



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - MAY 11, 2025

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Reconciliation Room)
Wednesday's 6:30 -7:15 p.m. Saturday 4 – 4:45 p.m. or by appointment**

PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE:

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK: (May 12 - 18)

Monday:	12:10 PM	No Mass
Tuesday:		No Mass
Wednesday:	5:30 PM	Special Intentions for all Children/Youth and all Volunteers for this Faith Formation year
Thursday:	12:10 PM	+Edwin Kolacek by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Friday:	12:10 PM	No Mass
Saturday:	8:00 AM	No Mass
	5:00 PM	Special Birthday Intentions for Lola Brasher by Mike & Kay Flippin
Sunday:	8:00 AM	+Stanley Cuba by Norma J. Pratt
	10:00 AM	+Mary Ann Redder by Terry & Belinda Bench

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (May 12 – 17)

Mon.: Acts 11:1-18	John 10:1-10
Tues.: Acts 11:19-26	John 10:22-30
Wed.: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	John 15:9-17
Thurs.: Acts 13:13-25	John 13:16-20
Fri.: Acts 13:26-33	John 14:1-6
Sat.: Acts 13:44-52	John 14:7-14

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 18)

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

First Reading:	Acts 14:21-27
Second Reading:	Revelation 21:1-5a
Holy Gospel:	John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Sunday, May 11: Mother's Day (St. Mary's Baccalaureate Sunday) (2nd Collection Seminarian Education Fund)

7:30 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Rosary followed by 8:00 AM Mass/Monthly Breakfast

9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by 10:00 AM Mass

All Weekend Liturgies: Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, May 12: No Mass – Fr. Bose Travels to India

Wednesday, May 14: (Last Day of Faith Formation for this school year)

5:30 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass/Holy Hour Adoration/Benediction concluding at 7:15 PM

6:00 PM, Mosler Hall/Meal for all children/youth in Religious Education, Youth Discipleship, OCIC and all parish ministries

6:30 PM, Pastoral Center/Faith Formation Party until 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 15: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Friday, May 16: No Mass

Saturday, May 17: (No 8 AM Morning Mass)

4:45 PM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by 5 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 18:

7:30 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Rosary followed by 8:00 AM Mass

9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by 10:00 AM Mass

All Weekend Liturgies: fifth Sunday of Easter

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For bulletins: go online to <https://sacredheartseymour.org/bulletins>. All past and present bulletins are posted.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY): JOHN 10:27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

ADULTS: Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects you?

CHILDREN: Who helps you feel safe and protected? Whom can you take care of and help feel safe?

Good Shepherd Sunday



We all act like sheep on many occasions, when it comes to the things that concern our spiritual welfare. We often ramble off from the flock to nibble at little bits of forbidden pasture. However, we have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose patience and love are infinite. He is always ready to go after us when we stray too far; his voice is constantly reaching out to us in missions, retreats, sicknesses, crosses and other various ways. How many times have we already felt his loving grace calling and helping us back to the safety of his fold?

There are many who are not so fortunate as we, who either through no fault of their own or through their own fault do not hear his voice and do not know or follow him. This is an opportunity he gives us to show how we appreciate all he has done for us. He died on the cross for all men. He wills all men to profit by his death, and his statement "them also I must bring" is a direct appeal to us to cooperate with him in this work. Every Christian is a missionary. The very fact of living the Christian life in its entirety, in the midst of our fellowmen, is of itself a powerful example to outsiders. It influences for good the lax Christian and the non-Christian. It makes them stop and think and look into their consciences. This is generally the first step on the road back to God.

Mother's Day Prayer:



All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

How can we honor Mary this month? Please remember the Month of May is the month of Virgin Mother Mary...Pray especially for good weather, vocations, pro-life and for world peace!

Simple, pray the rosary. In all the hundreds of apparitions of Mary she has constantly called us to pray the holy rosary for the salvation of souls. This is an easy, yet powerful way to honor her this month. It has been said that each time we pray the rosary, a rose is added to the crown of Mary. This isn't something that needs to be done alone or in private. Many churches this month have started praying a rosary as a congregation before each mass. Pray it as a family and allow Mary to wrap her mantle of peace around all of you.

Another common way of respecting Mary's queen-ship is by crowning her statue in your church with a crown of flowers. Don't be afraid to show your love for your holy mother by wearing her Miraculous Medal, which she gave the design for herself. Although small and rather common to most of us, the medal is actually quite powerful and comes from another request of our mother. Above all, just talk with your mother this month. Tell Mary everything that is on your heart and ask her to bring you closer to her Son. She loves each one of us immensely and will do anything to get us to heaven. Show her how much you appreciate her love, care and sacrifice for you. This goes for both your earthly mother who brought you into this world, as well as your heavenly mother who will carry you to the next.

