



**SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Seymour, Texas

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 22, 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 23 - 29)

Monday: 12:10 PM: +Tim Kuehler by Tommy & Donna Carver
Tuesday: 4:00 PM: Special Intentions for all our Children and Youth of our Parishes (Children's Christmas Mass)
6:00 PM: Special Intentions for Brandon Lane and Family by Connie Boone (**St. Mary-Christmas Eve**)
10:00 PM: Special Intentions for Cathy Hostas by Connie Boone (Sacred Heart-Christmas Eve)
Wednesday: 10:00 AM: Special Intentions for Yvonne Boone by Sam & Connie Boone (Sacred Heart-Christmas Day)
Thursday: **7:10 AM:** +Bob Vacker by Carol Vacker
Friday: **No Service**
Saturday: 6:00 PM: +JT Bench by Terry & Belinda Bench
Sunday: 8:00 AM: +Ben Sumbera by Bernice Gowens (**St. Mary**)
10:00 AM: Special Intentions by Rick & Sandra Moorhouse

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (December 23 - 28)

Mon.: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24		Luke 1:57-66
Tues.: Isaiah 9:1-6	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 (Christmas Eve)
Wed.: Isaiah 52:7-10	Hebrews 1:1-6	John 1:1-18 (Christmas Day)
Thurs.: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59		Matthew 10:17-22
Fri.: 1 John 1:1-4		John 20:1a, 2-8
Sat.: 1 John 1:5—2:2		Matthew 2:13-18

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (December 29)

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

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve (Office closed through Friday)

4:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Children's Christmas Mass
5:50 PM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Blessing of Lights preceded by musical selections by musicians
6:00 PM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Christmas Eve Mass
9:50 PM, Sacred Heart/Blessing of Lights & Manger preceded by musical selections by musicians
10:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day...Merry Christmas! (No Faith Formation Classes – Christmas break)

10:00 AM, Sacred Heart/Christmas Mass

Thursday, December 26: (Office closed through Friday)

7:10 AM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Saturday, December 28:

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

Sunday, December 29:

9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by Mass
All Weekend Liturgies: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, December 31: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – New Year’s Eve (Holy Day of Obligation)

5:30 PM, St. Mary/Vigil Mass

7:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 01: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – New Year’s Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00 AM, Sacred Heart/Mass

Saturday, January 04:

7:10 AM, Sacred Heart/Mass/Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction until 12 noon

5:45 PM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by Mass/**Potluck meal after Mass**

Sunday, January 05:

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

All weekend Liturgies: The Epiphany of the Lord

All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass –Fr. Bose

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: MATTHEW 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,*

which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

ADULTS: Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

CHILDREN: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



‘The Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel’ (Is 7:14). This well known affirmation by the prophet Isaiah announces the coming of the Messiah into human history. It already gives us a taste of the proximity of that marvelous, stupendous day which will be the ‘*dies natalis*’ of Jesus. It was foretold by the prophets and proclaimed throughout the whole of Sacred Scriptures that He would be the One who would fulfill and bring them to completion. Our God will be incarnated and born due to the generous willingness of the ‘Virgin’ who, from the very beginning of time, was chosen to be the Mother of the Savior. Wake up, therefore, because the birth of the Lord is almost at hand, let us go to meet Him in His glory: to listen to him, to love Him and to follow Him!

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) Wednesday, December 25, 2019



In liturgy at the Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ’s birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ’s Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

LITURGICAL NORMS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Season of Christmas is characterized by the use of either white or gold vestments to emphasize that just as brilliant Light, Christ our God has come to us as Savior of the world. The penitential season of Advent gives way to our joyful celebration of the Savior manifested to us. Expanding the full festive use of flowers and resuming the hymn of “Glory to God in the Highest” at all Masses expresses great rejoicing that God is with us. Our Theme for the Christmas Season is “The Word was made Flesh! The season ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.”

Blessed and Merry Christmas!!!!

The word made flesh and dwelt among us. The creator becomes created! **“All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.”** (Jn1,3). It is beyond comprehension how God could condescend to the level of his own created being. But John gives the reason, “for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”(Jn3,16). The Creator became human and shared our weaknesses, sorrows and struggles and showed how much he loves us. God’s desire is that none of us should be lost. How grateful we should be to God for this precious gift of his Son! Let us not forget that this gift of God is the reason of our exchange of gifts and celebrations of Christmas. Peace and Blessings, Fr. Bose Jujvarapu

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 21/22, 2019 - In today’s Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God’s presence. Indeed, “God is with us.” The Good News of Christ’s Incarnation is that we are the sign, the “sacrament,” of Christ’s presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, see how we give comfort to the poor and afflicted, and share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: “God is here among us!”

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SERVICES:

Reminder: Wednesday, December 25, is the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) – A Holy Day of Obligation. In the Catholic Church, Holy Days of Obligation or Holidays of Obligation, less commonly called Feasts of Precept, are the days on which, as canon 1247 of the Code of Canon Law states; *the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body.*

All are welcome to join us for our Christmas Schedule of Services at Sacred Heart Church in Seymour and Saint Mary’s Church in Megargel.

