



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEBRUARY 04, 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: (February 05 -11)

Monday: 12:10 PM **No Service**
Tuesday: **No Service**
Wednesday: 5:30 PM Special Intentions for Fr. Bose by Cathy Hostas
Thursday: 12:10 PM Special Healing Intentions for Jennifer Roy by Donna Carver
Friday: 12:10 PM **No Service**
Saturday: 8:00 AM **No Service**
6:00 PM Special 50th Anniversary Intentions for Sam & Connie Boone by Tony & Jennifer Shahan & Family
Sunday: 8:00 AM Special 99th Birthday Intentions for Mary Cuba Musil by Cuba Family
10:00 AM +Hector Landa by Sacred Heart Choir

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (February 05 - 10)

Mon.: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13	Mark 6:53-56
Tues.: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30	Mark 7:1-13
Wed.: 1 Kings 10:1-10	Mark 7:14-23
Thurs.: 1 Kings 11:4-13	Mark 7:24-30
Fri.: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19	Mark 7:31-37
Sat.: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34	Mark 8:1-10

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: (February 11)

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

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1
Holy Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Sunday, February 04: (Blessing of Throats at all Masses)

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

Wednesday, February 07:

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, February 08: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Saturday, February 10: (“Souper” Bowl Collection)

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

Sunday, February 11: (RCIA: “Rite of Sending Forth”) (“Souper” Bowl Collection)

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass (Preceded by Holy Rosary)
9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by Mass
2:30 PM, Our Lady Queen of Peace/“Call to the Easter Sacraments” for all catechumens and candidates for NW Deanery
All Weekend Liturgies: Sixth 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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MARK 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

ADULTS: When have you felt the sadness of Job? When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus?

CHILDREN: What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs: February 06

Nagasaki, Japan, is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, killing hundreds of thousands. Three and a half centuries before, twenty-six martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers and laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans and servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his church.

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: "The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.

—Excerpted from *Saint of the Day*, Leonard Foley, O.F.M. - <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar>

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Next Weekend – February 10/11



Each year thousands of individuals and groups from all fifty states participate in Souper Bowl of Caring donation fundraisers for their local food charity of choice. Since 1990, over 300,000 groups have participated to support local food programs in their community.

In 1990, a simple prayer: "*Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat*" was delivered to a small youth group at

Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food, and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good? Individuals and groups collect dollars in soup pots and canned food for those in need and send every dollar and food donation directly to a local charity of their choice.

What if everyone watching the BIG GAME gave just \$1 to hunger relief in their community? That would be over 330 million meals from just ONE event! **There will be a basket to deposit canned soups and our youth will be at the doors after all Masses collecting \$1 or more. All the donations collected will go directly to our Souper Bowl of Caring Charity of Choice – SOHO in Seymour.**

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 John Paul II

God's way is unique and perfect. God calls whomever he wants to be His instrument in bringing people closer to Him. Amos was not a prophet nor a prophet's son but a humble herdsman whom the Lord took from shepherding the flock and told to prophesy the people of Israel. God wants people to repent and turn back to Him so they may find salvation. God chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and without blame in His presence. God loves us therefore He saves us. This saving act of God has fully realized in Jesus Christ who in Himself was the Good News of God's love, compassion and mercy to all humankind. Jesus' mission of salvation includes all those who are called by His grace, according to the purpose of His will. Jesus sends out his disciples into the world to witness to the faith they have received in him: *'they went out and preached that people should repent'*. Every Christian faithful is called by God to go out and preach the good news so that all those who believe and repent may be holy and without blame in his presence. ***Pray and Practice:*** *Lord, make us an instrument to a messenger of your forgiveness and love.* **Fr. Bose**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – In today's Gospel we hear of a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus. He could not respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father's redemptive love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ's redemptive healing?

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS HOSTED BY ZACHARY SCHERTZ: This Wednesday, February 7th from 6:30 – 7:10 PM in Mosler Hall immediately after the youth meals – **Forgiveness:** This Week we will be talking about God's Forgiveness in order to relate that to how we treat other people. To get a copy of the handouts, email SchertzWriting@Yahoo.Com

CHANGE FOR LIFE! Notice there is an oversized baby bottle bank in the foyer and will remain there until Feb. 18. 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. (Larger bills will be taken out and secured during the week.)

