



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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH: DECEMBER 31, 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: (January 01 - 07)

Monday: 8:00 AM For the Special Intentions of John Cuba by Deborah Bewley (New Year's Day SM)
10:00 AM Special Safe Travel Intentions for Fr. Bose by Terry & Belinda Bench (New Year's Day SH)

Tuesday: **No Service**

Wednesday: 5:30 PM +Sherry Mae Hons by Susan Gulley

Thursday: 12:10 PM +Johnny Joe Matus by Melvin & Shirlee Motl

Friday: 12:10 PM **No Service**

Saturday: 8:00 AM **No Service**
6:00 PM For the Special Intentions of Cindy & Ronnie Hostas by Cathy Hostas

Sunday: 8:00 AM +Dorothy Cuba by her Family (St. Mary)
10:00 AM +Martha Simek Studer by Melvin & Shirlee Motl

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (January 01 - 06)

Mon.: Number 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21
Tues.: 1 John 2:22-28		John 1:19-28
Wed.: 1 John 2:29—3:6		John 1:29-34
Thurs.: 1 John 3:7-10		John 1:35-42
Fri.: 1 John 3:11-21		John 1:43-51
Sat.: 1 John 5:5-13		Mark 1:7-11

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: (January 07)

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

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Vigil)

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: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

5:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God Vigil (New Year's Eve)

Monday, January 1: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God (New Year's Day)

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/ Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God
10:00 AM, Sacred Heart Mass/ Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

Wednesday, January 03:

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
6:30 PM, Mosler Hall/Adult Faith Formation sessions until 7:10 p.m. (Bi-Lingual)

Thursday, January 04: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Saturday, January 06:

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

Sunday, January 07: The Epiphany of the Lord (Removal of Christmas decorations)

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 Epiphany of the Lord
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Lim

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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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH: LUKE 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

ADULTS: How do your family members know that you are a compassionate person?

CHILDREN: What family member needs your compassion and kindness right now?



O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Monday, January 1st



"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom."

NEW YEAR'S STEWARDSHIP RESOLUTIONS

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in the following quick samples:

Stewardship of Prayer: Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. Commit to short, daily prayer times.

Stewardship of Family: Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together.

Stewardship of Health: Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

Stewardship of Money: Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

Stewardship of the Poor: Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.

FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY: Human beings are social beings. They require spaces to interact with, which society provides. Within the social framework, family plays the most vital role in shaping and molding an individual's identity. We experience both happiness and sorrow within the household. Even when we feel all is lost, our loved ones remind us of their ever visible presence. Family indeed is the home of God's wisdom manifested through parents. Today's Gospel is an ardent call to imitate the life of the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph bowed before God in humble obedience and together accepted the Divine will. Their "yes" to the Almighty comes with a price. Nonetheless, the providence of God and an increase in faith raised them to the status of model for every earthly parent. God favors the family where the child Jesus grows in wisdom. **A family that prays together, stays together.** This concept is beautifully displayed in St. Paul's letter to the Colossians. He describes the values that are required for Christian family living. Of all the qualities, love ought to outshine the rest. When love becomes the guiding factor, everything else falls into place in the family. Respect and honor shown towards parents equate reverence to God. Thus, the invitation to every child is to become more Christ-like in their words and deeds. The phrase 'When one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it,' summarizes the essence found in this cradle of love. **Pray and Practice:** *Dear Lord, help me to honor the sacrifices of my parents which have shaped my destiny. May your light of love be their constant companion.* Hope and pray you have a great year of Love and fun **Fr. Bose**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

NEW YEAR'S LITURGICAL SERVICES

Monday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day) – All are welcome to join us for Schedule of Services at Sacred Heart Church in Seymour and St. Mary of the Assumption in Megargel:

New Year's Eve/December 31

5:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart in Seymour

New Year's Day/January 1

8:00 AM Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption in Megargel

10:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart in Seymour

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS:

Faith Formation sessions starts back up this Wednesday, January 3rd. 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS HOSTED BY

ZACHARY SCHERTZ: This Wednesday, January 03 from 6:30 – 7:10 PM in Mosler Hall immediately after the youth meals -

The Vocation Sacraments - This week we will talk about how Matrimony and Holy Orders create a life-long bond to which someone devotes himself. To get a copy of the handouts, email SchertzWriting@Yahoo.Com

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.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: December 24, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,886.00

Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 1,884.00

TOTAL: \$ 5,770.00

Envelope Use: 41 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 26 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 883.00

Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 10.00 Holy Day: \$ 671.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,564.00

Envelope Use: 8 Regular; 0 Youth; 1 Special; 8 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 84 & Sun. 95 St. Mary – 33

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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who were involved in any way with the decorating and preparations for the Christmas season. Our church in its beauty is appropriately acknowledging our gratitude of the gift of the Incarnation and its recognition of the birth of Christ in our world and our lives. Thanks to the choir, the sacristans, altar servers, readers, those who donated the poinsettias and other volunteers who made our Christmas celebrations possible. Thanks again to all who sent cards and gifts to Fr. Bose and me. May you continue to be blessed in this New Year! Deacon Jim

PRIEST CARE FUND SPECIAL COLLECTION- JAN.13/14

“A Lifetime of Service Asks for a Moment of Support”

The patron saint of priests, Saint John Vianney, once wrote “*the priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.*” A priest's love also extends to the Catholic faithful as they lead parishes, teach and preach the Gospel and offer the Sacraments.

