



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 08, 2019

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: By appointment or the following times:
SACRED HEART—Wednesday 7-8 PM; Saturday 5-6 PM

PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE:

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK (December 09 - 15)

Monday: 12:10 PM: +Marcella Lane by Christeena Moore
Tuesday: **No Service**
Wednesday: **12:10 PM:** +Lillie Mae Novak by Darin & Melissa Hays
Thursday: 12:10 PM: +Tim “Son” Kuehler by Larry & Annelle Welch
Friday: 12:10 PM: +Lillie Mae Novak by Jerry & Geraldine Kuhler
Saturday: 7:10 AM: Special Intentions for Fr. Bose by Terry & Belinda Bench
6:00 PM: +Arvin Peters by Rosalie Peters
Sunday: 8:00 AM: +Christine Darilek by Christeena Moore (**St. Mary**)
10:00 AM: +Glenna Jungman by Alvin Jungman & Family

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (December 09 - 14)

Mon.:	Genesis 3:9-15, 20	Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12	Luke 1:26-38
Tues.:	Isaiah 40:1-11		Matthew 18:12-14
Wed.:	Isaiah 40:25-31		Matthew 11:28-30
Thurs.:	Zechariah 2:14-17		Luke 1:39-47
Fri.:	Isaiah 48:17-19		Matthew 11:16-19
Sat.:	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11		Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (December 15)

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

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Second Reading: James 5:7-10
Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday, December 08:

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

Wednesday, December 11:

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass
6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Children Christmas Play by religious Education Youth (**No Mass nor Holy Hour Adoration!**)
6:30 PM, Mosler Hall/Meal & Party for all children/youth in Religious Educations, Youth Discipleship, RCIC and all parish ministries
7:15 PM, Community Care Center/Christmas Caroling by Youth Disciples

Saturday, December 14: (Special Collection Retirement Fund for Religious)

7:10 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
5:45 PM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by Mass

Sunday, December 15: (Special Collection Retirement Fund for Religious)

9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by Mass/**Potluck meal after Mass**
All Weekend Liturgies: Third Sunday of Advent
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, December 16:

6:00 PM, Pastoral Center/Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 17:

7:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Advent Reconciliation Service (4 priests available)

Wednesday, December 18: (No Faith Formation Classes – Christmas break)

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration with Benediction concluding at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 19:

9:00 AM, Visitation of all sick, shut-ins, homebound and hospitals by Fr. Bose/Deacon Jim until completion

Saturday, December 21:

7:10 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

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

Sunday, December 22: (Weekend Special Collection – Angel Tree family)

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

All Weekend Liturgies: Fourth Sunday of Advent

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

ADULTS: What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

CHILDREN: What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

Second Sunday of Advent

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God who comes among us to make divine judgment manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgment to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – December 9th – Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Mary is full of grace. She is not only Christ’s disciple, who with the help of grace has overcome the chains of sin, but she is totius Trinitatis nobile triclinium, the noble resting place of the Holy Trinity (St Thomas Aquinas, Exposito Salutationis Angelicae, I). The Immaculate, full of grace, will always be Mother and Queen for that elect part of the Church that we hope one day to join, that will one day joyfully sing before the Almighty.

PRAYER: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

DID YOU KNOW!

One day a partially deaf boy came home from school with a note. It suggested that his parents take him out of school. The note said that the boy was “too stupid to learn.” When the boy’s mother read the note, she said, “My son Tom isn’t ‘too stupid to learn.’ I’ll teach him myself.” When Tom died many years later, the people of our nation paid tribute to him by turning off the nation’s lights, which he invented, for one full minute. Thomas Edison invented not only the light bulb we read by, but also the motion picture we watch and the record player we listen to. He had over one thousand patents to his credit.

My dear people of God on this Second week of Advent, Isaiah predicted of glorious times of Israel when it will take root, blossom, and sprout and fill the world with fruits (Is 27, 6). It is in Jesus that this fruitfulness became a reality. From Jesus will go out to the nook and corner of the world the message of peace, brotherhood and universal love. The image of a world where the wolf dwells with the lamb, and the leopard with the kid, the lion, and the calf graze together and are so docile to be led by a child, we have the ideal world-God's kingdom- that Jesus came to establish, a world from which enmity, hatred hostility are eliminated.