Christmas Eve/December 24

4:00 PM Children’s Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart in Seymour

5:50 PM Blessing of Lights & Manger-St. Mary in Megargel preceded by musical selections by musicians

6:00 PM Mass at St. Mary in Megargel

9:50 PM Blessing of Lights & Manger- Sacred Heart in Seymour

10:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart in Seymour

Christmas Day/December 25

10:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart in Seymour

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

FOUND KEYS IN MOSLER HALL:

A large group of keys were found in the Hall. They are at the office. If you have lost, please call or come by and identify!

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: December 15, 2019

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: **\$ 3,276.00**

Youth: \$0 Altar Society: \$0 Special: \$1,644.00 Holy Day: \$0

TOTAL: \$ 4,920.00

Envelope Use: 47 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 31 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 748.00

Youth: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0 Special: \$ 177.00

TOTAL: \$ 925.00

Envelope Use: 10 Regular; 0 Youth; 5 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat 68 & Sun 99 St. Mary – Sun 44

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 10AM – 4 PM, closed the rest of the week for Christmas. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Monday!**

NEW YEAR’S LITURGICAL SERVICES

Reminder: Wednesday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (New Year’s Day) – **A Holy Day of Obligation!** In the Catholic Church, **Holy Days of Obligation** or **Holidays of Obligation**, less commonly called **Feasts of Precept**, are the days on which, as canon 1247 of the Code of Canon Law states; *the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body.*

All are welcome to join us for Schedule of Services at Sacred Heart Church in Seymour and St. Mary of the Assumption in Megargel:

New Year’s Eve/December 31 (Tuesday)

5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary’s in Megargel

7:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart in Seymour

New Year’s Day/January 1 (Wednesday)

10:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart in Seymour

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to Cindy Coltharp for hosting the meal for our priests who came for our Advent Reconciliation service this past Tuesday evening. Also thanks to Marty Slaggle and Cindy Cockerell for their assistance in the meal preparation and serving. We extend a nice meal to these priests as one way to show them our appreciation. Our parish is blessed with dedicated servants who volunteer their time, talent and treasure.

ANGEL TREE FAMILY – 2019: 2ND COLLECTION :

The Angel tree collection will be **this weekend - 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 this **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.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS!!!

This year Sacred Heart will have a 4:00 PM Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. This will give our children a chance to celebrate Jesus' birth as well as to enjoy the "other" Christmas tradition they love so much. Father Bose will gear the homily to the children and give them a chance to be near the altar during the service. Christmas hymns that the children are familiar with will be sung. We would like all the kids who come to bring a small picture or drawing of themselves. At the end of Mass, they will give these to the Baby Jesus at the manger scene and sing "Happy Birthday" to Him.

WE ARE IN NEED OF MASS INTENTIONS:

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Holy Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. The offering of a mass stipend is \$5 or faithful are free to offer more if they desire. This stipend is given to the priest presiding for his own use. You may place your request in the collection basket or drop off your request at the office. Please write out your check to Sacred Heart. God bless!

YOUTH PROGRAM FUNDING AND ENVELOPES!

Please consider your monthly contributions in using your monthly "youth envelopes" – the gold envelopes included in your box of envelopes. The money goes towards: books & supplies, Youth activities, Wednesday night Faith Formation meals, etc. Thanks for your consideration and continued support.

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!

GIVING THANKS AT THIS YEAR'S END—2019

At this special time of Thanksgiving—and during the rush of Christmas and New Year holidays—we pause to thank you for your faithful support of our parish. **We cannot say "thank you" enough!** Any additional gifts made to our parish by year's end, December 31, 2019, can help make a considerable difference to Sacred Heart Church and St. Mary of the Assumption Church in providing for the future of Catholic ministries and services in our parishes—while you gain substantial savings on your taxes! The charitable gift you make now could leave you and your family much better off come April 15, 2020! **Remember**—all the gifts to our parishes are tax deductible to the extent provided for by law. **Make your gift count for 2020—send it in to our parish today or place your gift into the collection basket this Sunday.** Thank you for being generous.

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!

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.

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

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT FOR CHRISTMAS:

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): December 25, 2019 - Amidst the beautiful Christmas readings at today's Masses is a reading from a small New Testament letter from Saint Paul to his protégé, Titus, read at Midnight Mass. Saint Paul reminds Titus that God has given us a gift in the person of Jesus Christ. This gift represents God's active presence in our lives and in our world. This gift redeems us from evil and death. This gift purifies us as God's people. This is a gift that also comes with an expectation: that we receive it with thanksgiving, allow it to transform us into Christ's image; and from it, learn how to live a life "eager to do what is good." Take time the next few days to reflect on the marvelous gift we celebrate at Christmas, and how we might become better stewards of this gift

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.

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 Wachsmann, 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 Hrcirik, 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) Jujvarapun, 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, Corey Bailes, Derek Harvey, Mitchell Lee, Zachary Hamilton. *Please call the office to update the prayer list for those to be added or removed.*