



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 19, 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: (November 20 - 26)

Monday: 12:10 PM +Tommy Carver by Joe & Mary Hrnccirik
Tuesday: No Service
Wednesday: **6:00 PM** Special Intentions for Danny & Sandy Lane by Cathy Hostas (Thanksgiving Vigil)
Thursday: 12:10 PM **No Service – Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!**
Friday: 12:10 PM **No Service**
Saturday: 8:00 AM **No Service**
6:00 PM Special Birthday Intentions for Lindsay Brasher by Mike & Kay Flippin
Sunday: 8:00 AM +Alan Bewley by Deacon Jim & Rilda Novak
10:00 AM +Raymond Redder by Sacred Heart Choir

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (November 20 - 25)

Mon.: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	Luke 18:35-43
Tues.: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31	Luke 19:1-10
Wed.: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31	Luke 19:11-28
Thurs.: 1 Kings 8:55-61 1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Luke 1:39-55
Fri.: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59	Luke 19:45-48
Sat.: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13	Luke 20:27-40

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: (November 26)

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

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, November 19: Rite of Welcome for RCIA Catechumens and Candidates (2nd Collection –for Human Development)

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass (Preceded by Holy Rosary)
9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by Mass/**7th & 8th grade Bake Sale for children at St. Jude Children's Hospital**
6:00 PM, 1st Baptist Church/Community Thanksgiving Service followed by fellowship (bring finger food)
All Weekend Liturgies: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, November 20: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Wednesday, November 22: (Faith Formation and Adult Faith Formation Suspended)

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Thanksgiving Vigil Mass

Thursday and Friday: No Service (Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving)

Saturday, November 25: (No 8 AM Saturday Morning Mass)

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

Sunday, November 26:

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: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
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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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MATTHEW 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

ADULTS: What gift haven't you developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

CHILDREN: What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- November 21



As we venerate the glorious memory of the most holy Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession, that we, too, may merit to receive from the fullness of your grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

MONTH OF NOVEMBER



Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace but who are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven venial sins and all other sins already forgiven for which satisfaction is still to be made. They are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must suffer in Purgatory. The Holy Souls cannot help themselves because for them the night has come, when no man can work (John 9:4). It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works, and, especially, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Prayer:

INVOCATION: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY: My Jesus, by the sorrows Thou didst suffer in Thine agony in the Garden, in Thy scourging and crowning with thorns, in the way to Calvary, in Thy crucifixion and death, have mercy on the souls in purgatory, and especially on those that are most forsaken; do Thou deliver them from the dire torments they endure; call them and admit them to Thy most sweet embrace in paradise. Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal rest, etc.

FOR ALL THE DECEASED: By Thy resurrection from the dead, O Christ, death no longer hath dominion over those who die in holiness. So, we beseech Thee, give rest to Thy servants in Thy sanctuary and in Abraham's bosom. Grant it to those, who from Adam until now have adored Thee with purity, to our fathers and brothers, to our kinsmen and friends, to all men who have lived by faith and passed on their road to Thee, by a thousand ways, and in all conditions, and make them worthy of the heavenly kingdom. Byzantine Liturgy

In the first reading, we hear about light and darkness. How do people in the light behave? People of light think beyond themselves, wish well for the world beyond theirs, and invest their time and labour for that. They are the people who give with joy and find the joy of giving itself as their greatest reward. People of light lighten up the world around them. We also see King Solomon of the Old Testament. He started well; God was the center of his life, and he relied on Him completely. He asked nothing for himself: no long life, no wealth and no honour, but requested the gift of wisdom to rule his people. But slowly, Solomon's interest narrowed down to his glory and pleasure. Solomon forgot that the glory and wealth he had received were not due to his merit but God's generosity and faithfulness to his promise to David. His heart failed to stand for justice and care for his people. The third person in the Gospel story also has a life lesson for us. Our achievements in life will just be as big as our attitudes in life. If I am an optimistic person in life, my mind will breed creative energy in all spheres. **Pray and Practice.** *Lord, help us to be humble and always depend on Your providence. Give us grace that our treasures, positions will not devour our self-worth and devotion to You.* **Fr. Bose**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time –In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It's a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns. All that we have belongs to God as gifts. Reflect this week on how you are returning your own God-given gifts back to God with increase.

ADVENT MISSION - Endings and New Beginnings in

"Afterlife, Interrupted; Helping Stuck Souls Cross Over"

Presenter, Fr. Nathan Castle, OP - "I believe we are eternal. I believe the Creator who made us loves us —wildly. Beyond belief. My mission is to help people live in the present, feel loved, and dwell in joyful hope. As a Catholic priest I specialize in helping those who feel "stuck"— whether in this Earthly life or in the afterlife — experience freedom."

Sunday, December 3rd - beginning with Pot-Luck meal at 5 PM followed by presentation until 8 PM.

Monday, December 4th - 10:30 AM – 12 noon followed by 12:10 Mass and 6 – 7:30 PM (no Mass)

Tuesday, December 5th - 10:30 AM – 12 noon followed by 12:10 Mass and 6 – 7:30 PM (no Mass)

"LET US GIVE THANKS!"

Thanksgiving Day is a uniquely special holiday for most Americans, where we celebrate family unity. Good stewards approach this holiday with a deep sense of prayer, gratitude and joy. They are reminded that their lives and daily activities are a constant act of thanksgiving, all of which give glory to God, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist. **Please come for Thanksgiving Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart on Wednesday, November 22 at 6 PM** to celebrate the gifts we have received.

