



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 18, 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 19 - 25)

Monday:	12:10 PM	No Mass
Tuesday:		No Mass
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	+Johnny Joe Pechacek by Deborah Bewley
Thursday:	12:10 PM	+Steven Michael Motl by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Friday:	12:10 PM	No Mass
Saturday:	8:00 AM	No Mass
	5:00 PM	+Patsy Sosolik by Donna Carver
Sunday:	8:00 AM	+Alan Bewley by Deborah Bewley
	10:00 AM	+Dr. Larry Boyd by Debbie Knezek

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (May 19 – 24)

Mon.: Acts 14:5-18	John 14:21-26
Tues.: Acts 14:19-28	John 14:27-31a
Wed.: Acts 15:1-6	John 15:1-8
Thurs.: Acts 15:7-21	John 15:9-11
Fri.: Acts 15:22-31	John 15:12-17
Sat.: Acts 16:1-10	John 15:18-21

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 25)

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

First Reading:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Second Reading:	Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Holy Gospel:	John 14:23-29

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
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Lim

Monday, May 19: No Mass

Wednesday, May 21: 6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration until 7:30 p.m. Benediction

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

Friday, May 23: No Mass

Saturday, May 24: (No 8 AM Morning Mass)

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

Sunday, May 25:

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: Sixth Sunday of Easter
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Lim

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: JOHN 13:31-33A, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

ADULTS: When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

CHILDREN: Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 SENIORS – For Sacred Heart: Hagan Anderson and Briley Hostas. They graduated on May 17th. For St. Mary of the Assumption: Lily Thames. She graduated on May 16th. Please offer your congratulations on this important milestone in their lives!

- ❖ *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” —Jeremiah 29:11*
- ❖ *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” —Philippians 4:13*
- ❖ *“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” - Eleanor Roosevelt.*

Memorial of St. Rita Cascia (1386-1457) – May 22: Rita's childhood was one of happiness to her parents. To satisfy her desire of a life of union with God by prayer, her parents fitted up a little room in their home as an oratory, where she spent all her spare moments. At the age of twelve, however, she desired to consecrate herself to God in the religious state. Pious though her parents were, their tearful pleadings to postpone her noble purpose prevailed on Rita, and they gave her in marriage, at the age of eighteen, to an impulsive, irascible young man, who was well fitted to try the patience and virtue of the holy girl. Two sons were born to them, each inheriting their father's quarrelsome temperament. Rita continued her accustomed devotions, and her sanctity and prayers finally won her husband's heart so that he willingly consented that she continue her acts of devotion.

Eighteen years had elapsed since her marriage, when her husband was murdered by an old enemy; both of her sons died shortly after. Rita's former desire to consecrate herself to God again took possession of her. Three times she sought admittance among the Augustinian Nuns in Cascia, but her request was refused each time, and she returned to her home in Rocca Porrena. God Himself, however, supported her cause. One night, as Rita was praying earnestly in her humble home she heard herself called by name, while someone knocked at the door. In a miraculous way she was conducted to the monastic enclosure, no entrance having been opened. Astonished at the miracle, the Nuns received Rita, and soon enrolled her among their number.

St. Rita's hidden, simple life in religion was distinguished by obedience and charity; she performed many extreme penances. After hearing a sermon on the Passion of Christ she returned to her cell; kneeling before her crucifix, she implored: "Let me, my Jesus share in Thy suffering, at least of one of Thy thorns". Her prayer was answered. Suddenly one of the thorns detached and fastened itself in her forehead so deeply that she could not remove it. The wound became worse, and gangrene set in. Because of the foul odor emanating from the wound, she was denied the companionship of the other Sisters, and this for fifteen years.

Miraculous power was soon recognized in Rita. When Pope Nicholas IV proclaimed a jubilee at Rome, Rita desired to attend. Permission was granted on condition that her wound would be healed. This came about only for the duration of the trip. Upon her return to the monastery the wound from the thorn reappeared and remained until her death.

As St. Rita was dying, she requested a relative to bring her a rose from her old home at Rocca Porrena. Although it was not the season for roses, the relative went and found a rose in full bloom. For this reason, roses are blessed in the Saint's honor.

After St. Rita's death, in 1457, her face became beautifully radiant, while the odor from her wound was as fragrant as that of the roses she loved so much. The sweet odor spread through the convent and into the church, where it has continued ever since. Her body has remained incorrupt to this day; the face is beautiful and well preserved.

When St. Rita died the lowly cell was aglow with heavenly light, while the great bell of the monastery rang of itself. A relative with a paralyzed arm, upon touching the sacred remains, was cured. A carpenter, who had known the Saint, offered to make the coffin. Immediately he recovered the use of his long stiffened hands.

As one of the solemn acts of his jubilee, Pope Leo XIII canonized St. Rita on the Feast of the Ascension, May 24, 1900.

—Excerpted from *Heavenly Friends*, Rosalie Marie Levy - <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2025-05-22>

“The name of Jesus, is in fact, the great foundation of the faith that turns people into children of God. The Catholic Faith indeed, consists in the news of Jesus Christ, as light of the soul, gate of life and foundation of eternal salvation.” - St.