As faithful Catholics we have an opportunity to return to them, in love, a sense of security in their retirement years by making a gift to the Priest Care Fund. One hundred percent of the money donated to the Priest Care Fund special collection remains in the Diocese of Fort Worth to provide medical and long-term care over and above what is covered by our priests' insurance and other resources.

Together, each year we are able to offset medical expenses for retired and infirm priests in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Please respond in love for their years of generous service by donating to the Priest Care Fund. There are several ways to contribute to this special collection. In addition to the Sunday collection during weekend Masses on January 13/14, donations can also be made at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive). Thank you for honoring our retired priests' lifetime of service.

FR. BOSE VISITING FAMILY IN INDIA:

Please keep Fr. Bose in your prayers as spends time with his family in India. He will depart January 2nd and will return February 8th.

JANUARY 2024 MINISTERS LIST

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—Sandy Lane

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Johnny Holub	Bill Dreyer
Josh Holub	Janice Thornhill
Kyle Barton	???

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS—3rd & 5th SUNDAYS

Suzanne Sturgeon & Sandy Lane

MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn Jim Novak

Jerry Kuhler, Cody & Audra Wright, & Greg Knezek

LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Kay Flippin	Greg Knezek

USHERS—Terry Bench

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Danny Lane	Greg Hertel
Michael Lane	Adam Hertel
Shannon Donnell	Damon Hertel
Glenn Peters	Ean, Easton & Case

FLOWERS—Donna Carver

06/07—Margie Barton & Haley Barton
13/14—Charlotte Wright & Sandra Pavur
20/21—Lucia Rangel & Maria Avila
27/28—Bethany Campbell & Frankie Holub

ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
06—Slayton & Cooper	07—Braelyn & Easton
13—Graceyn & Madalyn	14—Stevi & Sebastian
20—Madeline & Jesica	21—Angelina & Harleigh
27—Jackson & Knox	28—Case & Ean

LITURGICAL NORMS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Season of Christmas is characterized by the use of either white or gold vestments to emphasize that just as brilliant Light, Christ our God has come to us as Savior of the world. The penitential season of Advent gives way to our joyful celebration of the Savior manifested to us. Expanding the full festive use of flowers and resuming the hymn of “Glory to God in the Highest” at all Masses expresses great rejoicing that God is with us. Our Theme for the Christmas Season is “The Word was made Flesh! The season ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.”

Thank You for Supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal

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 - Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift makes a difference to the people whom we will accompany in our shared journey of faith, hope and charity as one Church united in Christ. Thanks to you our **Sacred Heart parish** has **pledged \$13,482.57** from **46 families**. We are striving for 100 percent participation. We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our **parish goal of \$18,900**. Thanks to you our **St. Mary of the Assumption parish** has **pledged \$3,750.00** from **13 families**. We are striving for 100 percent participation. We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our **parish goal of \$4,800**. Please complete and return the commitment form that was mailed to you or donate online at bit.ly/DiocesanAppeal (case sensitive).

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better man. - Benjamin Franklin

THANKS – ANGEL TREE DONATIONS:

Thank you again for your donations to the Angel Tree Family. **\$865** was donated and was used to purchase gift cards from United Supermarket, Dollar General and Family Tree. The children received many gifts of clothing and toys thanks to your generosity. *“Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.”* Mt. 25:40

2024 COLLECTION ENVELOPES:

If you have not picked up your box of envelopes or if you did not have a box to pick up, please come by the office. We still have **20 boxes** at the office not picked up. All family members of our Parish should have a box of envelopes.

YOUTH PROGRAM FUNDING AND ENVELOPES!

Please consider your monthly contributions in using your monthly “youth envelopes” – the gold envelopes included in your box of envelopes. The money goes towards: books & supplies, Youth activities, Wednesday night Faith Formation meals, etc. Thanks for your consideration and continued support.

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, 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 Hrnecirik, 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, Gary Coltharp, Jerry Kuhler, Vivian Steinbach, Ashley Felty, Deidra Groves, Melvin & Shirlee Motl, Jaime & Jim McLarty, Justin Elliott, Lana Studer, Robert Torrez, Waylan Wyatt, Levi Bourland, Chris Scott, Ashley Wright-Burke & Family, Phyllis Molina, Larry (Pero) Elliott, Ruby Robertson, Jaime Hrnecirik, Mike Flippin, Patsy Groves, Karen Bruggeman, Manny Perez, Eric Hostas, Chris Allen, Loy Studer, Leon Lagesse, Jr., Kaylan Carter, Peggy Brown, Scarlett Morrison, Steve & Katrina Dreyer, Rose Gonzales, Jennifer Roy & Karissa Gill.

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.*