



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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: AUGUST 27, 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: (August 28 – September 03)

Monday:	12:10 PM	Special Intentions for Eric Hostas by Cathy Hostas
Tuesday:		No Service
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	+Alvin & Glenna Jungman by Shan & Marty Slaggle
Thursday:	12:10 PM	+Yvonne Boone by Sacred Heart Choir
Friday:	12:10 PM	Special Intentions for Mary Musil & Family by Carol Vacker
Saturday:	8:00 AM	No Service
	6:00 PM	+Theresa Bruggeman by Janice Thornhill
Sunday:	8:00 AM	+Dorothy Cuba by Her Family
	10:00 AM	Special Intentions for Bishop Strickland by Sharon Christian

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (August 28 – September 02)

Mon.:	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10	Matthew 23:13-22
Tues.:	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Mark 6:17-29
Wed.:	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:27-32
Thurs.:	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13	Matthew 24:42-51
Fri.:	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	Matthew 25:1-13
Sat.:	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11	Matthew 25:14-30

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: (September 03)

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
 Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
 Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Sunday, August 27:

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: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, August 28: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Wednesday, August 30:

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration until 7:30 p.m. Benediction
 6:30 PM, Pastoral Center/Parents, Catechists, Aides and Kitchen helpers meeting to finalize 2023-24 Faith Formation sessions

Thursday and Friday:

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Masses

Saturday, September 02: (Blessing of all Catechists, Aides, Kitchen Crew, Security and all helpers for Faith Formation)

No 8 AM Mother Mary Mass and Adoration

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

Sunday, September 03: (Blessing of all Catechists, Aides, Kitchen Crew, Security and all helpers for Faith Formation)

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: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 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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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MATTHEW 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

ADULTS: Which church leaser has most influenced your personal faith?

CHILDREN: What has your pastor taught you about Jesus?

The Passion of St. John the Baptist – August 29th

In addition to the feast of the nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24), the Church, since the fourth century, commemorates the martyrdom of Christ's precursor. According to the Roman Martyrology, this day marks "the second finding of his most venerable head." The body of the saint was buried in Samaria. In the year 362 pagans desecrated the grave and burned his remains. Only a small portion of his relics were able to be saved by monks and sent to St. Athanasius at Alexandria. The head of the saint is venerated at various places. That in the Church of St. Sylvester in Rome belongs to a martyr-priest John. Also in the Dominican church at Breslau the Baptist's head is honored.

—Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch

There is no doubt that blessed John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: "I am the truth"? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.

Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer.

Such was the quality and strength of the man who accepted the end of this present life by shedding his blood after the long imprisonment. He preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men. He was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ.

To endure temporal agonies for the sake of the truth was not a heavy burden for such men as John; rather it was easily borne and even desirable, for he knew eternal joy would be his reward.

Since death was ever near at hand, such men considered it a blessing to embrace it and thus gain the reward of eternal life by acknowledging Christ's name. Hence the apostle Paul rightly says: "You have been granted the privilege not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for his sake." He tells us why it is Christ's gift that his chosen ones should suffer for him: "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us."

—Saint Bede the Venerable <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day>

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA- SEPTEMBER 9/10:

Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Four of the men (**our own Seminarian, Trent Barton is one of the 4 men**) studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Fort Worth are currently attending Theological College, the National Seminary of The Catholic University of America. Please give generously to the Catholic University of America the Weekend of September 9/10 at Mass or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive)



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

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

BE HUMBLE AND FAITHFUL: On this 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus asks two questions to Peter. Both questions were personal. Peter's answers were very significant because his answers were based on his personal experience. Messiah means the anointed one. Jesus was well pleased with Peter's response and gave authority to Him. Jesus said to Peter, "You are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my Church. The rock refers to the foundational belief on which the Church is built. The rock is Peter's faith. Showing Peter's faith, Jesus gave the keys to the kingdom of Heaven. In today's first reading, Isaiah tells us how the keys of authority were taken away from the Shebna, the unfaithful and proud "master of the royal palace", and given to the humble and faithful Eliakim. Humility and faithfulness are the great qualities of a human being. These qualities of people make life unique. When we see at the life of Jesus and find that He was humble before His Father. He surrendered everything to God the Father and chose to become poor. Jesus teaches us to be humble before everyone because it is a sign of strength, but we think that humility is a sign of weakness. On the other side, Jesus was faithful to His Father unto death. As Christians, we are called to be faithful to the Lord and have strong faith in Jesus, like Peter, to enter Heavenly bliss. **Pray and practice:** *Dear Lord, help us look into ourselves the gifts of humility and faithfulness so that we may recognize these virtues and grow in them.* Have a great week, Fr. Bose

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.