Bernadine of Siena (1380-1444) – Memorial May 20

Alfred North Whitehead, an English process philosopher, uses the phrase ***“Being is Becoming”*** to describe the ongoing nature of existence. For humans, to become is to journey within, listen to our inner being, and grow in values that make us more humane and better contributors to family, community, and society. For Christians, our call is to become ***Christ-like***. The creation of a new heaven and new earth in Revelation invites self-transformation, where we collaborate with God in building a world free of sorrow, death, and pain. This happens when we step beyond ourselves and enter into the life of the marginalized. By being with them, experiencing their life first handedly would take us a long way towards becoming. That would make our words of empathy, consolation, and courage more impactful when we partake in the ministry of healing and strengthening, as Paul and Barnabas did for the early Church. This ‘becoming’ is only possible through grace, as we follow Christ’s commandment and example. Love here is twofold: it begins with God and must manifest in service, recognizing that God dwells in and identifies with the suffering. Mother Teresa said, *“If love is your greatest weakness, you are the strongest person in the world.”* Let love weaken us daily so that we may become disciples who are more human and stronger in God’s sight. **Pray and Practice:** *Lord Jesus, open my eyes that I may see the other with tenderness of heart. Transform me to become like You.* Have a blessed week! Much Love and Blessings. Fr. Bose

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS:

5th Sunday of Easter - *“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”* (John 13:34) - “As I have loved you,” this is the hard part – Jesus’s love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn’t matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to “love my neighbor” when they may be someone you don’t like, someone you don’t know, or someone that doesn’t look like you.

FR. BOSE VISITING FAMILY IN INDIA:

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

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.

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

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: May 11, 2025

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: Regular- \$ 3,173.00
Youth: \$ 45.00 Special: \$ 1,079.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 4,297.00

Envelope Use: 40 Regular; 2 Youth; 25 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: Regular- \$ 720.00
Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 164.00 Holy Day: \$ 0
TOTAL: \$ 884.00

Envelope Use: 9 Regular; 0 Youth; 3 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat.82 & Sun. 118 St. Mary – 52

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 Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 3:30 pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wed.!**

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.

Incoming Texas A&M University or Blinn College Student?

Connect 2025 at St. Mary’s Catholic Center in College Station, TX is a process that welcomes incoming freshmen and transfer students at Texas A&M University and Blinn College. It culminates in a 2-day retreat in August. We welcome incoming students home to St. Mary’s by cultivating meaningful friendships and inviting them to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. The students who attend Connect will be equipped to remain devoted to our God and Holy Mother Church during college. Registration is open now. To register or if you need more information, please go to www.stmarysconnect.com.

“THANK YOU”! - FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesday, May 14th was the last day of Faith Formation until September. **Thanks** to all the catechists and their aides, OCIC/OCIA teachers, kitchen staff, crossing/security guards, faith formation staff and anyone else who helped in any way this faith formation year. Special thanks to Kara Loftin for heading up the kitchen staff.

“A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart.”

IS IT I LORD? IS GOD CALLING ME? Join other Catholics who want to know, Friday through Sunday, June 13-15, at the 2025 Vocation Awareness Weekend. It's a weekend event for single Catholic men and women, ages 18 to 40, to learn about life as a Priest, Brother, Sister, or Consecrated Lay Woman. The Vocation Awareness Weekend will be held at the University of Dallas, Irving, (a Catholic University). Lodging for two nights and all meals are provided at no cost for participants. For more information, visit <http://www.vapinfo.org> or contact Fr. Brett Metzler at the Diocese of Fort Worth, 817-945-9321, vocations@fwdioc.org. The application deadline is May 25. The Vocation Awareness Weekend is sponsored by the Serra Clubs of the Dallas and Fort Worth Dioceses in conjunction with the Diocesan Vocation Offices of Dallas and Fort Worth.

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).

May 21st - Memorial of St. Christopher Magallanes (1869-1927)

& Companions: Christopher was joined in martyrdom by twenty-one diocesan priests and three devout laymen, all members of the Cristeros movement, who rose up in rebellion against the anti-Catholic Mexican government during the 1920s. Having erected a seminary at Totatiche, he secretly spread the Gospel and ministered to the people. Captured by government authorities, he was heard to shout from his jail cell: *"I am innocent and I die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico."* <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2025-05-21>

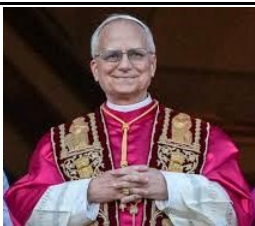
SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND:

Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their discernment journey! Your generosity of prayers and financial support during Good Shepherd Sunday will be a help to our seminarians as they continue to study and discern God's call for their vocation. There's still time to give by visiting: <https://bit.ly/FortWorthSeminarians>. For a deeper connection with seminarians consider learning more about the St. John Paul II Shepherd's Guild at <https://bit.ly/StJPIIShepherds>.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment: love one another." Learn how to love your spouse more on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Jul. 11-13, 2025. To apply go to www.wwme.org. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.

"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.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY

If you wish to honor someone, living or deceased, with a donation to the Bomarton Perpetual Care Catholic Cemetery at any time, you may call or write to Jimmy Simek or Paul Holub. Acknowledgements for donations will be sent to the honoree or the family of the honoree. Please make checks for any donation payable to St. John's Catholic Cemetery. Any correspondence may be sent to St. John's Cemetery, 118 North Main, Seymour, TX 76380.

Contact Information for Seminarian Trent Barton: You can email him at Trent.barton@fwdioc.org. 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, 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 Hrnirak, 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 Hrnirak, 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, 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 Hrnirak, Brexton Dockins, Judy Whitfield, Jace Smajstrla, Donna Carver, Brent Sosolik, Jennifer Lane, Carl Holley, Tommy Holub, Agnes Pechacek, Bobby Novak, Joe Hrnirak, Melinda Stewart, Keaton Anderson & Jennifer Loving.

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.***