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: In today's Gospel Jesus, the good Shepherd, assures us profound care, protection, and intimacy. Jesus' call to his followers is not just about belief but about a responsive relationship. Intentionally listening to the voice of the Shepherd and audaciously following him are the marks of the true discipleship. In this sense, following Jesus involves both listening to his voice and acting upon his commands. This emphasis on conscious listening and active following of Jesus assures us of our lasting security in him, and strengthening of our mature faith in Jesus and the Father. As we live in a world that is filled with uncertainties, we are reminded that we have a Shepherd, and nothing can separate us from his care and love. "My sheep follow me," Jesus says. Following Jesus requires actions, not merely empty belief but living according to his teachings. Each day, we are called to make choices that reflect our firm commitment to him, whether in our relationships and work or daily challenges and opportunities. True discipleship involves a continual and intentional following of the Good Shepherd. **Pray and Practice:** *Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, you know us by our name and guide us with love. Assist us to listen to your voice and follow You faithfully. Fortify our trust in your protection, knowing that no one can snatch us from your hand. May we always walk in your ways, trusting in your love and grace. In your holy name, we pray.*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS:

4th Sunday of Easter - *"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."* (Acts 13:52) - The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

SACRED HEART 2025 GRADUATING SENIORS:

This Saturday, May 10th, is Baccalaureate. Our graduating seniors are Hagan Anderson and Briley Hostas. Please offer your congratulations on this important milestone in their lives. Graduation Day for Seymour is Saturday, May 17th.

ST. MARY'S 2025 GRADUATING SENIOR:

This Sunday, May 11th, is Baccalaureate Sunday. Our graduating senior is Lily Thames. Please offer her congratulations on this important milestone in her life. The monthly breakfast will be on Sunday, May 11th after Mass and it will be in honor of Lily and for Mother's Day. Graduation Day for Lily is Friday, May 16th.

FAITH FORMATION:

This Wednesday is the **last of our Faith Formation classes this school year:** with Mass at 5:30 PM and the meal and party from 6 PM - 7:15 PM. Security will be on duty until 7:30 PM.

FR. BOSE VISITING FAMILY IN INDIA:

Please keep Fr. Bose in your prayers as he spends time with his family in India. He will depart May 12th and will return June 13th. While Fr. Bose is gone, Fr. Lim will be celebrating Masses with us. Please see bulletin for Mass schedules.

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

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

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: May 04, 2025

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: Regular- \$ 5,770.00
Youth: \$ 497.00 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 6,267.00

Envelope Use: 45 Regular; 16 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: Regular- \$ 976.00
Youth: \$ 60.00 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 1,036.00

Envelope Use: 10 Regular; 3 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat.63 & Sun. 219 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 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:

This week office Hours are Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 3:30 pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wed.!**

"HABEMUS PAPAM" WE HAVE A POPE:



Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost has been elected as the new Pope and will be known as Pope Leo XIV. He is the first American pope and will be the 267th in history. He was previously the head of the Dicastery for Bishops under Pope Francis. The news of his election was

signaled by white smoke from the Sistine Chapel.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:



"True North" VBS will be June 16-18 from 9-12:00. It will begin and end in the Parrish Hall for ages PK-6th grade (2025-2026 School Year). Please RSVP your child/children to ensure we have

enough supplies. **Registration is currently open until 5/18/25.** You can register with the QR code or by texting Audra Wright at 940.636.8464. We could also use help with decorating, planning & conducting VBS. Please let Audra know if you are willing to help.

Thank You for Supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal

"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 **St. Mary of the Assumption parish** has pledged **\$3,150** from **9 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).

The Message of Fatima: Our Lady of Fatima-May 13th

The public message of Fatima recalls that of Lourdes. Through the children Mary urges prayer for sinners, recitation of the Rosary, and works of penance. On October 13 she said: "I have come to exhort the faithful to change their lives, to avoid grieving Our Lord by sin; to pray the Rosary. I desire in this place a chapel in my honor. If people mend their ways, the war will soon be over."

But Mary also confided several "secrets" to the children, some of which Lucy subsequently transmitted. Presumably there was prediction of another war in the near future and a request for special veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The final secret Lucy is thought to have entrusted to Pope John XXIII.

As at Lourdes, the "apparitions" of Fatima have brought crowds of visitors. Pilgrimages, which began in the summer of 1917, have experienced growing success, not only among the Portuguese themselves but also among people from other countries, including the United States. The national pilgrimage following ecclesiastical recognition of the apparitions (May 13, 1931) is said to have drawn more than a million participants.

