



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JULY 30, 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 31 – August 06)

Monday: 12:10 PM +Wanda Wilson by Terry & Belinda Bench
Tuesday: No Service
Wednesday: **6:00 PM** +Kent Bickly by Shan & Marty Slaggle
Thursday: 12:10 PM **No Service**
Friday: 12:10 PM +Barbara Marek by Sacred Heart Choir
Saturday: 8:00 AM +Rosalie Peters by Sacred Heart Choir
6:00 PM Special Intentions for Paul Holub by Cathy Hostas
Sunday: 8:00 AM Special Intentions for Jimmy Cuba by Carol Vacker (St. Mary)
10:00 AM +Raymond Psencik by Sacred Heart Choir

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (July 31 – August 05)

Mon.: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34	Matthew 13:31-35
Tues.: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28	Matthew 13:36-43
Wed.: Exodus 34:29-35	Matthew 13:44-46
Thurs.: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38	Matthew 13:47-53
Fri.: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37	Matthew 13:54-58
Sat.: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17	Matthew 14:1-12

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: (August 06)

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

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-15
Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19
Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, July 30:

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

Monday, July 31: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Wednesday, August 02:

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration until 7:30 p.m. Benediction

Thursday, August 03: No Service

Friday, August 04: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Saturday, August 05:

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, August 06:

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 Transfiguration of the Lord
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MATTHEW 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

ADULTS: What would you be willing to "sell", or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

CHILDREN: What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY: FEAST DAY – AUGUST 4TH

He was born Jean Marie Baptiste Vianney on May 8, 1786 in the village of Dardilly in France. After serving a time in the army during the Napoleonic period he entered seminary formation to become a priest. He had a very difficult time. He struggled mightily with all of his studies and he had a particularly difficult time with Latin. Many, including his formation directors and instructors in the seminary and his own bishop, had very serious doubts that this man who did not have strong intellectual gifts, would be suitable for the priesthood. However, John Vianney persevered and finally was ordained a priest in 1815. His bishop, acting on his estimation of this new priest as a man of few gifts, sent him to the remotest backwater village of his diocese, the village of Ars. There Fr. John Vianney spent the rest of his life except for one brief period when he tried to flee the duties and pressures of parish life and to find a quiet place where he could pray in peace and solitude. That was not in God's plan for him and he soon returned to Ars. He was a man of great dedication to his call to be a priest and to serve his people. He preached in a very simple manner, had a great love of the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother and he had a special devotion to St. Philomena. Through his work as a confessor he brought about a spiritual renewal that touched not only the people of his parish but all of France. He regularly spent 14 to 18 hours a day in the confessional surviving on only a few hours of sleep and a diet of boiled potatoes. As the word spread of his extraordinary abilities as a confessor, thousands, including bishops and aristocracy, made the journey to Ars in order to receive his spiritual counsel. Thus a man who started his life as one whom very few thought would ever amount to anything became, by the time of his death in 1859, the vehicle for thousands of conversions. He is, for us today, an example of how God works wonderfully through those who dedicate their lives to him and who seek to do his will. John Vianney, a humble parish priest, is regarded by the Church as one of its great figures simply because he was faithful. John Vianney was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. **He is the only diocesan priest ever to be canonized. He is the patron saint of clergy throughout the world.**

"The sign of the cross is the most terrible weapon against the devil. Thus the Church wishes not only, that we have it continually in front of our minds, to recall to us just what our souls are worth and what they cost Jesus Christ but also that we should make it at every juncture ourselves: when we go to bed, when we awaken during the night, when we get up, when we begin any action, and, above all, when we are tempted."

— St. John Vianney

ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI (1696-1787): FEAST DAY – AUGUST 1ST

Alphonsus was a great preacher of the Gospel to the poor. His charity and apostolic spirit led him to found the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer to carry on this work. He sent his Redemptorists, as our Lord did the Apostles, into the countryside and the market towns and villages, to announce the Kingdom of God. He became Bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti, near Naples, and died at the age of ninety, in 1787. For his great works on Moral Theology he has been declared a Doctor of the Church.

Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace. - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



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

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

WE NEED WISDOM: In this context, we can look at the first reading from the first book of Kings. The young King Solomon is told by God, "Ask what you would like me to give you." It is a question that Jesus asks in the Gospel, and He asks us today as we participate in His life mysteries. How am I going to answer? What do I most want to have or to be right now? We can make a good guess at what many people, including ourselves, would likely ask. For many, it would likely have some connection with money or material security. What did Solomon ask for? "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between God and evil, for who could govern these people of yours that is so great?" God discloses His plan for us in the second reading. What is His goal? His goal is for us to be transformed into the image of His Son. In the Gospel, the Kingdom of God is compared to many, especially to the hidden treasure. His joy has no limit when a man discovers anything that is hidden. Similarly, we must be happy when we follow the path of God and find Him in all the people we meet and interact with. They, too, must feel the divine presence in us. Then we can compare our lives with the Kingdom of God here on earth. **Pray and practice:** *Dear Lord, shower Your blessings on us so that we may become a channel of peace and others may find Your presence in us.* God's blessings, Fr. Bose

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that affect the lives of others. During these disquieting times, are we asking God for an understanding heart? Are we exercising good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Are we sharing our compassionate hearts with others?

