



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 21, 2024

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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 22 - 28)

Monday: 12:10 PM **No Service**
Tuesday: **No Service**
Wednesday: 5:30 PM Special Healing & Recovery Intentions for Scarlett Morrison by Shan & Marty Slaggle
Thursday: 12:10 PM +Raymond Redder by Sacred Heart Choir
Friday: 12:10 PM **No Service**
Saturday: 8:00 AM **No Service**
6:00 PM Special Birthday Intentions for Cathy Hostas by Carol Vacker
Sunday: 8:00 AM +Henry and Lillie Mae Novak by Deacon Jim & Rilda Novak
10:00 AM +David Hajek by Jerry & Geraldine Kuhler

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (January 22 - 27)

Mon.: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10	Mark 3:22-30
Tues.: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19	Mark 3:31-35
Wed.: 2 Samuel 7:4-17	Mark 4:1-20
Thurs.: Acts 22:3-16	Mark 16:15-18
Fri.: 2 Timothy 1:1-8	Luke 10:1-9
Sat.: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17	Mark 4:35-41

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: (January 28)

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Sunday, January 21:

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: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Lim

Wednesday, January 24:

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 7:15 p.m. (Bi-Lingual)

Thursday, January 25: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Saturday, January 27: Anointing of the Sick after all Masses (Second Collection – Church in Latin America)

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

Sunday, January 28: Anointing of the Sick after all Masses (Second Collection – Church in Latin America)

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9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by Mass
All Weekend Liturgies: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
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For bulletins: go online to <https://sacredheartseymour.org/bulletins>. All past and present bulletins are posted.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MARK 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

ADULTS: What part of your life is Jesus calling you to change right now?

CHILDREN: In what way do you think you can be a better follower of Jesus?

Human life cannot be seen as an object to do with as we please, but as the most sacred and inviolable earthly reality. There can be no peace when this most basic good is not protected. It is not possible to invoke peace and despise life. – Pope St. John Paul II

9 DAYS OF LIFE:

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. Pope Saint John Paul II *Evangelium vitae*

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life,

Tuesday, January 16 – Wednesday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

NATIONAL DAY OF PENANCE

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.



On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children.

While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very much needed. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or **January 23**, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Prayer For the Unborn child

*Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil,
those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.
Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today
who are not thinking of motherhood.
Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image,
as well as theirs, made for eternal life.
Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts
to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother alone can give.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE- WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 3/4:

St. John Paul II established the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life in 1997 to be celebrated in conjunction with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, also known as Candlemas Day, which highlights the fact that Christ is the light of the world through the symbolic lighting of candles. "Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday, Feb. 4, in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

The focus of this 3rd Sunday of the year is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus begins his ministry saying, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."** Jesus Christ is the Kingdom of Heaven. The kingdom of heaven is first and foremost, the powerful love of God which Jesus brings into human life and experience. It is equally a challenging love; it is both a gift and a task. The kingdom of heaven is God's unconditional love embodied in Jesus Christ. The kingdom of heaven sets us free from sin and guilt, sickness and fear, demonic forces of nature, greed for possessions and power, social and religious isolation and every form of enslavement. The kingdom of heaven enables us to repent by choosing to be under the reign of God's love and believing that God loves us. The kingdom of heaven enables us to love God in others by accepting others as brothers and sisters. The kingdom of heaven enables us to reach out to those in need. The kingdom of heaven enables us to establish a just society by a relationship based on freedom, fellowship, justice and equality. **Pray and Practice:** *Lord Jesus helps us today that our personal belief is strengthened, so that we may give testimony to God's love and presence in the world.* **Fr. Bose.**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's letter from Saint Paul to the Corinthians, he calls upon people of faith to disengage from the world's way of living. He wants the community to step back and see how being entangled with the outside world can be a captivity preventing them from living authentic lives in Christ. Yet, to his way of thinking, disengagement is not an end in itself. Rather, being disengaged and set free, a person can engage the world from the perspective of being one who is "in Christ." Good stewards recognize that they live in a troubled world. Knowing the certainty, however, of God's ultimate kingdom beyond human history, how can we work as good stewards of our daily lives to align the present and the future with that kingdom?

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS HOSTED BY ZACHARY SCHERTZ:

This Wednesday, January 24th from 6:30 – 7:10 PM in Mosler Hall immediately after the youth meals – **Mary and Her Role:** This Week we will discuss Mary and her role as both our mother and Queen of the Universe. To get a copy of the handouts, email SchertzWriting@Yahoo.Com

PRIEST CARE FUND:

Thank you for your generous support of last week's collection for the **Priest Care Fund**. Your contributions provide medical and long-term care for those who care for us. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Simply note "Priest Care Fund" on your check or envelope and add it to the collection by January 30 or give online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive)

CHANGE FOR LIFE! Sunday, January 14 – February 11

Notice there is an oversized baby bottle bank in the foyer and will remain there until Feb. 11. Please put in your spare change (or bills!) to help support the Haskell Pregnancy Care Center. The Center ministers to our area with free pregnancy tests, sonograms, adoption information, and many more life-supporting resources. Your change can change someone's life. And continue to pray for an end to abortion.

