



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPTEMBER 17, 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: (September 18 - 24)

Monday:	12:10 PM	No Service
Tuesday:		No Service
Wednesday:	5:30 PM	Special Intention for Kilfton & Jenni Moline & Kids by Cathy Hostas
Thursday:	12:10 PM	+Valerie Bowen by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Friday:	12:10 PM	+Bertrand Danos, Jr. by Sacred Heart Choir
Saturday:	8:00 AM	+Barbara Marek by Sacred Heart Choir
	6:00 PM	+Jerry Ray Hampton by Terry & Belinda Bench
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Special Intentions for Patty & Price Smith by Carol Vacker
	10:00 AM	+Lucille & Louis Kabala by Donna Carver

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (September 18 - 23)

Mon.:	1 Timothy 2:1-8	Luke 7:1-10
Tues.:	1 Timothy 3:1-13	Luke 7:11-17
Wed.:	1 Timothy 3:14-16	Luke 7:31-35
Thurs.:	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13	Matthew 9:9-13
Fri.:	1 Timothy 6:2c-12	Luke 8:1-3
Sat.:	1 Timothy 6:13-16	Luke 8:4-15

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: (September 24)

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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
 Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
 Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Sunday, September 17: (Annual Diocesan Appeal Commitment Weekend)

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, September 18: NO MASS

Wednesday, September 20:

5:30 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration with Benediction at 7:15 p.m.

6:00 PM, Mosler Hall/Meal for all children/youth in Religious Education, Youth Discipleship, RCIC and all parish ministries

6:30 PM, Pastoral Center/Faith Formation sessions for all grades until 7:15 p.m. or completion

Thursday and Friday:

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Masses

Saturday, September 23: (Blessing of Readers) Annual Diocesan Appeal Follow-up Weekend

8:00 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

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

Sunday, September 24: (Blessing of Readers) Annual Diocesan Appeal Follow-up Weekend

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MATTHEW 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

ADULTS: When someone hurts you, are you more inclined to be just or to be merciful?

CHILDREN: When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

St. Matthew – Feast Day September 21

No one was more shunned by the Jews than a publican, who was a Jew working for the Roman enemy by robbing his own people and making a large personal profit. Publicans were not allowed to trade, eat, or even pray with others Jews.

One day, while seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at Matthew and said two words: "Follow me." This was all that was needed to make Matthew rise, leaving his pieces of silver to follow Christ. His original name, "Levi," in Hebrew signifies "Adhesion" while his new name in Christ, Matthew, means "Gift of God." The only other outstanding mention of Matthew in the Gospels is the dinner party for Christ and His companions to which he invited his fellow tax-collectors. The Jews were surprised to see Jesus with a publican, but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but sinners."

Though little else is known about the life of St. Matthew, we know that he was close to Jesus, becoming an apostle and authoring one of the four gospel accounts. Matthew wrote his Gospel for Jewish people who had become followers of Christ. He wanted his audience to know that Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised to send to save all people. Matthew's Gospel makes clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of everything said by the prophets in the Old Testament. Matthew is also the only Evangelist who shares the eight Beatitudes with his readers. His Gospel faithfully reports how Jesus described who will be truly blessed by God in the Kingdom and the attitudes and actions that are required for those who follow the new Law Jesus came to bring.

After Jesus' Ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel, as Jesus asked his disciples to do. It is believed that he established Christian communities in Ethiopia and other sections of the continent of Africa. Tradition tells us that he died as a martyr.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day> - *While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."* – Matthew 9:10-13

Mark your calendar – Olde World Dinner – November 5th 2023 (Planning Meeting –Monday, Sept. 25th @ 6 p.m.)

2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON OLDE WORLD DINNER

Sausage	Jerry Don Barton	Bacon	Chris Jakubicek
Publicity / Lists	Belinda Bench/Marilyn McGough	Country Store	Barbie Donnell
Decorations	Pam Jackson	Outdoor Cooking	Nathan Cockerell/Danny Blackard/Danny Lane
Take-Out Plates	Charlotte Wright/Teacher Line	Dressing	Cindy Coltharp
Pies	Sandy Lane	Outside Sales	John Anderson/Greg Knezek
Kolache Making	Donna Carver/Sharon Christian	Cooking Sausage	Terry Bench
Meal Tickets	Jim Castagna [Inside]	Dining-In Help	Youth Discipleship
Raffle Ticket	Roy Novak	Trash Pick Up	Youth Discipleship
Sauerkraut	Marty Slaggle	Tea/Coffee Refills	Youth Discipleship
Selling Sausage	Rilda Novak	Gravy	???
Green Beans	Randy Coltharp	Music	???
Tea & Coffee	Janice Thornhill/Chris Jakubicek	Greeters	Todd Hrnecirik/Jon Hrnecirik
Potatoes	Chuck Myers/Shannon Donnell	Clean-up	Jeff Groves

FORGIVE TO BE FORGIVEN “If we do not become this Church of closeness with attitudes of compassion and tender love, we will not be the Lord’s Church.” - Pope Francis. On this 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time all three readings concentrate on a theme which is forgiveness. The first reading says that one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance, while the second reading speaks of our living for Christ. In the Gospel, through a parable, Jesus shows that, while a man is often incapable of forgiving in even a petty issue, at the same time, we seek mercy from the Lord for our grievous sins. The Lord is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, and merciful. He is always willing to forgive us, but what is our disposition towards others to whom we hold our grudges and hatred? We cannot dispose of ourselves well unless we forgive others to receive God’s forgiveness. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, you are asking is a mockery. Let this be the pattern for all of us when we practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you. Jesus said, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” (Mt 9:13) **Pray and Practice:** *Lord, teach us Your generosity. Give us the grace to forgive others wholeheartedly as You forgive us, and by forgiving, may we grow in mercy.* Have a great week, **Fr. Bose**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Today’s Gospel reading continues Jesus’ instructions on being good stewards of others—the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.”

