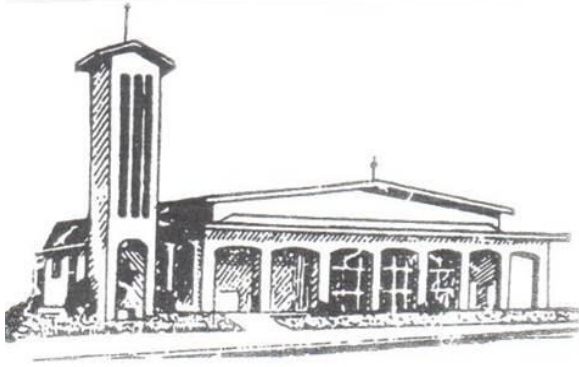


# Sacred Heart Catholic Church



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**PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters, V.G.**

**PAROCHIAL VICAR:** Rev. Barnabas Kyeah

**DEACONS:** Joseph (Joey) Targac  
Linard Harper

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS:**

Dorothy A. Jansky, Phyllis Steffek, Beverly Janak and Jackie Pettus

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKENDS:**

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**SPANISH MASS:**

Last Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

**WEEKDAYS:**

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday – 7:00 a.m. and 8:05 a.m.

**NURSING HOME MASSES:**

Hallettsville Rehab. – 10:00 a.m., every Monday

Stevens – 10:00 a.m., every Thursday

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Confessions are heard on Saturdays beginning at 4:30 p.m. and by appointment at any time.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM**

Contact the Rectory well in advance of anticipated date.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES**

4th Sunday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. and continues through Friday at 6:00 p.m.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome to our parish family. Please stop by the Rectory or call to register.

**RIGHT TO LIFE CONTACT NUMBER:** (888) 735-3448

**EWTN** – Cable Channel 71 or Dish Channel 261.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**CATHOLIC ACTION:** Alta Brown, Brenda Henneke, Mary Polasek

**CEMETERY:** Aaron Machac

**EDUCATION:** Renae Harper, Patricia Klesel

**LITURGY:** Mike Johnson, Bobi Shimek

**MAINTENANCE:** Wilbert Etzler, Matthew Motal

**FINANCE:** John Henke, Jr.

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

John Henke, Jr., Frank Janecek, Dennis Matula, Roman Shimek & Debra Technik

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL (798-4251)**

Grades Pre-K - 12, fully accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department and the Texas Education Agency.

Principal: Kevin Haas; Secretary: Kathy Haas

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Lisa Dworsky, Michael Grahmann, Allen Machicek, Cheryl Pavliska, Carol Rother, Chris Shimek, and Kathleen Chovanetz

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) (798-3124)**

Grades K-12, Sacramental Programs, Adult Education. For information, call Angela McConnell (798-3124 or 741-8730) or the Rectory. Classes for Grades K-12 are on Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 p.m. Like us on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/SacredHeartReligiousEducation](http://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartReligiousEducation)

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Troy Spring (772-1797)

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Notify the Rectory for address or other changes.

**PARISH WEBSITES:**

**Parish:** [www.shcatholicchurch.org](http://www.shcatholicchurch.org)

**School:** [www.shschool.org](http://www.shschool.org)

**Cemetery:** [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)

**Safe Environment:** [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesdays by noon.**

**DECEMBER 13  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**“N**ow the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:15-16a



**Sunday, December 13, *Third Sunday of Advent, Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18***

8:00 am – Parish Family  
10:30 am – Jim, Josephine and Frank Gutierrez

**Monday, December 14, *John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 21:23-27***

7:00 am- Agnes & Laverne Grahmann  
10:00 am- Joe & Benita Pavlu (Hallettsville Rehab)

**Tuesday, December 15, *Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23/Mt 21:28-3***

7:00 am- Kelly Wood

**Wednesday, December 16, *Las Posadas comienzan, Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 7:18b-23***

7:00 am- Louis, Emma, Terry & Denise Wick, Darlene Knezek, Shelia Vela  
8:05 am- Eugene Novak

