



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: FEBRUARY 18, 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 19 -25)

Monday: 12:10 PM For the Special Intentions of Carol Vacker by Cathy Hostas
Tuesday: **No Service**
Wednesday: 5:30 PM +Fred & Mary Motl by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Thursday: 12:10 PM +Estelle Heinrich by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Friday: 5:30 PM Special Intentions for Bishop Strickland by Sharon Christian
Saturday: 8:00 AM +Sterling Martinez by Sacred Heart Choir
6:00 PM For the Special intentions of Jerry Don & Margie Barton & Family by Matt & Monica Culver
Sunday: 8:00 AM Special Birthday Intentions for Johnny (95) & Stanley (97) Cuba by Cuba Family (St. Mary)
10:00 AM Special Healing & Recovery Intentions for Jennifer Roy & Karissa Gill by Jerry & Geraldine Kuhler

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (February 19-24)

Mon.: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18	Matthew 25:31-46
Tues.: Isaiah 55:10-11	Matthew 6:7-15
Wed.: Jonah 3:1-10	Luke 11:29-32
Thurs.: 1 Peter 5:1-4	Matthew 16:13-19
Fri.: Ezekiel 18:21-28	Matthew 5:20-26
Sat.: Deuteronomy 26:16-19	Matthew 5:43-48

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: (February 25)

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

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34
Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Sunday, February 18: (Second Collection – Black and Indian Missions)

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: First Sunday of Lent
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, February 19: 12:10 PM/Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Wednesday, February 21:

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, 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 22: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Friday, February 23: (Day of Abstinence)

5:10 PM, Sacred Heart/ Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
5:30 PM, St. Mary of the Assumption – Megargel/Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour Adoration
5:30 PM, Mosler Hall/Knights of Columbus' Fish & Shrimp Fry – Dine in & Drive up until 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 24:

8 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
5:45 PM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by 6 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 25:

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: Second Sunday of Lent

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: MARK 1:1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

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."

ADULTS: When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?

CHILDREN: What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?

LITURGICAL NORMS FOR LENT

The Sundays in the Lenten Season are characterized by the use of violet vestments to emphasize that we have entered into a time of repentance in our lives and in our worship together. Some of these changes are required and others are optional. So that we can better enter into the penitential spirit of Lent we are observing the following changes. During Mass we are kneeling for the Penitential Rite as we plead for God's mercy for our sins. We see the color purple displayed in the church and sanctuary as a sign of our call to conversion from sin and to life in Christ. Singing the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia* are completely suspended for all Sunday Masses during Lent as a reminder that our joy is suppressed until we can praise the Lord of Glory as his Resurrection dawns at Easter. No fresh flowers are used and the more limited use of music complements this penitential season. All of this helps us to experience the dying of ourselves that must precede our rising to new life. During the entire season of Lent no baptisms are celebrated, except in cases of life-threatening emergencies. Instead, Lent is a time of catechesis preparing us for Baptism. Baptisms will again be celebrated beginning on Saturday night, March 31, at the Easter Vigil. The Baptismal Font and all of the Holy Water Fonts remain full of Holy Water until Holy Thursday and then removed so that we might thirst for the living waters of Baptism which make of us a new creation on Easter. As we break out of our usual mode of celebrating the Sundays in Ordinary Time, let these external changes spur us on toward internal changes that are a sign of our response to God's call for a deeper Conversion during this Season of Lent. Our Theme throughout all of the Lenten Season is "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE – FEAST DAY- FEBRUARY 22ND:

The Lord said to Peter, "*You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church*" Matthew 16:18, and "*Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven*" Matthew 16:19.

The chair of St. Peter is a symbol of authority, as Jesus refers to this in Matthew 23: 2, when he commands and warns the crowd and his disciples, "The Scribes and Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses". The "chair" is metaphorically referring to the teaching and judging office that Moses held in the Name of God. The name that Jesus gives to Peter is a second metaphor for an office of teaching and judging, and to drive the point home, Jesus uses a third metaphor by speaking of the "Keys of the kingdom of Heaven" Matthew 16:19. The "power of the keys" is used in many ways; some are specific to the Office of St. Peter the Papacy, others are shared with those ordained to priestly ministry, the Sacrament of Confession. During this season of Lent, we pray for these human leaders of the Church chosen by God, so they are faithful ministers of God's grace to us.

This feast day is an anniversary and celebration of the "authority" of the Papacy, and the particular mission entrusted to St. Peter by Jesus. The Roman Missal explains, the symbol of the chair, and emphasizes the mission of teacher and pastor of Christ conferred upon Peter, to whom He formed in His person and in St. Peter's successors, a visible foundation of unity of the Church. The chair, literally is a fixed seat of the supreme Pontiff and the Bishops, permanently placed in the Mother Church of the Diocese – Cathedral and is the symbol of the Bishop and his ordinary magisterium in the local church. The Chair of St. Peter indicates his position in the Apostolic College, established by the express will of Jesus, who assigned the task of "feeding" the flock, to lead the People of God, the Church.