HELP WILL BE NEEDED FOR 2024 LENTEN FISH FRY:

Volunteers (any parish member: Male or Female) will be needed on the Lenten Friday night fish fry starting February 16 – March 22. Please consider helping with this project on Thursday and/or Friday evenings; please contact Roy Novak (Grand Knight) at 940/537-1127. **It will be Dine-in and Drive-up and any help will be greatly appreciated!**

KC FRIED FISH & SHRIMP DURING LENT:

Every Friday during Lent (**February 16 – March 22**) from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in Mosler Hall. This year it will be Dine-in and Drive-up. All plates will be \$17 - Fish or Shrimp or both with Fries, Coleslaw, Pickle & Onion, Hush Puppies, Tartar sauce & Red sauce. Drive-ups will be served from the south side of Mosler Hall.

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

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: January 28, 2024

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: **\$ 3,968.00**

Youth: \$ 50.00 Special: \$ 959.00 Holy Day: \$ 0

TOTAL: \$ 3,333.00

Envelope Use: 45 Regular; 1 Youth; 11 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: **\$ 923.00**

Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 190.00 Holy Day: \$ 0

TOTAL: \$ 940.00

Envelope Use: 13 Regular; 0 Youth; 8 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat.80 & Sun. 98 St. Mary – 41

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.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections!

This February, in ten more days two events will take place on the very same day. Both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the 14th of the month this year. Valentine's Day encourages us to offer written expressions of our love and affection to others through cards and letters. Why not express our love for the Lord by keeping a prayer journal during Lent?

The season of Lent can be a great time of spiritual growth and keeping a prayer journal can help strengthen our prayer life. Journaling can help us listen more intently to God's voice, track our spiritual growth, and deepen our relationship with the Lord.

There are different ways to keep a prayer journal. You can simply reflect on a passage from scripture, then write down your thoughts and feelings. Or you can write down what the Holy Spirit places upon your heart during prayer. It is important to commit to a specific time and place each day to pray and spend time in silence with God. Then, as part of your prayer experience, write a few lines. Whether you want to express your gratitude, challenges, praises, or laments, share them with the Lord in writing.

As Valentine's Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on and express ourselves to those we love, prayer journals accomplish the same thing in our relationship with the Lord. If you're not already in the habit of keeping a prayer journal, try it. You will be surprised by the spiritual awareness cultivated within yourself as you journey with Christ toward Easter.

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 or Bartonm@cua.edu. Please continue to keep him in your daily prayers.

FEBRUARY 2024 MINISTERS LIST

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—Sandy Lane

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS—3rd & 5th SUNDAYS

Kyle Barton & Sandy Lane

MONEY COUNTERS—Den Jim Novak

Charlotte Wright, James Castagna & Vickie Wright

LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

Saturday	Sunday
Jessica Lane	Janice Thornhill

USHERS—Terry Bench

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

FLOWERS—Donna Carver

03/04—Deidra Groves & Caitlyn Homesley

10/11—Sharon Christian & Leslie Hertel

14/March 24—Lent

ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

Saturday	Sunday
03—Graceyn & Jesica	04—Stevi & Braelyn
10—Slayton & Jackson	11—Harleigh & Easton
17—Knox & Cooper	18—Ean & Sebastian
24—Madeline & Madalyn	25—Angelina & Case

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA-

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. We collected \$959 at SH & \$190 at SM which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, there is still time to give by making an online donation at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

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 **\$16,415.79** from **51 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).

MASS INTENTIONS!!!

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.**

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

St. Jerome Emiliani – February 8th:

A careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice, Jerome was captured in a skirmish at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. In prison Jerome had a lot of time to think, and he gradually learned how to pray. When he escaped, he returned to Venice where he took charge of the education of his nephews—and began his own studies for the priesthood.

In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. He founded three orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital.

Around 1532 Jerome and two other priests established a congregation dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928 Pius XI named him the universal patron of orphans and abandoned children.

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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 Hmccirik, 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, Nick Bryant, Linda Willis, Sandra & Ricky Moorhouse, Korbett Loftin, June Hmccirik, 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.*