue to bless our parish.

Am I being Called?

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” - Matthew 4:19

- Do you feel called to give more or be more?
- Do you find your weekly ministry more life-giving and energizing than your 40-hour work week?
- Does your relationship with God sustain you, enliven you, and invigorate you in such a way that you want to share the Good News with others?
- Does the idea of becoming a brother, sister, deacon or priest keep coming back time and time again?
- People have told me I would make a good priest.
- Do you have the feeling that you are on the brink of a major life decision?
- Are you afraid to tell friends and family that you are thinking about a Church vocation?
- Do you feel a recurring tug in your heart to serve others more?

If you answered "Yes" to three or more of the statements above, then you may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life!

<https://fwdioc.org/being-called>

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



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

Contact Information for Seminarian Trent Barton: You can email him at: Trent.barton@fwdioc.org. Please continue to keep him in your daily prayers.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: A CALL TO GRATITUDE:

Thanks **Sacred Heart** for reaching **your Goal of \$18,500!** 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 **\$19,156.25** from **56** families. Thanks to you for fostering the Kingdom of God here in North Texas. **If you have not completed your pledges please do so, if possible. There are 43 more days to go.**

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 **\$4,625.75** 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 Hrcirik, 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, Judy Horn, Bill Harmel, Nick Bryant, Linda Willis, Sandra & Ricky Moorhouse, Korbett Loftin, June Hrcirik, 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 Hrcirik, 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, Melvin & Shirlee Motl, Jaime & Jim McLarty, Justin Elliott, Lana Studer, Robert Torrez, Waylan Wyatt, Cindy Coltharp, Levi Bourland, Chris Scott, Rayden Denman, Ashley Wright-Burke & Family, Phyllis Molina, Betty Hernandez, Larry(Pero) Elliott and Ruby Robertson.

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, Tyrel Hart & Tylor Don Chism. ***Please call the office to update the prayer list for those to be added or removed.***

"The right to life is the first among human rights. To abort a child is to kill someone who can not defend himself." - Pope Francis