



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 24, 2025

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Pastor
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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: (August 25 -31)

Monday:	12:10 PM	+Abe Wilson by Carol Vacker
Tuesday:		No Service
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	+Ricky Wright by Melvin & Shirlee Motl
Thursday:	12:10 PM	+Debbie Kennedy by Terry & Belinda Bench
Friday:	12:10 PM	Special Intentions for my Family by Donna Carver
Saturday:	8:00 AM	+Margie Psencek by Sharon Christian
	5:00 PM	+Patsy Sosolik by Mark, Sharon, Donna, Geraldine, Carol & Marilyn
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Special Intentions for Deacon Jim Novak for his 30 th Ordination by Andy & Janice Lane
	10:00 AM	+Ben Kuehler by Janice Thornhill

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (August 25 - 30)

Mon.: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10	Matthew 23:13-22
Tues.: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 23:23-26
Wed.: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:27-32
Thurs.: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13	Matthew 23:8-12
Fri.: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	Mark 6:17-29
Sat.: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11	Matthew 25:14-30

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 31)

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

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday, August 24:

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: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, August 25:

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

6:00 PM, Pastoral Center/Finance Council Meeting followed by Pastoral Council meeting around 7 PM.

Wednesday, August 27: 6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration until 7:10 p.m. Benediction

Thursday, August 28:

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

5:30 PM, Pastoral Center/Lectio Divina

Friday, August 29: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Saturday, August 30: (Blessing of all Faith Formation Youth, Catechists, Aides, Kitchen Crew, & all helpers for Faith Formation)

8 AM, Sacred Heart/Mass

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

Sunday, August 31: (Blessing of all Faith Formation Youth, Catechists, Aides, Kitchen Crew, & all helpers for Faith Formation)

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

Please sign-up for Flock Notes and also follow us on our Facebook or our website: <https://sacredheartseymour.org/>

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

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: LUKE 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

ADULTS: What daily choices are you making that will allow you to be recognized at the doorway of the reign of God?

CHILDREN: What good habits are you practicing in order to be a good Christian?

Memorial of St. Monica (333-387) – August 27th: Monica was born in Tagaste, northern Africa and died in Ostia, near Rome. Monica was a Christian, but her husband Patricius was a pagan and a man of loose morals. Monica's virtues and prayers, however, converted him, and he was baptized a year before his death. When her son, Augustine, joined the Manichean sect and went astray in faith and morals, Monica's tears and prayers for her son were incessant. She followed him to Milan, where Augustine went to teach, and there continued to storm heaven with her prayers for her son. Finally, she had the joy of witnessing St. Ambrose baptize Augustine in 387. She died in Ostia, as she and her son gazed at the sea and discoursed about the joys of the blessed. <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2021-08-27>

Memorial of St. Augustine (354-430) – August 28th: Augustine was born at Tagaste, Africa, and died in Hippo. His father, Patricius, was a pagan; his mother, Monica, a devout Christian. He received a good Christian education. As a law student in Carthage, however, he gave himself to all kinds of excesses and finally joined the Manichean sect. He then taught rhetoric at Milan where he was converted by St. Ambrose. Returning to Tagaste, he distributed his goods to the poor, and was ordained a priest. He was made bishop of Hippo at the age of 41 and became a great luminary of the African Church, one of the four great founders of religious orders, and a Doctor of the universal Church. - <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2021-08-28>

The Passion of St. John the Baptist – August 29th

In addition to the feast of the nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24), the Church, since the fourth century, commemorates the martyrdom of Christ's precursor. According to the Roman Martyrology, this day marks "the second finding of his most venerable head." The body of the saint was buried in Samaria. In the year 362 pagans desecrated the grave and burned his remains. Only a small portion of his relics were able to be saved by monks and sent to St. Athanasius at Alexandria. The head of the saint is venerated at various places. That in the Church of St. Sylvester in Rome belongs to a martyr-priest John. Also in the Dominican church at Breslau the Baptist's head is honored. —Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch There is no doubt that blessed John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: "I am the truth"? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.

Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer.

Such was the quality and strength of the man who accepted the end of this present life by shedding his blood after the long imprisonment. He preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men. He was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ.

To endure temporal agonies for the sake of the truth was not a heavy burden for such men as John; rather it was easily borne and even desirable, for he knew eternal joy would be his reward.

Since death was ever near at hand, such men considered it a blessing to embrace it and thus gain the reward of eternal life by acknowledging Christ's name. Hence the apostle Paul rightly says: "You have been granted the privilege not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for his sake." He tells us why it is Christ's gift that his chosen ones should suffer for him: "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us."

