



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JULY 02, 2023

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Reconciliation Room)
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: (July 03 - 09)

Monday: 12:10 PM +Yvonne Boone by James & Sally Campbell
Tuesday: No Service
Wednesday: **6:00 PM** +Henry & Lillie Mae Novak by Deacon Jim & Rilda Novak
Thursday: 12:10 PM +Ernest C. & Bessie Orsak by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Friday: 12:10 PM +Johnny Hajek by Carol Vacker
Saturday: 8:00 AM Special Intentions for Carol Vacker by Cathy Hostas
6:00 PM Special Birthday Intentions for Susan Davis by Mike & Kay Flippin
Sunday: 8:00 AM For the Special Intentions of Deacon Jim Novak & His Family (St. Mary)
10:00 AM +Tracy Hajek by Jerry & Geraldine Kuhler

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (July 03 -08)

Mon.: Ephesians 2:19-22	John 20:24-29
Tues.: Genesis 19:15-29	Matthew 8:23-27
Wed.: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a	Matthew 8:28-34
Thurs.: Genesis 22:1b-19	Matthew 9:1-8
Fri.: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67	Matthew 9:9-13
Sat.: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29	Matthew 9:14-17

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: (July 09)

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

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Sunday, July 02: (2nd Collection – Annual Collection for the Holy Father – Peter's Pence) (Love Offer for our Seminarians)

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: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, July 03: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Tuesday, July 04: (Independence Day)

9:00 AM, Pastoral Center/Vacation Bible School for pre-K through 6th graders until noon

Wednesday, July 05:

9:00 AM, Pastoral Center/Vacation Bible School for pre-K through 6th graders until noon
6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration until 7:30 p.m. Benediction

Thursday, July 06:

9:00 AM, Pastoral Center/Vacation Bible School for pre-K through 6th graders until noon
12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass/presentations from the VBS team/participants concluding the program with pizza in Pastoral Center

Friday, July 07: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Saturday, July 08: (2nd Collection - Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa)

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

Sunday, July 09: (2nd Collection Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa) (Leave for Catholic Heart WorkCamp – Youth Mission Trip)

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: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Please sign-up for Flock Notes and also follow us on our Facebook or our website: <https://sacredheartseymour.org/>
For bulletins: go online to <https://sacredheartseymour.org/bulletins>. All past and present bulletins are posted.

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MATTHEW 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

ADULTS: When have you felt more fully alive by giving of yourself to another?

CHILDREN: When have you been able to put what someone else needs ahead of what you want for yourself?

ST. THOMAS – FEAST DAY JULY 03

There is very little about the apostle Thomas in the Gospels; one text calls him the "twin." Rarely during Jesus' lifetime does he stand out among his colleagues. There is the instance before the raising of Lazarus, when Jesus was still in Perea and Thomas exclaimed: "Let us also go and die with Him." Best-known is his expression of unbelief after the Savior's death, giving rise to the phrase "doubting Thomas." Nevertheless, the passage describing the incident, had as today's Gospel, must be numbered among the most touching in Sacred Scripture.

In the Breviary lessons Pope St. Gregory the Great makes the following reflections: "Thomas' unbelief has benefited our faith more than the belief of the other disciples; it is because he attained faith through physical touch that we are confirmed in the faith beyond all doubt. Indeed, the Lord permitted the apostle to doubt after the resurrection; but He did not abandon him in doubt. By his doubt and by his touching the sacred wounds the apostle became a witness to the truth of the resurrection. Thomas touched and cried out: My Lord and my God! And Jesus said to him: Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed. Now if Thomas saw and touched the Savior, why did Jesus say: Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed? Because he saw something other than what he believed. For no mortal man can see divinity. Thomas saw the Man Christ and acknowledged His divinity with the words: My Lord and my God. Faith therefore followed upon seeing."

Concerning later events in the apostle's life very meager information exists. The Martyrology has this: "At Calamina (near Madras in India) the martyrdom of the apostle Thomas—he announced the Gospel to the Parthians, and finally came to India. After he had converted numerous tribes to Christianity, he was pierced with lances at the king's command."

—Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch - <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2023-07-03>

INDEPENDENCE DAY – 4TH OF JULY

This Tuesday is the national 247th celebration of our Nation's independence. As we celebrate let us remember to pray that God will strengthen and bless America and make our nation a haven of liberty and justice for all — born and unborn.

Prayer:

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion. Be close to our president and our statesmen; give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world. Make me more deeply aware of my heritage; realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen. Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen



He loves, He hopes, He waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant. - Maria Goretti.

On this 13 Ordinary Sunday our readings speak of discipleship. A Disciple is the one who is always in touch with God. We are reminded of Mary and Martha of Bethany when we think of Discipleship. Martha was busy with all the household chores, but Mary chooses the better part to be at the feet of the Lord. We, too, ought to be at the feet of the Lord from time to time. Who are all called to be Disciples? Discipleship is a call certainly, but it is for all of us Christians. It is for all of us who are baptized and are members of the Catholic Church. Priesthood and Religious life is a vocation and needs a special calling from the Lord in our heart to be his followers through a way of life. Nevertheless, regardless of who we are, all of us are called to be Disciples. Little children to whom the Lord has said that to them belongs the kingdom of heaven is also called to Discipleship. For Discipleship, we need faith and courage, especially in the context of our world of today. To be a Disciple is costly. We need compassion, humility, patience, forgiveness, love, fidelity, self-control, and sacrifice. This will not come all at once, but from time to time with the grace of the Lord. **Are we ready?** Do we have the courage to embark upon this journey! We commemorate the Lord in the Eucharist, who lost his life so that he could save us all! Let us ask Jesus for the graces that we need for our lives to be faithful disciples. **Love and Prayers, Fr. Bose Jjuvarapu**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - In today's Gospel, Jesus minces no words: "whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Few of us will be called to die the way Jesus did. But to be his disciples means having the willingness to lay down our lives with him and for him. Exercising good stewardship of the Gospel requires taking up one's cross daily and following Jesus. There will be dying to do on our way to the Father. It could be unfair treatment, health problems, fatigue, frustration at work, failed relationships, loneliness or sadness. If we, like Jesus, encounter and accept suffering, we will bring the hope of the cross to others. There is no cross the Lord's love cannot transcend. In your reflections this week, consider how your cross, no matter how heavy, might become an instrument of hope and Christ's love.