FAITH FORMATION (CCD): There will be a Parents, Catechists & Kitchen crew **meeting after the 6 pm Mass in the Pastoral Center this Wednesday, August 30.** There will be discussions on times, schedules, Masses, etc. Parents are strongly encouraged to come. Volunteers are always welcome for kitchen and classroom help. Please review the pages in the foyer on your child/ren's information. Or text Marilyn (940-357-0005) or Donna (940-642-1804) with your children's grade if you haven't already registered them so we can order enough supplies.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - REVIVAL MEETING:

On Wednesday, September 6th at 8:30 PM there will be a Revival meeting at Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 210 S. Ave. M in Olney TX, next to the hospital. The Revival will be "**Fight the Fake News with the Good News**" hosted by Reverend Dave Carpenter and Zachary Schertz.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS:

Zachary Schertz will be restarting his Adult Faith Formation class on September 13. This may coincide with the religious education program for the kids. The series is designed to show what the Catholic Church teaches and why, as well as how this information can be passed to the next generation. He also has handouts for the kids that are available by getting on his email list. The address is SchertzWriting@Yahoo.Com

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: August 20, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 2,556.00
 Youth: \$ 20.00 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 526.00
TOTAL: \$ 3,102.00

Envelope Use: 34 Regular; 1 Youth; 0 Special; 11 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 470.00
 Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 582.00
TOTAL: \$ 1,052.00

Envelope Use: 6 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 6 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 63 & Sun. 97 St. Mary – 31

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 Mason & Angelina Nichols and their Family by Cathy Hostas, For the Ricky Wright Family, For the Living & Deceased members of the Ermis & Simaichl Family by Judy Ermis Holden & 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:

This week office Hours are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wed.!**

Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Needed for Sundays! If you want to do more for your parish, please think about volunteering to be an Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Minister. We are in need of those who would like to serve the "Body and Blood" of Christ in the Eucharist at the **Sunday Mass**. There will be a scheduled training session and commissioning for those who are interested in signing up. If you are interested, please call the office at 940/889-5252 or contact the coordinator, Sandy Lane at 940/733-0868.

MARQUEE SIGN:

Sacred Heart Finance Council has approved the purchase of an electronic/digital sign. This will be replacing the current sign marquee next to Mosler hall. It is estimated to be around \$30,000. The sign is to be purchased from Core Displays from the Metroplex, which maintains the ones located on both our public school campuses. We will allocate this November's OWD net funds to help pay for this expenditure. Should you or your family wish to donate to this endeavor, please contact Deacon Jim. More info to follow.

Blessings Schedule:

September 2/3 – Blessing of all Catechists, Aides, Kitchen crew, Security & all Helpers for Faith Formation
 September 9/10 – Blessing of Children & Youth
 September 16/17 – Blessing of Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
 September 23/24 – Blessing of Readers
 September 30/Oct01 – Blessing of Choir
 October 7/8 – Blessing of Ushers & Greeters
 October 14/15 – Blessing of Altar Servers & Sacristan



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

SEPTEMBER 2023 MINISTERS LIST

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/HOMEBOUND—Sandy Lane

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Jim Castagna	Greg Knezek
Michael Lane	Bill Dreyer
Johnny Holub	???

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS—3rd & 5th SUNDAYS

Kyle Barton

MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn Jim Novak

Jerry Kuhler, Cody & Audra Wright & Greg Knezek

LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Hagan Anderson	Todd McCartney

USHERS—Terry Bench

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Jerry Don Barton	James Knezek
Kyle Barton	Greg Knezek
Slayton Barton	Patrick Knezek
Graceyn Barton	David Birkenfeld

FLOWERS—Donna Carver

02/03—Renee Hoyt & Cathy Lohman
09/10—Eloisa Banez & Belinda Bench
16/17—Shellye Kuehler & DeeDee Peters
23/24—Mandy Miller & Alicia Hostas
30/Oct 01—Cathy Hostas & Janice Peters

ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
02—Madeline & Jackson	03—Angelina & Case
09—Madalyn & Slayton	10—Stevi, Sebastian & Easton
16—Graceyn & Cooper	17—Bryson & Braelyn
23—Madeline & Jackson	24—Stevi & Sebastian
30—Knox & Slayton	Oct. 01—Harleigh, Ean & Mason

2023 RED MASS- SEPTEMBER 28TH

The Red Mass Committee invites all attorneys, judges, public officials, law students, and their families and staff to attend the Red Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St., in downtown Fort Worth. The Red Mass is an ancient tradition of the Church and Bar and is offered to invoke divine guidance and strength through the coming year. Reception and dinner to follow at the Fort Worth Club featuring Notre Dame Law Professor Nicole S. Garnett as the keynote speaker. Prof. Garnett will speak on religious liberty and education policy. CLE credit is pending. RSVP is required by September 20th to attend the reception and dinner. To RSVP and for more information, visit www.fortworthredmass.org.

