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Seymour, Texas

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY): APRIL 19, 2020**

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: CURRENTLY SUSPENDED**

During all Masses, you are all remembered in the **Daily Prayers**. May God help us in this time of trials and testing. Amen

**PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE:**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK WITHOUT CONGREGATION (April 20 -26)**

Monday: 12:10 PM: +Bessie Orsak by Melvin & Shirlee Motl  
 Tuesday: 12:10 PM: Special Intentions for Mary Musil by Carol Vacker (**St. Mary-Live Stream at SH**)  
 Wednesday: 6:00 PM: Special Intentions for Connie Boone by Cathy Hostas  
 Thursday: 12:10 PM: Birthday Intentions for Cory Brasher by Mike & Kay Flippin  
 Friday: 12:10 PM: +Steven Michael Motl by Melvin & Shirlee Motl  
 Saturday: 12:10 PM: +Joe Simek by Mike & Kay Flippin  
 Sunday: 10:00 AM: For the ones diagnosed with COVID-19 by Christeena Moore

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (April 20 -25)**

Mon.: Acts 4:23-31	John 3:1-8
Tues.: Acts 4:32-37	John 3:7b-15
Wed.: Acts 5:17-26	John 3:16-21
Thurs.: Acts 5:27-33	John 3:31-36
Fri.: Acts 5:34-42	John 6:1-15
Sat.: 1 Peter 5:5b-14	Mark 16:15-20

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: (April 26)**

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

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-23  
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21  
 Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

**This week- Live streaming: Daily Masses Monday, Tuesday (St. Mary Intentions), Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 12:10 PM and Wednesday Daily Mass at 6 PM with 1 hour of Adoration. Sunday Mass at 10 AM.**

**Sunday, April 19: Mass/Celebrated by Fr. Bose without congregation/Divine Mercy Novena**  
 10:00 AM, Sacred Heart (**Live Stream**)

All Weekend Liturgies: Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: (Live Stream)**

12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Masses/Celebrated by Fr. Bose without Congregation

**Wednesday: (No Faith Formation sessions) (Live Stream)**

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass/Celebrated by Fr. Bose without Congregation/Adoration

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10:00 AM, Sacred Heart (**Live Stream**)

All Weekend Liturgies: Third Sunday of Easter

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

**Office Information:** Open - Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 AM – 3:00 PM. Office phone calls has been forwarded to Deacon Jim Novak's cell for 24 hour monitoring.

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION – CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS:**

Next weekend, April 25/26, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40 % of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

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**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY: JOHN 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

**ADULTS:** What could you do this week to help strengthen the faith of someone who is faltering?

**CHILDREN:** What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?

**Jesus to Sr. Faustina**



On one occasion, I heard these words: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. Excerpted from *Diary of Sr. M. Faustina Kowalska*.

***IN HAPPY MOMENTS—PRAISE GOD. IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS—SEEK GOD.  
IN QUIET MOMENTS—WORSHIP GOD. IN PAINFUL MOMENTS—TRUST GOD.  
IN EVERY MOMENT—THANK GOD.***

**ATTN: Faith Formation for Youth and Adults – New way to Catechize**

**We have a new subscription to Formed: A technology platform for the delivery of award-winning Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more.** Our Parish may not have the opportunity for Religious Education at our location in the future due to the virus. This is the new way to catechize at home, just as home schooling today. Everyone, young and old, can log on and register free and use any menus listed. Please check it out! If you need any help with signing up please call the office. Dcn. Jim

From FORMED: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to <https://formed.org/signup>
2. Select your parish (Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Seymour, TX)
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED
5. If you need help signing up, please call the office and we will help you

**QUARANTINE**, The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty". So what does the Bible say about 40? The flood lasted 40 days. 40 years Moses fled Egypt. 40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments. Exodus lasted 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days. Lent is 40 days.

A group of theologians think the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change. Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".

Please know that during this "quarantine" healing is happening, and most importantly, people are turning to Christ. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming. So, during this time, enjoy it with your loved ones and return to the family altar together. Family prayer is a great blessing. Through prayer you will see the changes God can work in you and in your home. Christ promises us that everything works together for the good for those who love God: (Romans 8:28)

Remember we are in the year 2020, and  $20 + 20 = 40$ . Also, 2020 is the year of the United States Census. Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born during a census. Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand. May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world. The best is yet to come. Trust in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Amen. Fr. Bose.

#### **MASSES AND CATHOLIC MEDIA:**

Please join Fr. Bose celebrating all Masses this Week through Live Stream. All Mass intentions and the times are in this bulletin. When viewing a Mass on any media, please recite the prayer "**An Act of Spiritual Communion**" when you if present would be receiving Holy Communion. You can either Log on to our website <https://sacredheartseymour.org/> & scroll down to the box titled Find us on Facebook or log on to **your** facebook page and find us there. There are many ways to keep up your Catholic faith through the media during this time. The Diocese of Fort Worth will live stream Sunday's 11:00 a.m. Mass and they also have a link to churches that are live streaming on their website. We have subscribed to Formed, signup instructions in this bulletin. If you have Roku for TV, it has Formed, Catholic TV and EWTN channels. **(Currently our church doors are locked until further notice)**

#### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

#### **FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES:**

You will be receiving a postcard from the Religious Ed office with information on accessing movies for your children on the FORMED website. Please have the kids watch at least 2 of the movies to count for their CCD lessons. Of course they may watch more! We pray for the well-being of all our parish families. Donna Carver

#### **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Easter - April 12, 2020**

##### **SACRED HEART:**

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$  
**2,260.00**

Youth: \$ 20.00 Special: \$ 758.00 Altar Society: \$ 0

**TOTAL: \$ 3,038.00**

Envelope Use: 33 Regular; 2 Youth; 26 Special; 0 Holy Day

##### **ST. MARY:**

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 50.00

Youth: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0 Special: \$ 100.00

**TOTAL: \$ 150.00**

Envelope Use: 1 Regular; 0 Youth; 2 Special; 0 Holy Day

##### **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.**

##### **Prayer During an Epidemic:**

Lord Jesus, Hear our pleas, our Good Shepherd and Divine Physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease. Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear. Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness. And may all who have been called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen. Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us. St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us. St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

##### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Our appreciation goes out to all those who made our Easter Triduum celebration so special: Trent Barton as lector, Donna Carver, Sharon Christian, and Marilyn McGough as choir, lectors and cantors, and of course, Fr. Bose. A special thanks to the Jackson family for decorating the sanctuary area and to all who donated the beautiful Easter lilies in memory of loved ones living and deceased. Also thanks to those of you who listened in to KSEY or logged on to our live-streamed liturgies for this holy season. Dcn. Jim

**STEWARDSHIP:** During these difficult times, please prayerfully consider still using your contribution envelopes if you are able either **by mail or drop in our Drop box in front of the office.** "Of everything you give me, I will faithfully return a tenth part to you" (Genesis 28:22). Thank you to those who are contributing to our Church during this Pandemic. **Please continue doing the best you can!**

***What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. - Saint Augustine***



## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

**Divine Mercy Sunday** - In today's first reading the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources – giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.

## How the COVID-19 spreads:

### **Person-to-person spread**

- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.
- Maintaining good social distance (about 6 feet) is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

### **Spread from contact with contaminated surfaces or objects**

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about this virus.

**Wash your hands often** with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Also, routinely clean frequently touched surfaces.

**The virus that causes COVID-19** is spreading very easily and sustainably between people. Information from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic suggests that this virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza, but not as efficiently as measles, which is highly contagious.

## MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA ENVELOPES!



This is a wonderful gift for Mom. The Mother's Day Novena will **start Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and will end May 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you wish to have a Living or Deceased member: Mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Aunt, Wife, Mother-in-Law, Sister, Daughter, Friend, or other remembered in our Parish Mother's Day Novena Masses, **Please**

**write Mother's Day Novena** on an envelope and the names of each person. If they are deceased, please mark a cross before the name. **Please drop off the envelope, either in the drop box or by mail.** A \$5 or more offering is suggested for **each** name. Please fill out the Mother's Day Novena envelopes before **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Your Mother's day envelopes with their intentions written on them will remain in front of the Blessed Mother statue as a symbolic way of consistently praying through the month of May. This is also the month we honor Our Blessed Mother.

**A note about Holy Communion:** If you prefer to receive holy Communion under "both kinds" — that is, the Body and Blood — it is important to note that "since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1390). It is also worth noting that, in the United States, Communion in the hand is allowed by permission of Pope Paul VI, but the decision on which way to receive (in the hand or on the tongue) ultimately is left up to the faithful, not the extraordinary minister or the pastor. However, the Code of Canon law states that, in view of the common good, "ecclesiastical authority can direct the exercise of rights which are proper to the Christian faithful," which means that, for reasons of the common good, the bishop may request and urge the faithful to receive holy Communion in the hand (cf. canon 223). Finally, reception of Communion is not a requirement for those attending Mass. Indeed, the sacraments are gifts generously bestowed upon us by our creator, and sometimes we find reason that we should forego the gift for a time. The tradition of the Church has long held that the faithful unable or unwilling to receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass might instead participate in a "spiritual Communion" — what St. Thomas Aquinas described as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in lovingly embracing Him." - from free pamphlet OSV

## 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, Valerie Bowen, Johnny Joe Pechacek, Kent Bickly, Michael Rodriguez, Derek Daniel, Rhea Allison, Bryker Fontenot, Jeff Gregg, Alvin Jungman, Adaline Urbanczyk, 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, Christina Lambert, Korie Hole, Richard Casillas, Jimmie Sue Loran, Hannah Green, Jim Cuba, Henrietta Styles, Sandra Moorhouse, Sharon Wright, Arleen Kuhler, Koby Peterson, Abigail Novak, Braxton Pierce, John McCandless, Kayla McLarty, LeeAnn Cooke, Lynette Lyles, Andrew Amador, Nicole Glass, Billie McGough, Brian Allen, Gary Lowe, Jason Gilley, Raymond & Margie Psencik, Cori Bohanon, Theresa Bruggeman, Andrea Sanchez, Paul Holman, Ellen Schaefer Bruggeman, Machele Hass, Melvin Motl, Jeanie Evans, John Helton, Charlene Gajdos, Madison Kulhanek, Bart & Margarita Martinez, Jonathan Carver & Steve Eddleman.

**SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:** Skylar Holman, Ryan Holman, John George, Kyle Matus, 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.*

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