UPDATE ON DEACON JIM AS OF JUNE 30:

Deacon Jim is still recovering at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Wichita Falls. If he continues to do well he may be released next week with outpatient rehab. He enjoys getting and reading cards/letters from his Church Family. You can mail them to: 3073 CR 222, Seymour, TX 76380 or drop them by the Pastoral Center. Please continue to keep him and his family in your Prayers!



CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP: KANSAS CITY, KANSAS: There will be a mandatory meeting for those going for at least one parent and the youth attendee this Thursday, July 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Center. You will be given a schedule, a packing list and other details about the mission trip. The meeting should not last over one hour or so.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:



"Stellar, Shine Jesus' Light" VBS starts this Tuesday, July 4th – July 6th from 9 AM – to 12 noon for ages 4 (Pre-K) - 6th grade (2023-2024 School Year) at the Pastoral Center. It will end on Thursday, July 6th with Mass at 12:10 PM followed by Pizza in the Pastoral Center.

SEMINARIAN'S LOVE OFFERING – This Weekend July 01/02:



There will be a basket in the foyer after each Mass. Please show them our thanks for all their hard work this past summer!

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: June 25, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,877.00
Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 3,877.00

Envelope Use: 38 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 1,018.00
Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 1,017.00

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

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 68 & Sun. 78 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 Braelyn Latham and her 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.!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARISHES!

The Diocesan Board of Directors of the Advancement Foundation has approved our operational grant requests for the upcoming 2024 fiscal year. Sacred Heart will receive \$15,675 annually and St. Mary of the Assumption will also receive \$12,825. We originally requested a total of \$30,000 combined and were cut to \$28,500... as all parishes were reduced. These grants will be distributed monthly for use in our parishes for administrative salaries, benefits and our Youth Ministry program. This is from the "Annual Diocesan Appeal" we have just finished.

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa - Special Collection

Next Weekend-July 8-9: For the first time since 2020, the Diocese of Fort Worth will take up our collection for the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**. The Church in Africa is joyous and faith-filled, but it also has unique pastoral challenges due to poverty, high rates of disease, food shortages and migration. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for us to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions support Catholic education, family life programs and child protection initiatives that help strengthen and build the growing African Church. Please be generous.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - ATTENTION ALL KIDS:

The Local Society of the KJT Life insurance company will be having a pool/pizza party on **Sunday July 16th at the City of Seymour pool from 7 – 9 PM**. All kids are invited to come, please bring your parents also. Come have fun and eat with us. No charge for this Fun evening. President – Glenn Peters

CATHOLIC CEMETERY COUNCIL:

We are in need of 3 volunteers to be on the Catholic Cemetery Council. Volunteers must be in good standing with in our Sacred Heart Parish. If interested please call the office 940/889-5252.

JULY 2023 MINISTERS LIST

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/HOMEBOUND—Sandy Lane

Saturday	Sunday
Charlotte Wright	Bill Dreyer
Josh Holub	Cindy Cockerell
Roy Novak	

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS—3rd & 5th SUNDAYS

Kyle Barton

MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn Jim Novak

Terry Bench, Marilyn McGough & Cathy Hostas

LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

Saturday	Sunday
Jessica Lane	Donna Carver

USHERS—Terry Bench

Saturday	Sunday
Terry Bench	Gary Wright
John Anderson	Ricky Wright
Hagan Anderson	Cody Wright
Keaton Anderson	Michael Wright

FLOWERS—Donna Carver

01/02—Carolyn Blackard & Summer Blackard

08/09—Suzanne Beach & Kathy Decker

15/16—Katrina Dreyer & Barbie Donnell

22/23—Marianne McCartney & Debbie Knezek

29/30—Shelby Urbanczyk & Jerica Myers

ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

Saturday	Sunday
01—Slayton & Knox	02—Bryson, Madalyn & Easton
08—Graceyn & Cooper	09—Angelina, Harleigh & Ean
15—Jackson & Madeline	16—Stevi, Sebastian & Mason
22—Slayton & Graceyn	23—Case & Ean
29—Cooper & Jackson	30—Angelina & Braelyn

4TH OF JULY - INDEPENDENCE DAY: We join in solidarity with all of our brothers and sisters of the United States of America under God who celebrate freedom from oppression and who cherish justice for all peoples throughout the world.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION – JULY 01/02: Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. Support the collection today at [https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections\(case sensitive\)](https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections(case%20sensitive)).

INDEPENDENCE DAY – 4TH OF JULY

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

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

THANK YOU:

Thanks to Danny Lane, Roy Novak and Seminarian, Luke Vina for cleaning up the flower beds on the North side of the Church.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Set off your own fireworks by giving your spouse the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is July 28-30, 2023. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Questions – email applications@dfwme.org. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

13th Sunday of Ordinary Times - “...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” - Matthew 10:38
Pope Benedict XVI said “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness”. “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

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 Hmccirik, 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 Hmccirik, 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 Hmccirik, Tamara Gann, Dale Peterson, 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, Ruby Robertson, Mike Flippin and Patsy Groves.

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.*