John the Baptist calls for a change of heart as a preparation for welcoming the Messiah. His message is: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." It is a call for having a radical change in one's thinking, seeing the world in a completely different way and living according to a new set of values. This is the way they can enter into the kingdom of God. The challenges that John the Baptist gives to people who came to him are matters for our examination of conscience in preparation of Christmas. What changes to we need to make in our relationships with God, others and nature that the harmony foretold by Isaiah be realized and Jesus' message finds welcome home in us? God's blessings and praying for all your intention's, and healing. I remain in your love and prayers. **Rev. Bose Jjuvarapu.**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Second Sunday of Advent - In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?

2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES:

Your envelopes are in the back of the church. If you do not see your name, please contact the office. All families who are members of our Parish should have a box, unless you draft from your bank and don't need a box. Thank you!

THANK YOU AGAIN HOLUB TIRE - 2020 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 2020 "Feasts & Saints" Religious Calendars. Thank you!

MONTHLY POT-LUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Sunday, December 15 after the 10 AM Mass in Mosler hall. Please bring a dish if you are able and come join in the fellowship and good food. Thanks...Deacon Jim.

Windthorst Knights of Columbus #1824 Annual Sausage Meal

will be held this Sunday, Dec. 8, from 11 am until 2 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Prices are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. All you can eat German sausage, pork spare ribs, sauerkraut with all the sides. Please come join us in food and fellowship.

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

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: December 01, 2019

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:	\$ 4,342.00
Youth: \$ 466.00 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0	
TOTAL: \$ 4,808.00	

Envelope Use: 61 Regular; 20 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose:	\$ 840.00
Youth: \$ 60.00 Holy Day: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0	
TOTAL: \$ 900.00	

Envelope Use: 10 Regular; 2 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat 66 & Sun 128 St. Mary – Sun 37

SEVEN DAY LIGHTS:

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: For Arvin & Rosalie Peters Family, For Alvin Jungman & Family by Shannon & Barbie Donnell Family, For the Henry & Lillie Mae Novak Family, For the George & Margaret Holub Family.

FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS BY: Kay Flippin, Terry & Belinda Bench, Ricky & Charlotte Wright, Marilyn McGough, Tommy & 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: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wednesday!**

NW DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES – Advent 2019 (All Penance Services at 7:00 PM)

- Mon. Dec. 09 @ St. Mary – Windthorst (5 priests)
- Wed. Dec. 11 @ St. Joseph – Rhineland (4 priests)
- Thur. Dec. 12 @ St. Jude – Burkburnett (4 priests)
- Fri. Dec. 13 @ Our Lady of Guadalupe – WF (8 priests)
- Mon. Dec. 16 @ Holy Family – Vernon (3 priests)
- Tues. Dec. 17 @ Sacred Heart - Seymour (4 priests)**
- Wed. Dec. 18 @ St. William – Montague (5 priests)
- Thur. Dec. 19 @ Our Lady Queen of Peace – WF (9 priests)
- Fri. Dec. 20 @ St. Mary – Henrietta (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."

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS PLAY AND PARTY!

Our annual Christmas play and party will be Wednesday, December 11th starting at 6 PM at the Church. **Cast members should be in their classrooms by 5:15 for costumes. All others should be in their classrooms by 5:45.** We are asking parents to bring 2 dozen cookies or 1 dozen brownies or cupcakes. Parents, remember to bring "you know what" and also your camera for the play and for the "Guest" coming later in the hall. Youth Disciples will go caroling at the Care Center and other shut-ins after the party. Everyone is welcome!

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 Sunday, December 22, in good time for our volunteers to decorate for the Christmas season.

FROZEN ASSORTED KOLACHES FOR SALE: \$10 per dozen till gone! Call office at 889-5252

ANGEL TREE FAMILY – 2019: The Angel tree collection will be **December 21 & 22** as a second collection and it will be used for gift cards from our local stores. **Please** have all gifts under the tree and all money donations into the office by **Sunday, December 22**. Thank you in advance for your generous “Spirit of Giving” during this special time of the year! **Please add your Angel tag to your gift so we will know which gift goes to which Angel.**

BOY – age 5, shirt: youth small; pants: 6/7; shoes: 1
GIRL – age 6, shirt: small; pants: small; shoes: 13
BOY – age 8, shirt: medium; pants: 8; shoes: 3
GIRL – age 10, shirt: adult medium; pants: 6; shoes: 7
GIRL – age 10, shirt: adult small; pants: 8 women’s; shoes: 7
GIRL – age 11, shirt: adult small; pants: waist 24; shoes: 6 ½ adult
MOM & DAD

