



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 01, 2024

FR. BOSE JUJUVARAPU

Pastor

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Reconciliation Room)
Wednesday's 6:30 -7:15 p.m.; Saturday 5 – 5:45 p.m. or by appointment**

PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE:

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK: (December 02 - 08)

Monday:	12:10 PM	In Thanksgiving by Mike & Kay Flippin
Tuesday:		No Service
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Christmas Play and Faith Formation party (No Mass)
Thursday:	12:10 PM	+Justin Ermis by Johnny & Jeanette Holub
Friday:	12:10 PM	+Patsy Sosolik by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Saturday:	8:00 AM	+Henrietta Styles by Carol Vacker
	6:00 PM	+Kent Bickly by Shan & Marty Slaggle
Sunday:	8:00 AM	+Jimmy Cuba by Joe & Mary Hrnccirik
	10:00 AM	+Mary Ann Redder by Donna, Sharon, Mark & Marilyn

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (December 02 - 07)

Mon.: Isaiah 2:1-5	Matthew 8:5-11
Tues.: Isaiah 11:1-10	Luke 10:21-24
Wed.: Isaiah 25:6-10a	Matthew 15:29-37
Thurs.: Isaiah 26:1-6	Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri.: Isaiah 29:17-24	Matthew 9:27-31
Sat.: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26	Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: (December 08)

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

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Sunday, December 01:

9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by Mass
All weekend Liturgies: First Sunday of Advent
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, December 02: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 04: (No Mass nor Holy Hour Adoration)

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Children Christmas Play by religious Education Youth
6:30 PM, Mosler Hall/Meal & Party for all children/youth in Religious Education, Youth Discipleship, and all parish ministries
7:15 PM, Community Care Center/Christmas Caroling by Youth Disciples

Thursday & Friday: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Masses

Saturday, December 07: (National Collection for Retired Religious)

8:00 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass/Holy hour Adoration with Benediction concluding at 10 AM
5:45 PM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 08: (National Collection for Retired Religious)

9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by Mass
All weekend Liturgies: Second Sunday of Advent
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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

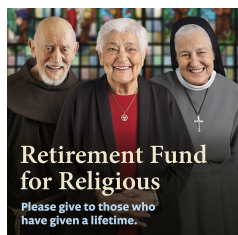
"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

ADULTS: What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?

CHILDREN: What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Cycle C – Gospel of Luke)

The new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent Season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming.



National Collection for Retired Religious: Second collection – December 07/08

Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Thank you to everyone who helped with our bake sale to benefit St. Jude Children's Cancer Research Hospital.

Our 7th and 8th grade students (and their parents) did an AMAZING job baking a wide variety of delicious pastries for this fund raiser.

Sacred Heart's congregation went above and beyond to help us raise money for this worthwhile cause. We sold all the baked goods we had, and many people donated money to the cause without receiving pastries.

Due to your generosity, we were able to **raise \$ 514** which we sent to the hospital for the purchase of Christmas gifts for their young patients.

Thank you very much.

Angelina Nichols Krosby Anderson Stevie Jackson Slayton Barton

FINDING JOY IN WAITING FOR JESUS: *“They will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory.”* Today is the first Sunday of Advent. On this day, the Church invites us to be ready and be prepared to receive the Lord. ‘**Advent**’ means joyful waiting - waiting for someone with love and finding joy in that waiting. When the coming of someone is delayed, we usually become anxious and worried. However, today’s readings invite us to find joy in our waiting. During this season, we first participate in the waiting of the Israelite's who were expecting their Messiah. Secondly, we wait for the coming of Jesus in the breaking of the Word and of the Bread in the Eucharistic celebration. Besides the Eucharist, we also wait for the coming of Jesus in the lives of the oppressed so that the situation of their lives might get better. Finally, we look forward to our future with a hope and wait for the coming of Jesus at the end of time to judge the world. Thus, the Church invites us to make use of the Advent and prepare ourselves in such a way that by means of promoting justice, hope, love and peace in our lives and those of others, we get to witness the promises about the coming of Jesus being fulfilled in our time, here and now. **Pray and Practice:** *Lord Jesus, help us get rid of anxiety and fear so that we may find joy in our waiting for your second coming.* Wishing you a fruitful season of Advent and Blessings! **Fr. Bose Jujavarapu**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: 1st Sunday of Advent