**Thursday, December 17, *Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17***

7:00 am- Alvin & Annie Vasek & Eugene Vasek Sr.  
10:00 am- Joe & Agnes Leopold, Gus & Rosa Werner (Stevens)

**Friday, December 18, *Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25***

7:00 am – Donnie & Yvonne Muska  
8:05 am – Rudy & Mary Opela

**Saturday, December 19, *Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-6, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25***

5:30 pm – Adolph, Mary, Jerome, Fred & Joe Jansky

**Sunday, December 20, *Fourth Sunday of Advent, Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 18***

8:00 am – Parish Family  
10:30 am – Eugene & Eva Brent, Lou Kubena

**Bulletin Sponsor:** In Memory of Jim, Josephine & Frank Gutierrez by Bob Kubena

**Radio Broadcast:** In Memory of Jim, Josephine & Frank Gutierrez by Bob Kubena

**Vigil Light:** In Memory of Deceased Members of Adolf Jansky & Frank Holik families

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$8,508.50; Loose-\$1,121.00; Children \$64.00; Building Repair-\$876.00

**Calendar Membership:** **Dec 3:** Joe Rainosek, Victoria, TX - \$100; **Dec 4:** Rose Thumann, Sheridan, TX-\$100; **Dec 7:** Leon & Margaret Steffek-\$50; **Dec 8:** Leo C. Henke-\$50; **Dec 9:** Mr & Mrs David Lipinsky-\$50

**Christmas Flowers:** Donations are being accepted for the flowers during the Christmas Season. Please drop off your donation at the Rectory, or place it in an envelope with your name and drop it in the collection basket.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

-First Penance – 2:00 pm - Church  
-Czech Heritage Society – Noon - Family Center  
-Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Christmas Party – 5:00 pm – KC Hall

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14**

-Rosary & Evening Prayer-5:30 pm—Church  
-Adult Choir Practice - 6:05 – Church

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.  
-KC/CDA Christmas Party – 6:00 pm – K.C. Hall  
-Safe Environment – 7:00 pm – Family Center  
-Parish Penance Service – 5:30pm - Church

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

-CCD – K-12—6:15-7:30 pm

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17**

-R.C.I.A.-7:00 pm—Sacred Heart School  
-God’s Embrace – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm – Sacred Heart School

**PENANCE SERVICES:**

**Yoakum** – Monday, December 14, 5:30 pm  
**Sacred Heart** – Tuesday, December 15, 5:30 pm  
**Moulton** – Thursday, December 17, 5:30 pm  
**Sacred Heart Parish Confessions:**  
Friday, December 18, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Saturday, December 19, 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm  
**St Mary’s** – Saturday, December 19, 10:00 am

**Among our sick:** Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Kathy Davis, Marilyn Palmquist, Becky Pekar, Amanda Gutierrez, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcek, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Sweet Hrcir, Henry Konvicka, Leo Haas, Jr., Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Dollie Parr, Joyce Tesch, Steve Grasshoff, Buddy Boehm, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, Tommy Kanak, Rose Thumann, Rita Zaruba, JoAnn Zapalac, Gage Pilat, Vernell Macik, William P. Hermes, Leona Maupin, Maryann Grahmann, Daniel Klekar, Cliff Labay, Ronnie Leck, Christine Wanjura, Loraine Butschek, Steve Cornelius, Rebecca Junker, Matt Dalton, Cindy Spanihel, Ruby Ann Bozka, Michael Perez, Hubert Janak, Gene Schulte, Cameron Eledge, Paul Leininger, Franklin Billimek, Mary Z. Steffek, Amy Taylor, David Lee Bujnoch, Kristen Brooks, nursing home residents & the homebound.