Annual Diocesan Appeal – 2023/2024:

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Goals for our Parishes:

Sacred Heart – \$18,900 St. Mary of the Assumption – \$4,800



Our Blessed Sacrament in our Tabernacle and our Shrine with votive candles are open Daily. Stop in and pray today!

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 September.** If you know someone who may be interested and need a personal invitation, please contact Fr. Bose, Dcn. Jim or Johnny Holub, our Director, with their name.

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

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, 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 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, 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 Hrnecirik, Logan Hrnecirik, Jaime Hrnecirik, Mike Flippin, Pinky Pedapudi, Patsy Groves, Karen Bruggeman, Manny Perez, Eric Hostas, Neal McGough & Brent Graves.

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.*

Update on Deacon Jim Novak's Recovery

Just to give everyone a little update on my present condition. It's been a long several months for me... beginning last November 2022 when I decided to have my right arm and hand nerves repaired. The arm and the shoulder were experiencing constant pain and tingling to the point I couldn't sleep well. That was the spinal fusion surgery on my 5, 6, 7th vertebrae conducted by a neurosurgeon in Round Rock, Tx. last November. If you recall, I wore a full neck brace for a full three months. I was told to not drive and take it easy with plenty of rest. I finally after six weeks began working part time ... half-days for a week or so.

I also began driving again for about three weeks when I suffered a stroke. That happened during Lent. It was in the back part of my brain which affects the vision. My left quadrant's vision in both eyes have a distortion that I must compensate for. I was told at the hospital that I had a migraine headache. Waking up the next morning with the same visual symptoms, we decided to go straight to Wichita Falls United Regional for a MRI and I was admitted immediately. They did a head CT and two MRI's which spotted the stroke and a tumor, the size of a lemon. I truly believe it was a God-send. Why would I have ever had any reason to check my head area for that tumor?

The tumor was suspicious of cancer... but to do a biopsy then could cause further damage or another stroke. That's why I was told by protocol to wait a full three months before the craniotomy. It had to come out because of its size and location. I received another MRI in May, which was inconclusive, only minor growth if any. The date chosen for the craniotomy was set for June 12.

June 5th our two seminarians arrived and we mapped out their assignments to include visitations to the sick, shut-ins, VBS, the CHWC in Kansas and such. They were to assist with all liturgies and take care of the garden with weeding and harvesting. I only had a week with them before my surgery.

I survived the surgery finding the tumor to be completely benign. However, about day two, I developed a severe brain bleed and another stroke which required platelets being given. I had no memory of three weeks or so. Family told me I knew no one's names or relationship, or even who I was and would only repeat back what someone would say. I slowly began to heal and regain my strength and physical abilities. I spent two weeks at Encompass Rehab in Wichita Falls doing therapy... speech, physical, and occupational. I finally gained enough strength and progress to be released after 2 weeks there to go home. Most of my struggles were remembering people and their names. I spent most of my waking time in prayer, reading the bible and the Catholic Catechism. I had begun both of the pod-cast

series... the “Bible in a Year” and the “Catechism in a Year”... both by Fr. Michael Schmitz by Ascension Press. I was trying to gain back my cognitive recollection and prayer life.

I am currently completing two full months of physical and speech therapy at the North Texas Rehab Center in Wichita Falls. My two therapists are very pleased with my progress. I still require about 10 or so hours of rest daily. It has been a great ordeal.

My gratitude goes out to all who have been there for me. I thank God, the Holy Trinity, Mother Mary, St. Joseph, my guardian angel, Blessed Father McGivney, and all the saints. I thank especially my spouse, Rilda, as my soulmate for 51 years. She has been so loving and caring...feeding me, clothing me, and all the “driving.” I am truly blessed! To all our children, grandchildren, friends who have prayed for my recovery, I appreciate your efforts. I also wish to recognize Bishop Olson as he invoked all deacons and their wives to pray to Blessed Fr. McGivney for his intercession for healing. An invocation prayer was sent to all the deacons in our diocese. I cannot fathom the numerous prayer notes, cards and best wishes I have received and all those who have called, visited and checked in on me and my recovery. Thanks to Fr. Bose and all those who brought me the Blessed Sacrament. Thanks to Belinda Bench, our secretary, for her generous work and filling in for the parish duties I once did. Thanks to all the priests and seminarians for their prayers.

Please know I will be trying to apply shortly for my driving privileges in the next two weeks so I can get back to part-time work at the office and garden. Please again know how blessed I have been and how much everyone has touched my recovery experience. I may not be able to assist at weekend Masses, but hope to slowly return serving at one per weekend. I still have issues with my balance and may stumble. Thanks again for all who have been there for me. May God bless you all! Deacon Jim