—Saint Bede the Venerable - <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2025-08-29>

In today's readings, Jesus speaks about the kingdom of God and the cost of discipleship. He invites us to reflect on our commitment to him, even in challenges, and on our role in building a community of love and unity. The first reading shows the return of God's people to Jerusalem—a sign that God keeps his promises and restores us to himself. He sends us out to proclaim the Good News to all. The Gospel highlights the final judgment at the gate of God's kingdom, urging us to make right choices and form a true relationship with God. In a world seeking shortcuts and instant results, Jesus calls us to take the narrow path—the way of discipline and depth. It is this road that leads to divine revelation. Christ reminds us that while the invitation to his feast is open to all, we must actively prepare and persevere to enter. We do this by staying focused, using every opportunity to grow in faith, and embracing his inclusive love and discipline. Today, let us ask ourselves: What principle guides my choices when faced with two paths? **Pray and Practice:** *Lord, help us to follow you with open hearts and minds. Guide us as we walk through the narrow path. Give us the strength to embrace our cross and stay faithful to you on our journey.* God's blessing and prayers
Fr. Bose

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - *"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."* Luke 13:30
Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

LECTIO DIVINA: How exciting for our Parishes! "You are invited to join the contemplative practice of Lectio Divina". Lectio Divina is a powerful exercise that deepens our relationship with GOD, through the reading of and meditation upon, His Holy Scripture in prayerful contemplation, as Guided by The Holy Spirit. Our first Lectio Divina will be **this Thursday, August 28th at 5:30 PM at the Pastoral Center.** There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Church.

FINANCE AND PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

This Monday, August 25th the Finance Council meeting will be at 6 PM and Pastoral Council meeting will be at 7 PM. We will also be taking pictures of each group for the Church Directory.

Faith Formation Kick-Off Night! **Wednesday, September 3**

Join us as we begin a new year of Faith Formation with a special evening of community, blessings, and learning! **5:30 PM – Mass** - Including our **Annual Blessing of the Backpacks!** All students are encouraged to bring their backpacks. Fr. Bose will bless them and attach a tag to remind you that *Jesus is with you in all that you do!* Thank you Ashleigh Nichols for your donation of the backpack tags once again!!! **6:00–6:30 PM – Community Meal** - Come enjoy a meal together before class begins. **6:30–7:15 PM – Faith Formation Classes** - Our classes for the year will officially begin! **Volunteers Needed:** We are still looking for helpers! If you feel called to support our youth in their faith journey, your time and talents would be *greatly appreciated* throughout the Religious Education year! Let's kick off this year with faith, fellowship, and fun! See you there!



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

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: August 17, 2025

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: Regular- \$ 3,821.00
Youth: \$ 10.00 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 694.00
TOTAL: \$ 4,525.00

Envelope Use: 39 Regular; 1 Youth; 0 Special; 20 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: Regular- \$ 647.00
Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 364.00
TOTAL: \$ 1,011.00

Envelope Use: 13 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 9 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 71 & Sun. 96 St. Mary – 47

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 the healing of Robert Weeks and Carolyn Bertschy by Cathy Lohman.

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.!**

Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Needed: If you want to do more for your parish, please think about volunteering to be an Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Minister. **We have Parishioners who would like to start back to being offered the Precious Blood of Jesus.** If we do not have more volunteers who would like to serve as Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers, we will not be able to offer the Precious Blood. There will be a scheduled training session and commissioning for those who are interested in signing up for this ministry. If you are interested, call the office at 940/889-5252 or contact the coordinator, Sandy Lane/940/733-0868.

St. Mary of the Assumption renovation of Parish Hall:

The parish hall was built in 1932 and has had few renovations since then. With some storm damage and other things going on, we decided to go all in and make her shine again. This is a big project and if anyone would like to donate to this or have questions, call John Cuba at 940/256-8041 or mail check to him at 1106 W. Gray, Olney, TX 76374 or drop at the Pastoral Center. Please make check out to St. Mary of the Assumption and write DTE Savings in the Memo line. Thanks!!

MEALS ON WHEELS NEED DONATIONS:

Seymour Meals on Wheels is in need of funding. Your kindness and generosity can bring warmth, nourishment and hope to those who need it most. If you would like to donate to this program send your donation to Seymour Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 347, Seymour, TX 76380 or call Janet at (940)889-5111 for more information. Thank you in advance.