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Perhaps you wonder at times why we do what we do as Catholics. Or perhaps you have considered becoming a Catholic but just don't know how. Or you know someone that might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. In any case, we invite you to enrich yourself or invite others to learn more by asking questions. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (the RCIA) is for people who either want to learn about Catholics or to become Catholic. If you are in an interfaith marriage and are already actively involved in a church of a different denomination, you may want to understand your family's Catholic faith better. If you are not connected to any faith community, you are most welcome to inquire with us. If after preparation you decide to become Catholic, you will normally be formally accepted at Easter or at Pentecost. **We will be starting in the fall.** If you know someone who may be interested and need a personal invitation, please contact Fr. Bose or Johnny Holub, our Director, with their name.



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.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: July 23, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,684.00
Youth: \$ 4.00 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 3,688.00

Envelope Use: 35 Regular; 1 Youth; 1 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 605.00
Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 605.00

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

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 48 & Sun. 72 St. Mary – 42

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 Ethne & Ella Miller and Their 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.!**

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

DIVORCED CATHOLICS—NOT REMARRIED?

Although the state has the authority to render a civil decree of divorce, it does not have the authority to dissolve the Sacrament of Marriage. Consequently, after a civil decree of divorce, while the contract of marriage is no longer binding by the state, the valid Sacrament of that same Marriage is still binding in the Catholic Church. Therefore, the Catholic who is divorced, but not remarried, is still honoring his/her Sacramental bond of Marriage by not remarrying. Such a Catholic, though divorced, is free to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Find the buried treasures in your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Oct. 27-29, 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.

AUGUST 2023 MINISTERS LIST

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/HOMEBOUND—Sandy Lane

Saturday	Sunday
Jim Castagna	Zachary Schertz
Michael Lane	Greg Knezek
Johnny Holub	???

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS—3rd & 5th SUNDAYS

Kyle Barton

MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn Jim Novak

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

LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

Saturday	Sunday
Kay Flippin	Greg Knezek

USHERS—Terry Bench

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

FLOWERS—Donna Carver

05/06—Suzanne Sturgeon & Tanna Dockins

12/13—Jeanette Holub & Monica Culver

19/20—Connie Boone & Ashleigh Nichols

26/27—Stacy Holub & Cindy Cockerell

ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

Saturday	Sunday
05—Madeline, Knox & Madalyn	06—Easton, Sebastian & Case
12—Slayton & Cooper	13—Angelina & Braelyn
19—Jackson & Graceyn	20—Stevi & Harleigh
26—Knox & Cooper	27—Bryson & Ean

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556): Feast day – July 31

In the year 1521 a cannon ball fractured the left leg of Captain Ignatius Loyola, the future founder of the Jesuits. While he was convalescing, Ignatius read about Christ and His saints and thus turned wholly to God. He then undertook to equip himself for Christ's service by acquiring a good classical and theological education. The members of the Society of Jesus became the shock troops of the Church in the battle against the spread of Protestantism in Europe, as well as one of the greatest foreign mission organizations that the world has known.

He made the restoration of piety among Catholics his first care. He increased the beauty of the sacred buildings, the giving of catechetical instructions, the frequency of sermons and of the sacraments. He everywhere opened schools for the education of youth in piety and letters. He founded at Rome the German College, refuges for women of evil life, and for young girls who were in danger, houses for orphans and catechumens of both sexes, and many other pious works. He devoted himself unweariedly to gaining souls to God. Once he was heard saying that if he were given his choice he would rather live uncertain of attaining the Beatific Vision, and in the meanwhile devote himself to the service of God and the salvation of his neighbor, than die at once certain of eternal glory. His power over the demons was wonderful. St. Philip Neri and others saw his countenance shining with heavenly light. At length in the sixty-fifth year of his age he passed to the embrace of his Lord, whose greater glory he had ever preached and ever sought in all things. He was celebrated for miracles and for his great services to the Church, and Gregory XV enrolled him amongst the saints; while Pius XI, in response to the prayers of the episcopate, declared him heavenly patron of all *Spiritual Exercises*.—Excerpted from *The Liturgical Year*, Abbot Guéranger

O.S.B. <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day>

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: *"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."* - Romans 8:28 - Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

TAKE TIME!

Take time to think.....It is the source of power.
Take time to play.....It is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read.....It is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to pray.....It is the greatest power of earth.
Take time to love and be loved....It is a God-given privilege.
Take time to be friendly.....It is the road to happiness.
Take time to laugh.....It is the music of the soul.
Take time to give.....It is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to work.....It is the price of success.
Take time to do charity.....It is the key to heaven.

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 Hmcirik, 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 Hmcirik, 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, 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, Lane Hmcirik, Logan Hmcirik, Jaime Hmcirik, Mike Flippin, Pinky Pedapudi 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.*

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction – First Saturday

August 05, 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*