**THE EMMAUS CENTER**—*Counseling in the Catholic Tradition*—Sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria—1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140, Victoria, Texas 77901. For an appointment, go to [www.emmauscounselingcenter.com](http://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com) or call 361-212-0830. *Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need*

The **Czech Heritage Cookbook**, produced by the Altar Society of the Ascension of our Lord Catholic Church in Moravia, makes an excellent Christmas present! Only \$10 each – they can be purchased at Hallettsville General Store (405-A N. Texana) or Found antiques, vintage and more (306 N. LaGrange St.). Call (361) 798-5691 or email [foundtexas@gmail.com](mailto:foundtexas@gmail.com) with questions!

**\*\*Perpetual Adoration** will be continuing thru Christmas & New Year. Please get a substitute if you cannot make it.

*Only 12 more days until Christmas!  
Stop by the Sacred Heart Church Rectory for that special religious item.*

## From the Desk of Msgr. John

We thank Bishop Brendan Cahill for celebrating Mass for our CCD Religious Education students this past Wednesday night. It was a great visit.

This past Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> was the beginning of the Year of Mercy. Throughout this year we will be sharing reflections and information about this Jubilee Year.

Traditionally, a jubilee year is celebrated to mark twenty-five years or fifty years or an important anniversary, such as the 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Christ in 2000. But Archbishop Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, makes some important distinctions: "In order to avoid any misunderstanding, it is important to reiterate that this Jubilee of Mercy is not and does not intend to be the Great Jubilee year of 2000. Therefore, any comparisons lack validity, for every Holy Year possesses its own unique nature and aims.

"It is the Pope's desire that this Jubilee be celebrated in Rome as well as in the local Churches; this will give due focus to the life of individual Churches and their needs, in such a way that the initiatives will not place an extra burden on local Churches, but will blend into their calendars and usual activities very naturally.

"Also, for the first time in the history of the Jubilee tradition, there will be an opportunity for individual dioceses to open a Holy Door – the Door of Mercy – either in the Cathedral or in a church of special significance or a shrine of particular importance for pilgrimages.

"Similarly, it is easy to cull other characteristics from the Bull of Indiction that will make this Jubilee unique. From the very beginning, however, the call to mercy breaks with the traditional pattern. The history of Jubilees has been marked by their occurrence every 50 or 25 years. The two Extraordinary Jubilees fell on anniversaries of Christ's redemptive act (1933, 1983). This Jubilee, however, is based upon a theme. It will build upon the central content of the faith and intends to call the Church once again to its missionary priority of being a sign and witness in every aspect of its pastoral life. I also have in mind Pope Francis' appeal to Judaism and Islam as loci in which to contextualize the theme of mercy in order to foster dialogue and a way of overcoming difficulties in the public realm.

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### **Nativity Pilgrimage—Walking in the Footsteps of**

**Jesus—A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—10 Days—May**

**2-11, 2016, Spiritual Director: Rev. Barnabas Kyeah.**

St. John the Baptist, St. Mary's, Ascension of our Lord, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hallettsville, Texas.

\$3,099 per person. Round Trip from Houston, Texas.

(Includes First class Hotels, Double Occupancy, 2 Meals a day, Breakfast and Dinner, Daily Sightseeing, Daily Mass, Airport Taxes, and Fuel Surcharges). Registration forms are located in the back of the Churches, or you can

contact Rev. Barnabas Kyeah at the Church Rectory—798-5888. **Presentation January 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Church.**

## YOUTH NEWS

This Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm we will be visiting Hallettsville Nursing and Rehab to play games with the residents! This is a great opportunity for confirmation hours.



## KC/CDA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual KC/CDA Christmas Party and Awards Night has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015. A delicious roast beef meal with a delicious dessert will be served around 7:00 p.m. KC awards will be presented. There will be plenty of Door Prizes. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Although not required, please try to RSVP to the KC Hall before December 12 at 798-2311.

CDA Members are asked to bring snacks for the party.

All widows of our Deceased members are invited to join.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE

Once again, Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring the Catholic School Sweepstakes Raffle that will benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School (SHCS). Tickets are only \$5.00 each and all money collected stays at SHCS.