FAITH FORMATION:

Faith Formation classes will be on Wednesdays with Mass at 5:30 PM, meal at 6 PM and sessions from 6: 30 – 7:15 PM. Security will be on duty until 7:30 PM. **Helpers are still needed in Kitchen and Clean up.**

OWD COMMITTEE/FINANCE/PASTORAL MEETING:

OWD Committee/Finance/Pastoral meeting will be next Monday, September 25th at 6 PM in the Pastoral office. All members are urged to attend as we plan our November Olde World Dinner details.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 24TH:



Next Sunday is Priesthood Sunday. Join us in praying for our priests, praising God for their courage and generosity. Let us show **Fr. Bose** our encouragement and gratitude in thoughts and deeds. God Bless our priests! Saint John Vianney, the Patron of Priests says, *“The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see a Priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS BY ZACH SCHERTZ:

This Wednesday, September 20 from 6:30 – 7:15 PM, **The Catholic Church and how it is Run.** This week we go into a lot of the details about how the Catholic Church is run. The Catholic Church is vastly complex and has a large hierarchy in the background. To get a copy of the handouts, email SchertzWriting@Yahoo.Com

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: September 10, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 4,318.00
Youth: \$ 285.00 Special: \$1,070.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 5,673.00

Envelope Use: 42 Regular; 4 Youth; 21 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 643.00
Youth: \$ 20.00 Special: \$ 210.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 873.00

Envelope Use: 7 Regular; 1 Youth; 4 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 51 & Sun. 90 St. Mary – 43

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 Jacqueline Rangel and her 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.!**

Confirmation Events for 2024: FYI...for our 2024 Confirmation Youth and their parents: the scheduled retreats available for the Sacrament of Confirmation this next year are: All day Friday, March 15th being held here in the Pastoral Center organized by the NET (National Evangelization Team)... 9:00 a.m. until the closing 5:30 p.m. evening Mass; or Saturday, March 23rd all day at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Wichita Falls hosted by MSU students. More information will be forthcoming in the bulletin. The fee per person will be \$50 each at this time. Confirmation Sunday celebrated by Bishop Olson will be Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday), April 7, 2024. Please mark your calendars.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Commitment Weekend

While the world tries to convince us that we are valued only for what we can produce, the Gospel reminds us of the real truth of life: we are loved. This is our strength and our identity: we are God’s loved ones. At times we create an idea of holiness based on ourselves and our personal heroics, turning holiness into an unattainable goal. Being a disciple of Jesus and advancing on the path of holiness means letting ourselves be transfigured by the power of God’s love. Join our parish in meeting our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal, honoring Christ’s commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Thank you for making a commitment to the Annual Diocesan Appeal today online at bit.ly/DiocesanAppeal

THIS IS MY BODY-A CALL TO EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL:

This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival is designed to accompany that revival. In this brief but illuminating text, Bishop Barron offers a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus’ Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely. We have purchased a few books and have them in the Foyer if anyone one would like to purchase one for \$2.00.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA- Thank you for your generous contributions to last week's special collection for **The Catholic University of America!** Your investment enables Catholic University to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our 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. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, you can still give online at [https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections\(case sensitive\)](https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections(case%20sensitive)).

Annual Diocesan Appeal – 2023/2024:

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

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Love one another as I have loved you:

"I give you a new commandment says the Lord: love you another as I have loved you."
– John 13:34

Commitment Weekend - September 16/17

Follow up Weekend – September 23/24

Goals for our Parishes:

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

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.

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 have started on sessions on Tuesdays 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.

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. RSVP is required by **September 20th** to attend the reception and dinner. To RSVP and for more information, visit www.fortworthredmass.org.

DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH SEMINARIANS LIST:

In the Foyer there are copies of a list of our Seminarians with their names, classification, place of study, address, phone #, Diocesan email and date of birth, if you are interested in keeping in touch.

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

Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion Needed for Wednesday & 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 **Wednesday & 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL SAUSAGE & FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

- Make plans to attend the Knights of Columbus Sausage & Fried Chicken Dinner in **Rhineland**, Sunday, **October 8th**. Serving time will be from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Cost: Adults and Take-Out \$15.00 – Children (10 & younger) \$8.00. Cooked Sausage (2 lb for \$15) will be available on that day. St. Ann's Mothers' Society will have a Country Store with homemade baked goods & Arts and Craft items. Raw Bulk sausage will be available Saturday, Oct. 7th at 10AM at Brown's Store (\$6 per lb).

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, 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, 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 Hmrcirik, Logan Hmrcirik, Jaime Hmrcirik, Mike Flippin, Pinky Pedapudi, Patsy Groves, Karen Bruggeman, Manny Perez, Eric Hostas, Neal McGough, Brent Graves, Chris Allen, Leon Lagesse, Jr. & Lynette Lyles.

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