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28) –

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS PLAY AND PARTY:

Our annual Christmas play will be this Wednesday, December 4th starting at 6:00 PM at the Church. Students should be in their classrooms no later than 5:45 pm for costumes. We are asking parents to bring 2 dozen cookies or 1 dozen brownies or cupcakes. The meal will follow with a visit from Santa at 6:30 PM (students will receive a treat bag, but gifts aren't needed). Families are encouraged to support the Angel Family in the church to celebrate the spirit of giving. Older students will go caroling at the Care Center and other shut-ins after the meal. Everyone is welcome!

LITURGICAL NORMS FOR ADVENT

The Season of Advent is characterized by the use of bluish violet vestments to emphasize the dark night sky as background for the Light that is coming into the world. On each Sunday another candle of the Advent Wreath is lit as the Light of Christ shines ever more brightly with each succeeding week. The Jesse Tree may also be displayed to show us Jesus’ human roots and his ancestors beginning with the story of Adam and Eve. In keeping with Advent as a minor penitential season that it is, we use flowers in a moderate manner only, such as greenery, and we suppress the Gloria at all Masses until we sing it with the angels at the Birth of Christ on Christmas Eve. As an exception, the Gloria is sung at Masses on the major Feasts of Our Lady during this season. Our Theme for Advent is “Come Lord Jesus!”

Contact Information for Seminarian Trent Barton: You can email him at Trent.barton@fwdioc.org. Please continue to keep him in your daily prayers.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: November 24, 2024

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: Regular- \$ 3,213.00

Youth: \$ 10.00 Special: \$ 1,037.00 Holy Day: \$ 0

TOTAL: \$ 4,259.00

Envelope Use: 42 Regular; 1 Youth; 2 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: Regular- \$ 872.00

Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 219.00 Holy Day: \$ 0

TOTAL: \$ 1,091.00

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

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 71 & Sun. 98 St. Mary – 56

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 the complete healing of Scarlett Morrison by Shannon & Barbie Donnell.

FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS BY: Kay Flippin, Terry & Belinda Bench, 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:

Office Hours are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wed.!**

IT’S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

Our dates are St. Mary’s, Monday, Dec. 9th from 2:00 – 8:30 PM in the Hall or Sacred Heart, Friday, Dec. 27 from 2:00 – 8:30 PM or Saturday, Dec. 28th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait and a church directory. You can make an appointment by calling Marilyn McGough at 940/357-0005 or to schedule your photo session on-line for Sacred Heart (Church code [tx579](#)) and St. Mary’s, (Church code [tx585](#)) - Password for both Churches is: **photos - please go to : www.ucdir.com and Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled “photography appointment scheduling login”** Enter your church code. Enter the church password. Click on the Enter button, Click on desired photography date. Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time, enter appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk). Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family’s name. If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10) Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family’s photography appointment. **Contact Marilyn McGough, to change or cancel your photography appointment.** If you cannot make one of these times, please send a digital or a hard copy pic. Vertical pictures are best. All who submit a photo will receive a directory. Others from our community or out of town may get their pictures taken. They will not appear in our directory.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHURCH

In keeping with our tradition, we ask you to donate Poinsettias in memory of your loved ones, living & deceased. All Poinsettias need to be delivered to the church by 1 PM on Sunday, December 22, in good time for our volunteers to decorate for the Christmas season.

DECEMBER 2024 MINISTERS LIST

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—Sandy Lane

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Jim Castagna	Greg Knezek
Charlotte Wright	Bill Dreyer
Cathy Simek	Audra Wright

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS—3rd & 5th SUNDAYS

Sandy Lane

MONEY COUNTERS—Fr. Bose

Dee Dee Peters, Shellye Kuehler, Jeanette Holub & Cathy Lohman

LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Johnny Holub	Angelina Nichols

USHERS—Terry Bench

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Johnny Holub	James Knezek
Josh Holub	Greg Knezek
Paul Holub	Patrick Knezek
Matt Culver	David Birkenfeld

FLOWERS—Donna Carver

Nov 30/Dec 24—Advent

Dec. 25 – Jan 01—Christmas Committee: Pam & Steele Jackson, Vicky & Gary Wright, Audra & Cody Wright, Bobby & Kristi Novak.