ROSARY AND LUNCH: Join us at 12:10 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the pastoral center for a Rosary, prayers, lunch, and fellowship. Use your lunch hour – or longer! – for some hot soup, warm friendship, and calming faith as we prepare for the Lord’s Birth! Pick up a reminder card in the foyer.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE “BROWN BAG” 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.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe- December 12th
In 1910 Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared Patroness of Latin America, and in 1945 Pope Pius XII declared her to be the Empress of all the Americas. She appeared to an Indian convert named Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. She left a marvelous portrait of herself on the mantle of Juan Diego. This miraculous image has proved to be ageless, and is kept in the shrine built in her honor, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"Hear me and understand well, my son the least, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything." — Our Lady to St. Juan Diego

SECOND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – Next Weekend December 14/15:

Give in thanksgiving. “The nuns left lasting impressions on me,” writes a donor. “I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education.” Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week’s second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

2020 LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The books are on the table at the back of the Church. Lectors please take one & mark your name off the list.

SACRED HEART WEBSITE - BULLETIN

If you are traveling over any weekend and miss getting a bulletin, you don’t have to worry about finding time to stop by the office or the church. Just go online to <http://sacredheartseymour.org/> and click News/Calendar. All past and present bulletins are posted.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:

The meeting will be Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm at the Knight of Columbus Hall. All Knights are asked to attend!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We recognize our Liturgical Committee members for their dedication in planning each liturgy throughout the liturgical year. Each liturgical season is unique in its themes and music. The committee’s planning sessions are prayerfully conducted with preparation and thus are instrumental in presenting our worship as best our talents will provide. Our current committee members are: Donna Carver, Kay Flippin and Fr. Bose. Thanks again for their ministry!



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, Yvonne Boone, Carolyn Bertschy, Bessie Casillas, Joe Saitta, Jr., Donna Hampton, Cathy McElroy, Cora Shelton, Mary Matus, Mary Myers, Olivia Wright, Keaton Hehl, Stella Glass, Bernie Thomas, Josiah Decker, Sheila Helton, Ofelia Garcia, Ronald Wright, Isabel Sanchez, Brandon Hilbers, Valerie Bowen, Johnny Joe Pechacek, Janet Chism, Robert Wachsman, Kent Bickly, Michael Rodriguez, Derek Daniel, Rhea Allison, Bryker Fontenot, Frances Cortez, Charlotte Howell, Jeff Gregg, Alvin Jungman, Adaline Urbanczyk, Jim McLarty, Robin Clouse, Nick Garcia, Kayley Lowder, Rosalie Peters, Ralph Veitenheimer, Glenda Hertel, Cheryl Hopkins, Craig Bickly, Cathi Patterson, Cynthia Tatlock, Genevieve Hrnecirik, Hailey Glass, Debbie Turner, Dana Riddles, Teagan Matthews, Nathan McCandless, Bob Walker, Shelley Emsoff Ladd, Christina Lambert, Korie Hole, Richard Casillas, Jimmie Sue Loran, Joyce Scott, Rickey Bohanon, Hannah Green, Jim Cuba, Henrietta Styles, Sandra Moorhouse, Gene Johnson, Sherry Whiteside, Whitney McWilliams & Baby, Sharon Wright, Richard Latham, Geraldine Kuhler, Arleen Kuhler, Koby Peterson, Abigail Novak, Braxton Pierce, John McCandless, Kayla McLarty, LeeAnn Cooke, Lynette Lyles, Andrew Amador, Nicole Glass, Mary Dell Garcia, Billie McGough, Brian Allen, Gary Lowe, Jason Gilley, Raymond & Margie Psencik, Cori Bohanon, Theresa Bruggeman, Judy Holden, Colton McGough, Andrea Sanchez, Fr. Richard Eldredge, TOR, Paul Holman, Sharon Wright, Randal Psencik, John Edd Nelson, Machele Hass, Jessica McGough, Larry Novak, Apple (Sathwik) Jjuvarapun, Melvin Motl & Jeanie Evans.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN: Skylar Holman, Ryan Holman, John George, Kyle Matus, Jennifer Gelb, Andrew Gelb, Jeffrey Copeland, Ricky Smith, Tai Bandy, Brody Jones, James Crawford, Sam Atwood, Josh Wright, Chance Freeman, Wayne Howard, Korey Bailes, Derek Harvey, Mitchell Lee, Zachary Hamilton. *Please call the office to update the prayer list for those to be added or removed.*