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

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA- Sept. 6/7

Catholic University is a national research university in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously to the Catholic University of America the Weekend of September 6/7 at Mass or at [https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections \(case sensitive\)](https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections(case%20sensitive))

ST. LOUIS (1215-1270) – Memorial August 25th - Who became King of France at the age of twelve, and had been religiously brought up by his mother, Blanche of Castile. Throughout his life, he remained deeply devout and as a king, his conduct was that of a real saint. He devoted himself to the affairs of his kingdom and to those of Christendom and was a great peacemaker — kings and princes constantly sought his aid in settling disputes. He was humble and upright, helpful to the needy, and in-person nursed lepers and the sick. St. Louis gave to all the example of a life overflowing with charity and sovereign justice. He was a tertiary of the Order of the Holy Trinity and Captives (the Trinitarians) and a strong supporter of the Franciscan Orders and other mendicant orders as well. A full decade before he died in Tunis, in honor of the King's support and Catholic manner of life, St. Bonaventure proposed to the Franciscans' General Chapter that suffrages be prayed for the King annually (essentially a feast day, as for those already sainted!), the Chapter approved the proposal three years later. Immediately after Louis IX's death, the Franciscans began an active campaign for his canonization, and he was venerated by the Secular Franciscan Order and the Third Order Regular as protector and advocate as soon as he was canonized. He died near Tunis, lying on a bed of ashes, during a crusade for the deliverance of the Holy Land.
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2025-08-25>

ANIMA CHRISTI:

Do you need a break from life's daily grind? Turn to Jesus in The *Anima Christi* (Latin for "Soul of Christ"), a prayer inviting us to ask our Lord for comfort, strength, and guidance. It offers us a chance to meditate on His Passion and pray for His help to gain Eternal Life. The *Anima Christi* is profoundly Christ-centered. Is there any wonder that it is often recited after communion?

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malignant enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

***And bid me come unto Thee, That with all Thy saints,
I may praise thee Forever and ever. Amen***

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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Perhaps you wonder at times why we do what we do as Catholics. Or perhaps you have considered becoming a Catholic but just don't know how. Or you know someone that might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. In any case, we invite you to enrich yourself or invite others to learn more by asking questions. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (the OCIA) is for people who either want to learn about Catholics or to become Catholic. If you are in an interfaith marriage and are already actively involved in a church of a different denomination, you may want to understand your family's Catholic faith better. If you are not connected to any faith community, you are most welcome to inquire with us. If after preparation you decide to become Catholic, you will normally be formally accepted at Easter or at Pentecost. **We will be starting in the fall.** If you know someone who may be interested and need a personal invitation, please contact Fr. Bose or Johnny Holub, our director, with their name.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Andres Amador, Donna Anders, Jimmy Anders, Larry Ballard, Carolyn Bertschy, Bobby Bohanon, Rickey Bohanon, Cindy Cuba Boone, Kay Bradley, Peggy Brown, Ellen Schaefer Bruggeman, Quentin Bruggeman, Nick Bryant, Christopher Cardaci, Kaylan Carter, Bessie Casillas, Chris Christian, Scott Christian, Nellie Cole & Family, Josiah Decker, Brexton Dockins, Jeanie Evans, Ashley Felty, Mike Flippin, Bryker Fontenot, Charlene Gajdos, Nick Garcia, Ofelia Garcia, Karissa Gill, Hailey Glass, Stella Glass, Rose Gonzales, Caden Gray & Family, Hannah Green, Deidra Groves, Linda Guerra, James Haisler, Deven Hall, Donna Hampton, Delores Harris, Machele Hass, Keaton Hehl, Carl Holley, Tommy Holub, Cheryl Hopkins, Briley Hostas, Billy Mac Howe, Jeanelle Howell, Genevieve Hrcirik, Joe Hrcirik, June Hrcirik, Rick Kieschnick, Dr. James Kirkland, Doreen Kolacek, Arleen Kuhler, Jerry Kuhler, Melvin Kuhler, Leon Legesse Jr., Jennifer Lane, Richard Latham, Tony Leal, Jennifer, Loving, Kayley Lowder, Meg Martin, Michelle Martin, Margarita Martinez, Teagan Matthews, Cathy McElroy, Jamie McLarty, Jim McLarty, Phyllis Molina, Rick & Sandra Moorhouse, Scarlett Morrison, Melvin & Shirlee Motl, Donovan Maharib, Arya Myers, Mary Myers, Roland Newman, Abigail Novak, Bobby Novak, Deacon Jim Novak, Kim, Novak, Karla Parker, Agnes Pechacek, Mary Dell Garcie-Perez, Dale Peterson, Braxton Pierce, Connie & Helen Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez, Jennifer Roy, Joe Saitta Jr., Andrea Sanchez, Ted Schaefer, Cora Shelton, Lizzy Smith, Brent Sosolik, Vivian Steinbach, Melinda Stewart, Loy Studer, Bernie Thomas, Adaline Urbanczyk, Ralph Veitenheimer, Robert Weeks, July Wheeler, Linda Willis, Michael Wright, & Waylan Wyatt

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN: Sam Atwood, Korey Bailes, Tylor Don Chism, Isaak Estraca, Andrew Gelb, Zachary Hamilton, Tyrel Hart, Wayne Howard, Mitchell Lee, Sebastian & Savannah Mabry, Trey Matus, Carson Pope, Josh Wright, & Julien M. Wright
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!