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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: MAY 24, 2020

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (In the Old Chapel Room behind screen with Mask worn!)
After each daily noon Mass; Wednesday's 6:30 -7:30 p.m.; Saturday 5 – 5:45 p.m. or by appointment**

PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE:

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK (May 25 - 31)

- Monday: 12:10 PM: +Deceased members of all branches of the Military who died in war
- Tuesday: **NO SERVICE**
- Wednesday: 6:00 PM: +Richard Mathews by Marilyn McGough
- Thursday: 12:10 PM: +Randal Psencik by Sharon Christian
- Friday: 12:10 PM: +Deceased members of Carver and Holman Families by Tommy & Donna Carver
- Saturday: 4:00 PM: Special Intentions for the New Catholics coming into the Faith by Dcn. Jim Novak & Family
6:00 PM: +Jerry Howell by Johnny & Jeanette Holub
- Sunday: 8:00 AM: Special Intentions for Stephen Musil by Carol Vacker
10:00 AM: +Lillie Mae Novak by Franz & Mary Birkenfeld

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

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| Mon.: Acts 19:1-8 | John 16:29-33 |
| Tues.: Acts 20:17-27 | John 17:1-11a |
| Wed.: Acts 20:28-38 | John 17:11b-19 |
| Thurs.: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 | John 17:20-26 |
| Fri.: Acts 25:13b-21 | John 21:15-19 |
| Sat.: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 | John 21:20-25 |

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST: (May 31)

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

- First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
- Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23

We will be live streaming all Masses at Sacred Heart. KSEY will broadcast Saturday's 6 p.m. Mass

At all Masses MUST wear face mask/covering and practice safe distancing

Sunday, May 24: (Special Collection – Catholic Communication Campaign)

- 8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass
- 9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by Mass
- All Weekend Liturgies: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day (Office Closed)

- 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass for Deceased members of all branches of the Military who died in war

Thursday and Friday:

- 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Masses

Wednesday: (No Faith Formation sessions)

- 6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass/Adoration

Saturday: May 30: Mass (Sacraments of Initiation)

- 4:00 PM, Sacred Heart/special Pentecost Vigil Mass for Sacraments of Initiation Elect and families
- 5:45 PM, Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary followed by **6 PM Pentecost Vigil Mass**

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

For bulletins: go online to <http://sacredheartseymour.org/> and click News/Calendar. All past and present bulletins are posted.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

ADULTS: With whom have you shared the good news of Jesus in the past month?

CHILDREN: What good news about Jesus could you share with someone?



Ascension is a time to teach our children that by living the faith the day will come when "we all shall be taken up in clouds to meet Christ and to be with our Lord forever." As joint heirs of heaven, we must keep before their eyes and ours the fact that this was the reason for our creation. We must also stress the words of Christ, our Brother, words of consolation for us at His Ascension: "I go to prepare a place for YOU."

Catholic Communication Campaign Special Collection – This Weekend - May 23-24, 2020

Connecting Communities in Christ: This weekend the Diocese of Fort Worth will take up the special collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. The **Catholic Communication Campaign** makes a local impact! Half of all funds raised stay in the Diocese of Fort Worth to support our local communication projects such as *North Texas Catholic*, the Diocesan website, live streaming of Mass, public relations and social media efforts. It is through the generosity of contributors to the **Catholic Communication Campaign** that the Diocese can, in part, be where the faithful are, in the digital communication world. The remaining portion of funds collected during the **Catholic Communication Campaign** are used for various national communication projects such as, email delivery of the daily scripture readings, creation of public television documentaries and live streaming of events like V Encuentro. The **Catholic Communication Campaign** also funds projects in developing countries that spread the Gospel via modern communication methods.

Your gift to the **Catholic Communication Campaign** is used to connect communities to Christ via the internet, television, radio and print media here at home and around the world. Please give generously using the envelopes or online giving channel provided by your parish, or donate now by texting COMM to 91999 or visiting <https://bit.ly/CatholicCommunications>. To learn more about the **Catholic Communication Campaign** and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Memorial Day – May 25, 2020

And I'm proud to be an American,
where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me.
~Lee Greenwood



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

MYSTERY OF HOPE: Dear sisters and brothers in the Lord, the Ascension of Jesus into heaven is a mystery of hope. Where He the head has gone, we His members hope to follow. Jesus has not abandoned us. In fact, He has promised to be with us always even unto the end of time. He has gone ahead to prepare a place for us so that we His disciples may be where He is. Life on earth is a valley of tears but in heaven there will be no more tears, no more pain, no more suffering, and no more death. The Ascension teaches us that heaven is our real homeland, our final destination. We are pilgrims in this world, passengers in transit. We need to travel light and make sure that we collect and cling to only that which we can take with us into eternity. All the material possessions that we grab and grab, all the money which we selfishly accumulate, all the good things of life that we hoard rather than share with those who have not – all these we will have to leave behind. Empty handed we came into this world and empty handed shall we leave! It is better not to be encumbered by excess baggage! We need to do load shedding while we are alive rather than be overburdened with loads that we cannot carry in death. Praying for you daily in the Holy Rosary and Holy Mass. Stay safe and stay healthy. **Fr. Bose**

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT!

Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension: In today's Gospel Jesus charges his followers to "make disciples of all nations." What exactly is going on here? What is this Great Commission anyway? Good stewards know they are directed to share what they exercise stewardship over: their life of faith in Christ Jesus. They know Jesus didn't direct them to go to church and to keep quiet about it; or to go out into the neighborhood, workplace or marketplace and just be nice to others. The Good News of Jesus Christ is meant to be shared. Many people in our communities either do not know about Jesus Christ, reject his Good News or have abandoned him. Does that bother us? Do we care? Do we realize we are supposed to do something about it?

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR EASTER PALMS:

On Pentecost Sunday weekend, May 30/31, we plan on the distribution of the palms, which were blessed on Palm Sunday and held until present. They will be set out on a table in the foyer for individual pick up. We will **not** be handing them out. If you wish you may come anytime during the week or call the office should we need to hold some for you to use in your homes.

PRAYERS TO OUR ELECT:

Let us continue to pray for our adult Elect, Kaylan Wyatt and Alex Homesley as they complete their journey toward the Sacraments of Initiation. We are planning to have that ceremony on the **Vigil of Pentecost, May 30 at a 4 p.m. Mass.** This will allow their families to attend and not ask people to go to the parish hall for overflow. May God continue to bless them, their families and their sponsors as they grow into the fullness of the Christian life!

STEWARDSHIP: During these difficult times, please prayerfully consider still using your contribution envelopes if you are able by: **adding to collection basket, 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!**

"Instead death and sorrow, let us bring peace and joy to the world." - Saint Teresa

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: May 17, 2020

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,007.00

Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 10.00

TOTAL: \$ 3,017.00

Envelope Use: 33 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 1 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 395.00

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

TOTAL: \$ 395.00

Envelope Use: 8 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat 47 & Sun 65 St. Mary – Sun 24

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 the Jim Knezek 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: **Closed Memorial Day.** Office Hours are Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wednesday!**

MASSES ON CATHOLIC MEDIA: 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. To view our Live Stream Masses, 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.

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.

1st COMMUNION:

Let us continue to pray for those youth who will be receiving First Communion this year that has been delayed. Our candidates are: Krosby Anderson, Slayton Barton, BrookLynn Hertel, Harper Hunt and Libby Lane. We will be planning their retreat day of making banners and their practice later this early summer before setting a date to have the First Communion Mass.

2nd Collection - Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa:



Weekend of June 6-7, the Diocese of Fort Worth will take up our collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The Church in Africa is joyous and faith-filled, but it also has unique pastoral challenges due to poverty, high rates of disease, food shortages and migration. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for us to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions support Catholic education, family life programs and child protection initiatives that help strengthen and build the growing African Church. Please be generous! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CANDIDATES FOR

CONFIRMATION: Our thirteen youth disciples who are waiting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation have been doing preparations in their homes. They have been doing service ministry hours as well as writing a paper to “Why they are prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation” with a video interview with Fr. Bose. We do not have a Confirmation date set as of yet. Our candidates are: Gavin Estraca, Isaak Estraca, Cielo Estrada, Fernanda Garcia, Coy Jakubicek, Peyton Kulhanek, Caroline McCartney, Abigail Novak, Emily Novak, Blaine Orsak, Jordan Simek, Jacob Stripling, and Lyndon Wright. Please continue to pray for their spiritual journeys.

History of Memorial Day – May 25th

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Memorial Day Traditions (Due to covid-19 probably on hold this year!) Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans’ organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.

Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem. On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because Memorial Day weekend—the long weekend comprising the Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day and Memorial Day itself—unofficially marks the beginning of summer.

Faith Formation for Youth and Adults – New way to Catechize –We have a subscription to Formed: A technology platform for the delivery of award-winning Catholic content, children’s programming, audio talks, e-books and more.

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

Registering for FORMED:

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

If you need help signing up, please call the office and we will help you.

"We must appreciate the dignity of life in all its seasons, even the path of the elderly in the twilight of their years, to work toward the day when every child, born and unborn, is welcomed to life and protected by law." - Gov. George W. Bush

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

At present we are not anticipating having Vacation Bible School this summer due to the pandemic and with school being closed as a model. If, however, things change we may look into having an outside event allowing our children some gathering for spiritual exercises and fun events. Parents...please offer continued prayers and share any ideas should you wish to have some type of event.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Find ways to let the Lord deeper into your marriage by going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is June 12-14, 2020. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/apply> . For more information e-mail apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a emmdfw@gmail.com o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS:

7th Sunday of Easter (The Ascension of the Lord): *“I am praying for them...”* JOHN 17: 9 Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don’t treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

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 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 Rodriquez, 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 Hrcirik, 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, 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, Geraldine Kuhler, Fred Holey, Emma Allbritton, 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