FAITH FORMATION & ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

There will be **No** sessions on Wednesday, November 22nd. We wish everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving week.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: November 12, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 5,992.00

Youth: \$ 301.00 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 25.00

TOTAL: \$ 6,318.00

Envelope Use: 50 Regular; 6 Youth; 0 Special; 1 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 562.00

Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0

TOTAL: \$ 562.00

Envelope Use: 5 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 79 & Sun. 85 St. Mary – 44

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 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 10am – 3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wed.!**

Seymour Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving Prayer service!

This Sunday, November 19th, at 6 PM. is the annual Community Thanksgiving Prayer Service being held at the First Baptist Church, 420 North Washington St. This is open to everyone as it is the annual gathering for prayer to offer thanks for the blessings of community through our Christian churches. Please bring canned goods and also some finger foods for the fellowship afterwards.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS HOSTED BY

ZACHARY SCHERTZ: Next Wednesday, November 29th from 6:30 – 7:10 PM in Mosler Hall immediately after the youth meals –

Advent - Next week we will talk about several misconceptions about Christmas as well as the true meaning. To get a copy of the handouts, email SchertzWriting@Yahoo.Com

Jr. High Students Holding Fundraiser - November 19, 2023

For many years, our 7th and 8th grade catechism class has purchased Christmas gifts for the children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. However, last year the cost of shipping these presents exceeded \$150. Because of the high cost of shipping, our class decided that the cost of shipping would be better spent sending a check to St. Jude's in lieu of gifts. **Our Jr. High students will be holding a bake sale after Mass this Sunday, November 19th to raise money for these children.** All proceeds will be sent to St. Jude's along with letters from the 7th and 8th grade students. We only have four students, but every little bit will help these young cancer patients. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THE BOOK OF THE DEAD:

Our Book of the Dead will be available the month of November to record our deceased loved ones. It will be placed on the podium to the right of the Altar. Those yearly intentions are mentioned to remember in our prayers all those recorded in our Book of the Dead.

PRAY FOR RAIN FOR OUR FIELDS, CROPS, RANGELANDS AND RESERVOIRS!

THANKS – OWD: Thanks to our local United for donating .10 per lb off our Olde World Dinner turkeys as well as \$120.00 off total price. Also, Thanks once again to Tyson Food for donating the 100 lbs of bacon that was used in our green beans and sauerkraut.

November: A Month to Reflect on Gratitude and Giving:

Towards the end of each year, it is easy for us to become distracted with the busyness and planning for the upcoming holidays, starting with Thanksgiving. As Christian stewards, it is an important aspect of our faith to live each day in gratitude and to prayerfully discern and reflect on what we are giving back to God through our parish, diocese and other charitable institutions in the coming year. Now is a good time to reflect on what priority we will give to God in our spending. Christian stewards acknowledge with gratitude that even our financial resources, our material wealth ultimately come from God. Exercising good stewardship over the money one makes, manages, spends and offers back to God is a tangible measure of their gratitude to God and their spiritual health. Giving generously to their parish, dioceses and institutions of the universal Church is second nature to good stewards. They prayerfully reflect on their ability to give and return the “first fruits” of their financial resources back to God (Leviticus 23:10). The good steward’s desire is to put God first among his or her spending priorities. They take seriously the psalmist’s question: “What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12). The best way to respond to God’s loving generosity is by reflecting that generosity day by day. What God does in Jesus’ human life is a much magnified version of what happens when we take time to pray, offer our time and talents to our parish family or when family budgets and spending habits are reprioritized to conform more devotedly to the Gospel. The stewardship question is not, “Should I do these things?” but rather, “How much should I do?” Take time during this month of November to reflect prayerfully on God’s generosity toward you, on the quality of your own life of gratitude and what you are doing and can do to further God’s kingdom by your own giving patterns in the coming year. <https://catholicstewardship.com> - Monthly eBulletin

Catholic Campaign for Human Development November 18/19:

Please be generous in this weekend’s special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd. You can give online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FUND DRIVE: Please consider a donation to help our annual drive to raise funds for the Ministerial Alliance. In the month of November and December the community churches ask for your support to replenish our funds so that we can help those needy within our local community. You may simply drop off a donation or place a donation in the weekly collections marked “Ministerial Alliance.” There are also boxes in our Seymour stores for your convenience.

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.

2024 LECTOR WORKBOOKS: The books are on the table at the back of the Church. Readers please take one & mark your name off the list.

Annual Diocesan Appeal – 2023/2024:

Love one another as I have loved you: *“I give you a new commandment says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.”* – John 13:34 - Your gift to the 23/24 Annual Diocesan Appeal provides funds to ministries and programs in these categories.

- Gratitude and Support for the Clergy
- Outreach to Rural and Needy Parishes and Schools
- Hope and Healing for the Poor
- Love and Strengthening for Families
- Faith and Formation for Future Generations
- Stewardship education and development support for parishes

Goals for our Parishes:

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

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, 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, Nick Bryant, Linda Willis, Sandra & Ricky Moorhouse, Korbett Loftin, June Hmrcirik, Rickey Bohanon, 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, Ashley Wright-Burke & Family, Phyllis Molina, Betty Hernandez, Larry(Pero) Elliott, Ruby Robertson, Lane Hmrcirik, Logan Hmrcirik, Jaime Hmrcirik, Mike Flippin, Patsy Groves, Karen Bruggeman, Manny Perez, Eric Hostas, Chris Allen, Loy Studer, Leon Lagesse, Jr., Lynette Lyles, Kaylan Carter & Peggy Brown.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN: 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.*

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