Popes have shown exceptional favor toward Fatima, Pius XII, Paul VI, and John Paul II in particular making a visit to the shrine. The papal interest and the basilica built at the site of the apparitions has helped to swell the summer pilgrimages to Fatima. Crowds comparable to and sometimes larger than those at Lourdes are not uncommon. In a rustic setting, pilgrims hear the message repeated that Mary spoke to the children: prayer, works of penance, recourse to her Immaculate Heart. — Excerpted from *Dictionary of Mary*, Catholic Book Publishing Company <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-05-13>

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND – May 10/11:

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are called to reflect not only on



the compassionate leadership of Christ but also on our role in nurturing future shepherds who will guide and care for His flock. As we remember Pope Francis and pray in thanksgiving for our new Pope, we are reminded of the importance of

preparing new shepherds to tend to God's people. Through your generous support of the Good Shepherd Sunday special collection, we have the opportunity to invest in the education and formation of seminarians who will serve parishes in the Diocese of Fort Worth. By providing financial assistance for their theological studies, pastoral training, and spiritual development, we help ensure that they are equipped to hear His voice and lead with love, compassion, and wisdom. Please take this opportunity to help them on their discernment journey by praying for them and by giving generously to this collection. Make your gift today during Mass, with the QR code or online at bit.ly/FWSeminarian (case sensitive).

ADVOCATE – to help with Blessings of Marriage (including Annulments "declaration of nullity" if necessary): Debbie Bewley (979-255-6831) has volunteered to be our Advocate. She will be available at the Pastoral Center on Monday's from 10 am – 12 pm & 1– 3 p.m. or by appointment.

ANNUAL ALTAR SOCIETY "NO-BAKE" BAKE SALE!

Mark your calendar: **June 07/08** - It's time again for the annual "No-Bake" Bake Sale to benefit the Altar Society projects. The Altar Society, comprised of all the women of our parish, serves in all ministries. Candles, cleaning of vestments and altar cloths, and flowers are under our care. We provide bereavement dinners and meals for priests for Reconciliation Services. The Altar Society presents gifts to our priest and deacon for Pastor Appreciation Day, Christmas and birthdays in the name of our parish. We contribute to parish projects and programs when possible. As outreach beyond our parish, we have donated to the deanery project of socks and underwear for the Appalachian missions. Altar Society's sole purpose is service, and your donations for our "No-Bake" Bake Sale will be used to continue this service. Please donate \$10 (or more!) to our annual fund-raiser after Masses on **June 08/09** or send your contribution to the Pastoral Center. Thank you, and may God continue to bless our parish.

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, 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 Hrcirik, 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 Hrcirik, Rickey Bohanon, Bobby Bohanon, Earl Carver, Connie & Helen Rodriguez, Tony Leal, 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, Jerry Kuhler, Vivian Steinbach, Ashley Felty, Deidra Groves, Melvin & Shirlee Motl, Jaime & Jim McLarty, Justin Elliott, Waylan Wyatt, Levi Bourland, Chris Scott, Phyllis Molina, 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 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 Hrcirik, Brexton Dockins, Judy Whitfield, Jace Smajstrla, Donna Carver, Brent Sosolik, Jennifer Lane, Carl Holley, Tommy Holub, Agnes Pechacek, Bobby Novak, Joe Hrcirik, Melinda Stewart, & Keaton Anderson.

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.***

Dear beloved mothers,



On this special **Mother's Day**, I lift up with deep affection and gratitude all the beautiful mothers in our parish truly as family. Your constant love, prayers, support have been a living testament of God's providence and compassion in my priestly life. I am sincerely moved by your motherly care. You remind me daily of God's tender love. The Scriptures give us many images of motherhood that reflect your loving hearts. The Book of Isaiah tells us: "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). And in Proverbs 31:25-28, we read: "She is clothed with strength and dignity... Her children rise up and call her blessed." These words come to life in each of you.

Like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, you carry burdens silently, give joy generously, and love unconditionally. Your strength is not in loud declarations but in quiet sacrifices, sleepless nights, and whispered prayers.

On this day, I also remember with prayer and love the dear mothers who have gone before us—those who now rest in the peace of Christ. Their memory is a blessing, and their love lives on in the hearts of their children and those they nurtured. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and may their souls rejoice in the light of Heaven.

To each of you, I say from the bottom of my heart—thank you. Thank you for being a mother not only to your own children but also to your priests, to your Church, and to the world around you.

May the Lord bless you with good health, lasting joy, and a heart full of peace. May Our Blessed Mother continue to guide and protect you. You are cherished, honored, and deeply loved.

Happy Mother's Day!

With love and prayer,

Fr. Bose