We celebrate the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter rejoicing in the guidance and the role of the Holy Spirit, thanking Jesus for the authority he shares with mere humans, and we pray for the person God has chosen to occupy the Chair of Saint Peter at the present time.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we encounter the profound theme of God's covenant with humanity. It's a theme that stretches from the ancient times of Noah to the ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. This covenant reveals God's unwavering love and His invitation to us to respond with faith and repentance. In the 1st reading from Genesis, God establishes a covenant with Noah and all living creatures, symbolized by the rainbow. This covenant is a promise of God's protection and mercy, even in the face of our human failings. The 2nd reading, from the first letter of Peter, speaks of Christ's suffering and sacrifice. It highlights the transformative power of His redemption, bringing us into a new covenant with God. In the Gospel of Mark, we see Jesus beginning His ministry by proclaiming, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news". God's covenant is a call to a life of faith, repentance, and transformation. It's a call to trust in God's promises, to turn away from sin, and to follow the path of righteousness. As we journey through Lent, let us reflect on the covenant God has made with us and the incredible love He has shown. **Pray and Practice:** *Heavenly Father, we find redemption and hope in the covenant of grace. As we reflect on your boundless love, we're humbled by our imperfections. Today, we answer Your call to repentance. Grant us the strength to turn from our ways and walk in Your light as we strive to live in the beauty of Your covenant.* Have a blessed season of Lent **Fr. Bose**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

First Sunday of Lent: In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. Stewards are called to repent, to be humble enough to open their hearts so they may begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS HOSTED BY

ZACHARY SCHERTZ: This Wednesday, February 21st from 6:30 – 7:10 PM in Mosler Hall immediately after the youth meals – **Genesis:** This week we will be discussing the beginnings of the entire cosmos and how God Chose one family to carry His Promise to all people. To get a copy of the handouts, email SchertzWriting@Yahoo.Com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY:

Help Needed: Any parish member (Male or Female) who could help with the Lenten Fish Fry 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 (**Now – 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.

CONGRATUATIONS TO DEACON JIM & RILDA NOVAK

Both Rilda and Deacon Jim were awarded at last Saturday evening's Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral the Papal Award (Benemerenti Award). It was presented by Bishop Olson from Pope Francis to fourteen awardees within the diocese for their outstanding achievements and service accomplishments. It is a great honor for our parishes and the diocese.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: February 11, 2024

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:	\$ 3,774.09
Youth: \$ 165.00 Special: \$ 0	Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 3,939.09	

Envelope Use: 37 Regular; 5 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:	\$ 620.00
Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0	Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 620.00	

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

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 76 & Sun. 90 St. Mary – 46

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 Cooper Groves and his 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.!**

CHANGE FOR LIFE! Notice there is an oversized baby bottle bank in the foyer and will remain there until this Sunday, **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. This is the last weekend for this collection!

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION: FEB. 17/18

This Weekend, our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in communities from coast to coast, including our diocese, which received \$23,900 from the Black and Indian Mission Collection last year. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today at Mass or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>. Thank you for your support.

RICE BOWL COLLECTION

During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org> to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope. **We will be taking up this collection on Holy Thursday, March 28th.**

REST IN PEACE!

We commend to your prayers Henrietta Styles. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated on Friday, February 16 at Sacred Heart. May she live forever in the eternal embrace of God's love and may all the faithful departed rest in the mercy of God.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks for your support last weekend in our Youth Disciples' "Souper Bowl" can drive and collection. Our parish registered with Tackle Hunger: Home of the Souper Bowl of Caring to record 90 lbs. of canned soup/goods and \$260 in cash. These were donated to SOHO, our local food bank, and their needs to serve our local poor. Thanks again.

HELPFUL DEFINITIONS - LENT

FAST: Eating less food than normal (doesn't necessarily mean no food).

What you can eat: One normal, full-sized meal, and two smaller meals which if combined would not exceed one full meal.

Why: "Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God." –Pope Benedict XVI

ABSTINENCE: Do not eat meat.

What you can eat: fish and seafood

Why: "Catholic peoples from time immemorial have set apart Friday for special penitential observance by which they gladly suffer with Christ that they may one day be glorified with Him. This is the heart of the tradition of abstinence from meat on Friday where that tradition has been observed in the holy Catholic Church." –USCCB

ALMSGIVING: Material generosity to the less fortunate.

What you can give: money, goods, acts of charity

Why: Almsgiving "represents a specific way to assist those in need and, at the same time, an exercise in self-denial to free us from attachment to worldly goods . . . Almsgiving helps us to overcome this constant temptation, teaching us to respond to our neighbor's needs and to share with others whatever we possess through divine goodness." –Pope Benedict XVI

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence beginning at Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical color for the season of Lent is violet. Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to renew their commitments to spiritual practices like prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is an annual opportunity to grow in our faith, which means it's about much more than giving up unhealthy foods or treats, as you may have done when you were a kid. It is about abstaining from whatever is unhealthy in our lives - gossip, laziness, lack of social conscience - and, most importantly, taking concrete steps to do something more. Challenge yourself this year and go beyond the clichés of "giving up" something. Now is a great time to take stock of your spiritual life, and to grow in it. Some things you can do during Lent:

- Make a commitment to reading the Sunday readings before you go to Mass.
- Go to a weekday Mass one day during the week or come for Holy Hour Adoration on Wednesdays
- Read the entire Gospel of Mark in one sitting.
- Read the Works of Mercy as Jesus describes them in Matthew 25.
- Think about a habit that has kept you from being whom God is calling you to be and give it up for Lent.
- Attend the Stations of the Cross.
- Pray for somebody.
- Set aside 30 Minutes a day or more for Praying and/or reading the Bible.

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 **\$16,468.29** 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 \$ **3,430.00** 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).

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.

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 Hrcirik, Hailey Glass, Debbie Turner, Teagan Matthews, Hannah Green, Jim Cuba, 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 Hrcirik, Rickey 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, 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, Janet Chism, Jennifer Roy, Karissa Gill, Greg Marak, Delores Harris & 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.**