



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 03, 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: (March 04 - 10)

Monday: 12:10 PM +Jerry Macha by Sacred Heart Choir
Tuesday: **No Service**
Wednesday: 5:30 PM +Mary Motl by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Thursday: 12:10 PM +Vicki Jungman Studer by Shan & Marty Slaggle
Friday: 5:30 PM **No Mass**
Saturday: 8:00 AM +Tommy Carver by Donna Carver
6:00 PM For the Special Intentions of Joan Heath by Tony & Jennifer Shahan & Family
Sunday: 8:00 AM +Alan Bewley by Deborah Bewley (St. Mary)
10:00 AM +Justin Ermis by Terry & Belinda Bench

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (March 04 - 09)

Mon.: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab	Luke 4:24-30
Tues.: Daniel 3:25, 34-43	Matthew 18:21-35
Wed.: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9	Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs.: Jeremiah 7:23-28	Luke 11:14-23
Fri.: Hosea 14:2-10	Mark 12:28-34
Sat.: Hosea 6:1-6	Luke 18:9-14

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: (March 10)

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

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

Monday, March 04: 12:10 PM/Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Wednesday, March 06:

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 session until 7:10 p.m. (Bi-Lingual)

Thursday, March 07: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Friday, March 08: (Day of Abstinence)

5:10 PM, Sacred Heart/ Stations of the Cross (**No 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 09:

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

Sunday, March 10: (Second Scrutiny for the Elect) (Special Collection-Catholic Relief) (Enrollment of Confirmation Candidates)

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: Fourth Sunday of Lent

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: JOHN 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

ADULTS: Where have you found a source of “living water” for your own journey of faith?

CHILDREN: Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger?

The Rite of Christain Initiation (RCIA) Scrutinies

The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. Because they are asking for the three sacraments of initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance.

143. In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny). From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

144. In the rite of exorcism, the elect, who have already learned from the Church as their mother the mystery of deliverance from sin by Christ, are free from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil. They receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Savior.

In today's first reading, from Exodus, we hear how Israel, the chosen people of God complain to Moses for water. People are thirsty but they fail to have faith in God who brought them out of Egypt. In the Gospel reading we see the Samaritan woman coming to well to draw water to quench her thirst, as she might be coming daily. At this same time, Jesus is coming to ask for a drink from this same Samaritan woman to quench his thirst. Now, Jesus promises the Samaritan woman to give her the living water if only she asks. ***What does this living water symbolize?*** It symbolizes the real happiness of life that we find in God alone. We can find that living water in ourselves welling up by becoming and living as Christ did. It is for this transformation of all of us, human beings that Jesus thirsts and it is for this change that Jesus is asking from each one of us today. Jesus continually calls all of us to live like him and show perfect love towards our neighbors and it is for this love, God gave his only Son for our sins as a ransom to die on the Cross that we hear in today's second reading from Romans. Humans we are, we fail, fall and stray away from God, but we can always come back to God by the corporal works of mercy and this is thirst of God that we can quench by becoming "***alter Christus***". **Pray and Practice:** *May Christ give us that spring of living water which enables us to be in touch with our core self and help us live for others.* Wishing you a blessed weekend and fruitful season of Lent. **Fr. Bose**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Third Sunday of Lent: Jesus' longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She gives witness. She's not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere. What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job at proclaiming the risen Lord in word and deed?

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Let us pray for and also congratulate our adult catechumens /candidates who participated in the Rite of Election held at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Wichita Falls on Sunday, February 11th celebrated by Bishop Olson. They are Spencer Garcia, Hunter Adkins and Virginia Ford at St. Mary of the Assumption and Chase Hoyt, Oscar Munoz, Jr., Nancy Davis and Faith Snow at Sacred Heart. They will continue in formation as they enter the period of the Catechumenate on their journeys toward the Sacraments of Initiation. May God continue to bless them, their families and their sponsors as they grow into the fullness of the Christian life!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS HOSTED BY ZACHARY SCHERTZ:

This Wednesday, March 6th from 6:30 – 7:10 PM in Mosler Hall immediately after the youth meals – **Joshua-Judges:** This week we will be examining how Israel escaped literal slavery and bondage only to be recaptured many times. To get a copy of the handouts, email SchertzWriting@Yahoo.Com

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.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10 (Next Weekend):

Remember to "spring" forward 1 hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: February 25, 2024

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:	\$ 3,778.00
Youth: \$ 0	Special: \$ 69.00
	Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 3,847.00	

Envelope Use: 48 Regular; 0 Youth; 4 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:	\$ 1,695.00
Youth: \$ 0	Special: \$ 0
	Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 1,695.00	

Envelope Use: 10 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 75 & Sun. 131 St. Mary – 49

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 Ean, Easton & Case Hertel and their 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.!**

ENROLLMENT OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Next Sunday, March 10, our Confirmation candidates are for St. Mary of the Assumption: Tillee Bardwell, Lily Thames and Caden Lane and for Sacred Heart: Madeline Glass, Jaqueline Rangel, Thomas Sanchez, Hagan Anderson and Briley Hostas. They will be recognized and enter their names in the Book of Enrollment of Confirmation Candidates. They intensify their prayer life and seek to improve their readiness for the sacrament. All will be attending a NET Team retreat on Friday, March 15 which focuses on the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Please keep them all in your prayers.

THANK YOU: The Family of Henrietta Styles would like to thank everyone that sent food, flowers, cards, masses, memorials, calls, sentiments and prayers to us during this sorrowful time of our beloved wife, Mother, and Neenaw's passing. We would like to thank Father Bose, Deacon Jim, Greg Knezek, Adam Hertel, Damon Hertel, Ean, Easton and Case Hertel, Sharon Christian and our wonderful Choir for the beautiful funeral service. A big Thank You to the Bereavement Committee for preparing and serving the wonderful meal they provided for the family after the burial. Our out-of-town family was very complimentary on the meal. We would also like to thank Father Lim for coming to the hospital in our time of need. We have a wonderful "Church Family" and we appreciate and love each and every one of you.

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!**

MARCH 2024 MINISTERS LIST

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—Sandy Lane

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS—3rd & 5th SUNDAYS

Kyle Barton & Sandy Lane

MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn 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

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 Hrnecirik will be preparing the noon meal for the day. Please pray for the NET team and their ministry efforts. The Sacrament of Confirmation is set for Sunday, April 7. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at the 10 a.m. Mass.

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!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – MARCH 9/10: The Catholic Relief Services Collection is your opportunity to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations that aid travelers, people affected by war and natural disasters, others whose work or unique cultural circumstances require special pastoral support, and migrants and refugees displaced by conflict, persecution, or political instability. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need at Mass or at <https://bit.ly/DiocesanSpecialCollections> (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.



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

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, 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 Hrnecirik, 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 and Terence Bruggeman.

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.*

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