Prizes are as follows:

Grand Prize:

**2016 Ford F-150 Truck or 2016 Ford Fusion Sedan or \$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card**

Participating School Prize:

Each participating school will have a \$1,000 prepaid Visa Credit Card Individual Winner drawn from tickets sold by their school.

Tickets are available at the school, the rectory, or any SCHS student. Drawing to be held Saturday, January 23, 2016

### **3rd Sunday of Advent**

"I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

So said John the Baptist in reference to Jesus. Tax collectors, soldiers, and countless other people gathered to hear John preach. There was an excitement in the air as they were all "filled with expectation." For generations upon generations they had been waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah--the Christ. And now, John the Baptist had appeared with such a striking message and such a powerful presence that "all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ."

But he wasn't. John's mission was to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. In the process, however, people began to think that John was the main attraction. He set the record straight though, when he emphasized that "one mightier than I is coming." And then he made the remark about not being worthy to do even the most humble act of service--loosening sandal straps--for the Lord.

Imagine what the people must have been thinking. They all found John to be such a remarkable man, and yet he declared that he wasn't worthy? If this great prophet was so humble, how much more should they humble themselves in preparation for the coming of the Messiah? And shouldn't we do the same?

As we mediate upon the coming of Christ this Advent season, we would do well to make our approach towards Christmas with humble hearts. What have we done to deserve this incredible gift of a Savior? Are we worthy of his incarnation and his saving death? The fact is that nothing we could ever do would possibly earn our redemption. May we be humble enough to acknowledge that our salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

## **Victoria Gabriel Project Christmas Party!!**

Tuesday, December 15; 101 W. Convent St.(behind St. Mary's Catholic Church, Victoria; 6:30 till ?. Supper provided. Bring a gift for the Christmas Tree; baby item or hygiene products for Moms. RSVP by Monday, December 14 to Barbara at (361) 649-1612 or email: [barbaramccain85@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramccain85@yahoo.com).

