



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: FEBRUARY 25, 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 26 – March 03)

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| Monday: | 12:10 PM | Special Healing Intentions for Jennifer Roy by Carol Vacker |
| Tuesday: | | No Service |
| Wednesday: | 12:10 PM | +Deceased Members of Carver & Holman Families by Donna Carver |
| Thursday: | 12:10 PM | +Bertrand Danos, Jr. by Sacred Heart Choir |
| Friday: | 5:30 PM | +Dennis Marek by Sacred Heart Choir |
| Saturday: | 8:00 AM | Special Healing Intentions for Karissa Vacker Gill by Carol Vacker |
| | 6:00 PM | +Ann Kolacek by Melvin & Shirlee Motl |
| Sunday: | 8:00 AM | +Jean Kulhanek Timmons by Kathy Timmons (St. Mary) |
| | 10:00 AM | +Ethel Birkenfeld by Deacon Jim & Rilda Novak |

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (February 26 – March 02)

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| Mon.: Daniel 9:4b-10 | Luke 6:36-38 |
| Tues.: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 | Matthew 23:1-12 |
| Wed.: Jeremiah 18:18-20 | Matthew 20:17-28 |
| Thurs.: Jeremiah 17:5-10 | Luke 16:19-31 |
| Fri.: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a | Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 |
| Sat.: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 | Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 |

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: (March 03)

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

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Holy Gospel: John 2:13-25

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

Monday, February 26: 12:10 PM/Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Wednesday, February 28:

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass
5:30 PM, Mosler Hall/Meal for all children/youth in Religious Education, Youth Discipleship
6:00 PM, Pastoral Center/Reconciliation preparation for Faith Formation sessions until 6:45 PM
6:00 PM, Mosler Hall/Adult Faith Formation session until 6:45 PM (Bi-Lingual)
7:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Lent Reconciliation with 4 Priests available

Thursday, February 29: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Friday, March 01: (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, March 02:

8 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration until 10 a.m. Benediction

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

Sunday, March 03: (First Scrutiny for the Elect)

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 of Lent

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: MARK 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

ADULTS: How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

CHILDREN: What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: ALL FRIDAY'S IN LENT

5:10 PM at Sacred Heart in Seymour (Followed by Mass)

5:30 PM at St. Mary of the Assumption in Megargel

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH – February 27

St. Gregory was born in the city of Narek about 950 A.D. He was a monk, poet, mystical philosopher, and theologian, born into a family of writers. St. Gregory received his education under the guidance of his father, Bishop Khosrov, author of the earliest commentary on the Divine Liturgy, and from Anania Vartabed, Abbot of Nareg Monastery. He and his two brothers entered monastic life at an early age.

He became a priest at the age of 25 and dedicated himself to God completely, always searching for the truth. Most of his life he lived in the monasteries of Narek where he taught at the monastic school. He launched his writings with a commentary on the "Song of Songs," which was commissioned by an Armenian prince. Despite his reservations that he was too young for the task, he wrote the commentary, which is famous for its clarity of thought and language, and its excellence of theological presentation.

He also wrote a number of famous letters, sharagans, treasures, odes, melodies, and church writings. However, his masterpiece is considered to be his Book of Lamentations, commonly called "Narek," in which his genius is displayed. (This work, published in 1673 in Marseille, has been translated into at least 30 languages.) Also known as The Prayer Book, it is described by St. Gregory as his last testament: "Its letters like my body, its message like my soul." He called his book an "encyclopedia of prayer for all nations." It was his hope that it would serve as a guide to prayer by people of all stations around the world.

St. Gregory of Narek is considered the greatest poet of the Armenian nation and its first and greatest mystic. His writing style and command of the Armenian language are unparalleled, and his saintly person has been an inspiration to the Armenian faithful for centuries. St. Gregory's poetry is deeply biblical and is filled with images and themes of sacred history, while also distinguished with an intimate and personal character. Numerous miracles and traditions have been attributed to him and he is referred to as "the watchful angel in human form." St. Gregory died in 1003 A.D.

St. Gregory of Narek was canonized and proclaimed a Doctor of the Universal Church on April 12, 2015 by Pope Francis. On February 2, 2021, his optional memorial was inscribed on the General Roman Calendar for February 27.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-02-27>

The running theme of this 2nd Sunday in Lent is the **transfiguration of faith**. Each passage presents us with a unique perspective on how faith is tested, strengthened, and ultimately transformed. In these readings, we witness the profound journey of faith, from Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son to the glorious transfiguration of Jesus. This theme invites us today to explore the transformative power of faith and how it can illuminate our own spiritual journey. In the first reading, we see Abraham's willingness to offer his beloved son, Isaac, as a sacrifice in an extraordinary test of faith. Abraham's obedience, although seemingly extreme, demonstrates the transformative nature of faith. In Romans, we are reminded that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Even in moments of doubt, hardship, or suffering, our faith can be transfigured through God's unwavering love. The Gospel reveals the glorious transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. His radiant appearance in the presence of Moses and Elijah emphasizes the importance of faith in His divinity. The disciples' initial fear and confusion transformed into a profound affirmation of Jesus as the beloved Son of God. Reflect on your own faith journey. Are there areas where your faith is being tested? **Pray and Practice:** *Heavenly Father, help us to navigate through the complexities of our faith journeys. Grant us the courage to trust Your plan, even when it seems beyond our understanding. May Your unwavering love transfigure our faith, and may we always recognize Your divine presence in our lives.* Amen. **Fr. Bose**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Second Sunday of Lent: The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS HOSTED BY ZACHARY SCHERTZ:

This Wednesday, February 28th from 6:00 - 6:45 PM in Mosler Hall immediately after the youth meals –

Exodus-Deuteronomy: This week we will talk about the beginnings of God's Promise and how He creates what will become the Nation of Israel. 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, Red Beans, 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: February 18, 2024

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,211.24
Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 500.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 3,711.24

Envelope Use: 42 Regular; 0 Youth; 16 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 593.00
Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 341.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 934.00

Envelope Use: 9 Regular; 0 Youth; 6 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 90 & Sun. 83 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 Cooper Urbanczyk 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 10am – 3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wed.**

CHANGE FOR LIFE!

Thanks to you, **we collected \$825.50** 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. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion.

2024 NW DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICES BEING HELD IN LENT!

Please take advantage of the Church's great Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we can truly begin anew with our sins having been removed and forgotten by God and thus reconciled with God and our neighbor. Canon 989 states: "After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year." **(All Services at 7:00 PM):**

Wed. February 28 @ Sacred Heart, Seymour

Thurs. February 29 @ St. Joseph, Rhineland

Thurs. March 7 @ St. Mary, Windthorst

ST. JOSEPH'S- RHINELAND ANNUAL PARISH SAUSAGE & FRIED CHICKEN DINNER –Sunday, March 17, 2024

from 11am – 1:00pm at KC Hall. There will be a Country Store with homemade baked goods and arts & crafts hosted by St. Anne's Society. Plates are \$15 per adult & takeouts, and \$8 per children 10 and under. Bulk sausage (raw) \$6 per lb. will be available Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 AM at the Brown's store. Cooked sausage: 2 lbs.-\$20 will be available at meal. Dine-in or Drive Thru – First come, first serve basis!

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.

MARCH 2024 MINISTERS LIST

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—Sandy Lane

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS—3rd & 5th SUNDAYS

Kyle Barton & Sandy Lane

MONEY COUNTERS—Den Jim Novak

Terry Bench, Marilyn McGough & Cathy Hostas

LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

Saturday

Tammie Glass

Sunday

Nathan Cockerell

USHERS—Terry Bench

Saturday

Quentin Bruggeman

Jason Glass

Madeline Glass

Tammie Glass

Sunday

Thomas Sanchez, Jr.

Eric Latham

Mark Nichols

Mason Nichols

FLOWERS—Donna Carver

Lent—March 27

March 28 – Pam Jackson

March 30/31—Easter Committee: Pam & Steele Jackson, Vickie & Gary Wright, Audra & Cody Wright & Bobby & Kristi Novak

ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

Saturday

02—Jessica & Knox

09—Madeline & Jackson

16—Madalyn & Graceyn

23—Cooper, Slayton & Jessica

30—Knox, Madalyn & Graceyn

Sunday

03—Mason & Sebastian

10—Braelyn & Angelina

17—Harleigh & Ean

24—Stevi, Case & Easton

31—Harleigh & Mason

LOST BRACELET:

There was a bracelet found outside the Hall after the Funeral Friday. If you are missing a bracelet, please come to the office and describe.

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.csricebowl.org> to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope. **We will be taking up this collection on Holy Thursday, March 28th.**

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 **\$16,629.01** 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 **12 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).

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

NET Team for Confirmation Youth

Thursday evening, March 14th, the NET (National Evangelization Team) group (10 young adults) will be spending the night in our pastoral center to prepare for the following day's retreat for our Confirmation Youth for Sacred Heart, St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Joseph – Rhineland. There are eight (8) from Sacred Heart and St. Mary's and fourteen (14) coming from St. Joseph – Rhineland. The retreat starts at 10 am on Friday and goes until 5 p.m. that afternoon. Rodney Hmrcirik will be preparing the meals for the day. Please pray for the NET team and their ministry efforts. The Sacrament of Confirmation is set for Sunday, April 7. No time yet has been determined for the celebration.

CONGRATUATIONS TO DEACON JIM & RILDA NOVAK

Both Rilda and Deacon Jim were awarded Saturday, February 10, 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.

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, 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 Hmrcirik, 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.**

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction – First Saturday

March 02, 2024

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction is offered on the first Saturday of the month after the **8 AM Holy Mass** and concludes with Benediction with the **Blessed Sacrament at 10 AM** in which the priest or deacon blesses the faithful with the Sacred Host. As Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us on the first Saturday of the month! Sacred Heart, Seymour.



Do You Really Love Me?
Then
Come To Me
Visit Me

Where? Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Seymour.

When? First Saturday of the month after the 8:00 am Holy Mass until 10:00 am

“Jesus Waits for Us in This Sacrament of Love” *mysterium fidei*