ALTAR SERVERS—Corley Latham

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
30—Slayton & Jesica	Dec.01—Easton & Ean
07—Jackson & Cooper	08—Case & Angelina
14—Graceyn & Madeline	15—Braelyn & Harleigh
21—Jesica & Knox	22—Sebastian & Stevi
28—Slayton & Madalyn	29—Ean & Easton

Year-End Giving: As this year draws to a close, you are likely to be reviewing your important financial matters, including your charitable giving for 2024. Now is certainly a good time to think carefully about *what* to give and *when* to give it. It is also an important time to reflect on the call to Stewardship – to give back to God in gratitude. Please remember the parishes, schools and many ministries of the Diocese of Fort Worth now and in the future. Gifts of cash, IRA distributions, securities, insurance policies, bequests, annuities and trusts can make a lasting difference.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FUND DRIVE: Please consider a donation to help our annual drive to raise funds for the Ministerial Alliance. In the month of November and December the community churches ask for your support to replenish our funds so that we can help those needy within our local community. You may simply drop off a donation or place a donation in the weekly collections marked “Ministerial Alliance.” There are also boxes in our Seymour stores for your convenience.

THANK YOU AGAIN HOLUB TIRE – 2025 CALENDARS!

Once again, we give our appreciation to the George & Margaret Holub Family who work so hard at Holub Tire for their annual contribution to both of our parishes by providing us with our new 2025 “Places of Pilgrimage for the Holy year 2025 – Jubilee Edition” Religious Calendars. Thank you!



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

Thank You for Supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal

Through service we bring Christ to the poor in spirit, children and those in need. “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” – Mark 9:35 - Thanks to you our **Sacred Heart parish** has pledged **\$11,650.94** from **36 families**. We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our **Parish goal of \$19,400**. Thanks to you our **St. Mary of the Assumption parish** has pledged **\$2,225** from **6 families**. We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our **Parish goal of \$4,200**. Please complete and return the commitment form that was mailed to you or donate online at bit.ly/DiocesanAppeal (case sensitive).

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: 7 PM on Wed. Dec. 11 @ Sacred Heart - Seymour (3 priests) Please take advantage of the Church’s great Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we can truly begin anew with ours 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.”

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, Stella Glass, Bernie Thomas, Josiah Decker, Sheila Helton, Ofelia Garcia, Michael Rodriguez, Bryker Fontenot, Adaline Urbanczyk, Kayley Lowder, Ralph Veitenheimer, Cheryl Hopkins, Genevieve Hrnecirik, Hailey Glass, Teagan Matthews, Hannah Green, 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, Karla Parker, Jeanelle Howell, Richard Latham, Arya Myers, Keely Willden, Larry Ballard, Michelle Martin, Donna Anders, Michael Wright, Nick Bryant, Linda Willis, Sandra & Ricky Moorhouse, June Hrnecirik, Rickey Bohanon, Bobby Bohanon, Earl Carver, Tony Leal, Connie Rodriguez, Helen Rodriguez, Marilyn McGough, Mike Sullivan, Chris Christian, Charles Wright, 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, Waylan Wyatt, Levi Bourland, Chris Scott, Phyllis Molina, Larry (Pero) Elliott, Mike Flippin, Patsy Groves, Manny Perez, Loy Studer, Caden Gray & Family, Nellie Cole & Family, Leon Lagesse, Jr., Kaylan Carter, Peggy Brown, Scarlett Morrison, Rose Gonzales, Janet Chism, Jennifer Roy, Karissa Gill, Delores Harris, Kay Bradley, Kristina Rinderspacher, Roland Newman, Jimmy Bruggeman, Ben & Irene Kuehler, Larry Howard, Christopher Cardaci, Dr. James Kirkland, Ted Schaefer, Jerry Nickerson, Linda Guerra, Mary Garcia-Perez, Lynette Petty, Meg Martin, Laura Routzahn, Doreen Kolacek, Kathy Long, James Haisler, Danny Hrnecirik, & Eddie Chandler.

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, 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

December 07, 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!



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*