## December 2015 Eucharist Ministry Schedule

<b>December 12 &amp; 13</b>		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Emilie Griffin, Sydney Migura, Heidi Ortolon	Sam Brown, Dylan Fishbeck, Quade Henneke, John Wysocki	Dallas Layton, Ameer Rivers, Jacob Rivers	
<b>Cantor &amp; Organist:</b>	Marjorie Grahmann & Georgia Haas	Anna Neumeyer & Ed Scherer	Candy Hines & Tim Hines	
<b>Lector:</b>	Debra Technik	Monica Holik	Tom Donnelly	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	Bill Byrd, Fran Byrd, Roger Janak	Rhonda Brown, Barbara Grahmann, Robert Grahmann, Jr.	Anita Barrera-Rocha, Kevin Busselman, Janice Busselman	
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	Helen Motal	Monica Holik	Anita Barrera-Rolcha	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Gene Janak, Larry Korenek, Andrew Kutac	John Henke, Jr., Lawrence Henke, Kenneth Henneke	Bill Grafe, Tommy Grahmann, Jr., Brian Popp	
<b>December 19 &amp; 20</b>		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Hayden Grahmann, Kyle Pettus, William Pettus	Cole Bohuslav, Abby Clark, Carley Haas, Shelby Haas	John Cesarz, Braden Popp, Connor Popp, Darren Slatter	
<b>Cantor &amp; Organist:</b>	Kelly Schimcek & Charlene Pillow	Anna Neumeyer & Debi Sevcik	SonDay Morning Boys	
<b>Lector:</b>	Henry Joe Henke, Jr.	Kathy Korenek	Rosanne Gallia	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	Pat Fawbush, Barbara J. Grahmann, Susan Tolson	Kathy Haas, Margaret Kallus, Larry Korenek	David Smolik, Joyce Smolik, Michael Johnson	
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	Marcella Henke	Joyce Machicek	Barbara Grahmann	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Daniel Melnar, Don Rainosek, Kevin Shimek	Frank Janecek, Jerry Kallus, Anton Machicek	Roman Shimek, Bruce Wesson, Bill Bludau	
<b>December 24 &amp; 25</b>		<b>4:00 p.m. &amp; 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Midnight 12:00 a.m. &amp; 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>4pm</b> -Children; <b>6pm</b> -Allie & Sadie Bludau, Justin Klesel	<b>12:00am</b> -Volunteers; <b>8am</b> -John Bludau, Jordan Bludau, Jillian Brown	Ella Harper, Luke Harper, Will Harper, Trinity Harper	
<b>Cantor &amp; Organist:</b>	<b>4pm</b> -Children & Candy Hines; <b>6pm</b> -Kelly Schimcek & Roger Janak	<b>12:00am</b> -Choir & Candy Hines; <b>8am</b> -Anna Neumeyer & Monica Holik	Anna Neumeyer & Pat Mladenka	
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>4pm</b> -Children; <b>6pm</b> -Amy Machicek	<b>12:00am</b> -Jennifer Golsch; <b>8am</b> -Daniel Wagner	Bob Kubena	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	<b>4pm</b> -Karen Janak, Andrew & Jane Pesek, Pat Fawbush; <b>6pm</b> -Harry & Linda Cull, Jimmy Appelt	<b>12:00am</b> -Henry J. Henke, Robert & Barbara Grahmann; <b>8am</b> -Gene & Maureen Schott, Julie Kubena	Pat Kessler, Bruce McConnell, Angela McConnell	
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	No Rosary	<b>8am</b> -Monica Holik	Josephine Leopold	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>4pm</b> -Volunteers <b>6pm</b> -Robert Steffek, Gene Janak, Clarence Wenske	<b>12:00am</b> -Volunteers; <b>8am</b> -Charles Matula, Dennis Matula, Gilbert Schindler	Ervin Bludau, Mike De La Rosa, Joe Cash	
<b>December 26 &amp; 27</b>		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Derrick Janak, Jordan Janak, Matt Roznovsky	Adam Steffek, Hailey Steffek, Nolan Steffek	Addison Belicek, Abi Ross, Audrey Ross	
<b>Cantor &amp; Organist:</b>	Marjorie Grahmann & Georgia Haas	Anna Neumeyer & Ed Scherer	Alice Summers & Candy Hines	
<b>Lector:</b>	Dr. Warren Migura	Barbara Leopold	Mike Johnson	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	John Henke, Jr., Connie Janak, Steven Leopold	Joyce Machicek, Mary Polasek, Carol Pustejovsky	David & Joyce Smolik, Maggie Pustka	
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	Loretta Hardcastle	Margaret Steffek	Barbara Grahmann	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kenneth Barton, Chris Hermes, Gene Janak	Robert Steffek, Marty Steffek, Bruce Bludau	Tommy Grahmann, Jr., Kenneth Etzler, Bill Grafe	
<b>December 31 &amp; Jan 1</b>		<b>6:00 p.m. &amp; 11:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>6pm</b> -Emilie Griffin, Sydney Migura, Heidi Ortolon <b>11:30pm</b> -Volunteers	Tori Dornak, Dalton & Elizabeth Grahmann, Kara Immekus		
<b>Cantor &amp; Organist:</b>	<b>6pm</b> -Kelly Schimcek & Roger Janak; <b>11:30pm</b> -Pat Mladenka	Anna Neumeyer & Debi Sevcik	<b>NO 10:30 MASS</b>	
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>6pm</b> -Debra Technik; <b>11:30pm</b> -Henry J. Henke	R.L. Orsak		
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	<b>6pm</b> -Tommy Sitka, Susan Tolson, Karen Janak; <b>11:30pm</b> -Volunteers	Glenda Trlicek, David Wagner, Karen Bludau		
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	<b>6pm</b> -Janice Hill	Joyce Machicek		
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>6pm</b> -Larry Korenek, Andrew Kutac, Daniel Melnar; <b>11:30pm</b> -Volunteers	Wink Bludau, Franklin Bohuslav, Anthony Etzler		