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: January 14, 2024

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,278.00
 Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 2,414.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 5,701.00

Envelope Use: 39 Regular; 0 Youth; 32 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 538.00
 Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 72.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 610.00

Envelope Use: 9 Regular; 0 Youth; 1 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat.85 & Sun. 70 St. Mary – 29

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 Madalyn Blackard and her Family by Cathy Hostas.

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.!**

FR. BOSE VISITING FAMILY IN INDIA:

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

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA-WEEKEND OF JAN, 27/28:

Make a Positive Impact by Showing Solidarity with the Church in Latin America. On January 27/28, 2024, Catholics in many dioceses throughout the United States will participate in the special annual collection for the Church in Latin America. Your contribution makes a positive impact by supporting seminary studies for future priests, pastoral ministries that provide reconciliation, spiritual direction, and job search assistance to prisoners completing jail sentences, and other vital ministries that bring the light of Christ into the lives of thousands in Central and South America and the Caribbean islands.

The Church in the United States has strengthened its relationship with the Church in Latin America through this collection for nearly 60 years, and you can join in by giving at Mass or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive)

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK AFTER ALL MASSES-

January 27/28: When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped - for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

BLESSINGS OF THE THROATS – February 3/4:

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr feast day is February 3rd. We will be offering the Blessing all Throats in his Intercession at the dismissal hymn at all Masses over the weekend of February 3/4.

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

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:

The Northwest Deanery meeting will be held at Sacred Heart, Wichita Falls, in the Parish Hall on Thursday, January 25. Join us for our new NCCW theme "A Journey Sharing Our Stories" – emphasis on sharing our council stories. Meet new friends, see old friends, and enjoy a day of faith reflection. Registration will begin at 9:30 with business meeting starting at 10:00. Lunch will be served after Mass. Cost is \$6 which includes a light breakfast and lunch. If you would like to attend, please contact Janice Knezek (940/867-7523) or Donna Carver (940/642-1804) by **this Sunday, January 21.**

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE: FEAST DAY – JANUARY 25TH:

St. Paul was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents who were descended from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Roman citizen from birth. As he was "a young man" at the stoning of Stephen and "an old man" when writing to Philemon, about the year 63, he was probably born around the beginning of the Christian era.

To complete his schooling, St. Paul was sent to Jerusalem, where he sat at the feet of the learned Gamaliel and was educated in the strict observance of the ancestral Law. Here he also acquired a good knowledge of exegesis and was trained in the practice of disputation. As a convinced and zealous Pharisee, he returned to Tarsus before the public life of Christ opened in Palestine.

Some time after the death of Our Lord, St. Paul returned to Palestine. His profound conviction made his zeal develop to a religious fanaticism against the infant Church. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, St. Stephen, and in the fierce persecution of the Christians that followed.

Entrusted with a formal mission from the high priest, he departed for Damascus to arrest the Christians there and bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was nearing Damascus, about noon, a light from heaven suddenly blazed round him. Jesus with His glorified body appeared to him and addressed him, turning him away from his apparently successful career.

An immediate transformation was wrought in the soul of St. Paul. He was suddenly converted to the Christian Faith. He was baptized, changed his name from Saul to Paul, and began travelling and preaching the Faith. He was martyred as an Apostle in Rome around 65 AD. — Excerpted from Lives of the Saints - <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day>

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 **\$15,705.79** from **49 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 \$ **3,862.50** 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).



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

2023 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS:

Your annual letters recording how much you have contributed to our parish and other collections over the 2023 year has been mailed out. This is for your records and tax purposes. If you did not receive one, please notify the office.

MASS INTENTIONS!!! (Low for St. Mary)

Should anyone wish to have a Mass offered in memory of someone living or deceased, you may do so by a Mass stipend of \$5 or more. This stipend will be given to the priest presiding for his own use or donation. You may place your request in the collection basket or drop off your request at the office. **Please make all checks payable to the church that you wish the Mass to be said.**

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, 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 Hmcirik, 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, 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, Mike Flippin, Patsy Groves, Karen Bruggeman, Manny Perez, Eric Hostas, Chris Allen, Loy Studer, Caden Gray & Family, Nellie Cole & Family, Leon Lagesse, Jr., Kaylan Carter, Peggy Brown, Scarlett Morrison, Steve & Katrina Dreyer, Rose Gonzales, Jennifer Roy, Karissa Gill & Kay Bradley.

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.**

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