

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

YOUTH MINISTRY: Troy Spring (772-1797)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Notify the Rectory for address or other changes.

PARISH WEBSITES:

Parish: www.shcatholicchurch.org

School: www.shschool.org

Cemetery: www.victoriadiocese.org

Safe Environment: www.victoriadiocese.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesdays by noon.

**NOVEMBER 29
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:26-28



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Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent, (Jer 33:14-

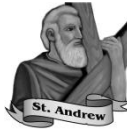
16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36)

8:00 am – James Grahmann
10:30 am – Parish Family
5:00 pm – Spanish Mass – Concepcion Garza

Monday, November 30, Saint Andrew Apostle, (Rom

10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22)

7:00 am- Richard and Irene Janak
10:00 am- Victor & Lena Grafe (Hallettsville Rehab)



Tuesday, December 1, Advent Weekday, (Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-

2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24)

7:00 am- Marie Grafe

Wednesday, December 2, Advent Weekday (Is 25:6-10a/Ps

23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37)

7:00 am- Debbie Technik
8:05 am- Bonnie Grahmann and Delores Prasek

Thursday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest (Is 26:1-

6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27)

7:00 am – Mathew and Dorothy Klekar
10:00 am- Hilton and Hilda Elstner and Bill Sobotik (Stevens)

Friday, December 4, Advent Weekday, (Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1,

4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31)

7:00 am – Joe N. Steffek
8:05 am – James Kouba

Saturday, December 5, Advent Weekday, (Is 30:19-21, 23-

26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8)

5:30 pm – Elroy and Judy Koerth and Doris Pugh

Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent, (Bar 5:1-

9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6)

8:00 am – Parish Family
10:30 am – Joe P. Zappe

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Emma and Terry Wick

Radio Broadcast: In Memory of Ervin J. Bludau, Sr.

Vigil Light: In Memory of Joan Pruett

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,551; Loose-\$1,248; Children \$37; Manna Pantry-\$2,646

Christian Mother's Society: The Christian Mother's Society will have their Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6 from 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Family Center. A visit will be made by Santa. Members may bring a small gift for your child with their name on it. Members are asked to bring sandwiches, chips, dip, or dessert. Members, husbands, and family are cordially invited.



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 or call 361-212-0830. *Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Spanish Mass—5:00 p.m.; Covered Dish Supper—Family Center

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

-Rosary & Evening Prayer-5:30 p.m.—Church
-Cantors and Organist Practice—6:00 p.m.—Church
-Adult Choir Practice—6:30 p.m.—Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
-KC General Meeting-6:30 p.m. Rosary; Meal 7:00 p.m.; Meeting 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

-CCD – K-12—6:15-7:30 p.m.—7th Grade meets at LAJ Youth Centre for St. Nick Ministry

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

-First Friday Adoration—6:00 p.m. for Holy Hour for Peace in families and in the World -7:00 p.m.

-God's Embrace Meeting—6:30-8:30 at Sacred Heart School

-R.C.I.A.-7:00 p.m.—Sacred Heart School

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

-CDA—First Friday Adoration – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

-First Friday Benediction—6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

-Serra Club Mass for Vocations—Sacred Heart Catholic Church—Rosary at 8:00 a.m.; Mass at 8:30 a.m..

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, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Happy Anniversary!

Donald & Mildred Grahmann	40 years	November 29
Melvin and Lorraine Rasmussen	52 years	November 30
Donal & Judy Johnson	54 years	December 1

KZT Society No. 2

K.J.Z.T. Society No. 2 Christmas Party, Sunday, December 6, at Sacred Heart Family Center with Noon meal.

Calendar Membership: Nov. 19: Michael F. Henke, Weimer-\$100; **Nov. 20:** Carol Reiler-\$100; **Nov. 23:** Marvin Bohuslav, Moulton-\$50; **Nov. 24:** Debbie Rokyta, Victoria-\$50; **Nov. 25:** Cindy Bludau, Victoria-\$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.

KJT#5—There will be no Christmas Party this year.

****Perpetual Adoration:** An Adorer is needed for Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224



From the Desk of Msgr. John

We are entering the Advent Season. Advent is the season in which we prepare for the great celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. During these four weeks, we're invited to contemplate the richness of God's gift to us in Christ, as along with the entire Church:

~We remember humanity waiting for the coming of the Savior. We wait and pray for the Second Coming of Jesus as our Lord and Judge;

~We examine our lives and listen to the call of John the Baptist to make the ways of our hearts ready for forgiveness and love;

~We remember how God has fulfilled His promises in the grace and salvation through Jesus, and we pray and celebrate in hope for ourselves and for all God has made.

We mark the time leading up to Christmas in various ways with the most popular one being the Advent wreath. The Advent wreath has its origins in Germany, in the sixteenth century. The wreath—a circle of evergreen symbolizing God's eternal love—holds four candles, three violet and one pink. Violet is the traditional penitential color of Advent, and the pink candle, symbolizing joy, is lit on Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday, the third Sunday of the season.

As we light the four candles one by one, we're minded of how God's light has gradually illumined the world's darkness through history, culminating in Jesus, the Light of the World and the Sun of Justice.

At this time, we need to pray more than ever for Peace and Justice in the world and especially in our own country.

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

Only 26 more days until Christmas!

Stop by the Sacred Heart Church Rectory for that special religious item. We have added many new items, such as Children's Christmas Books, Coloring Books, new sets of Christmas ornaments and so much more. Don't forget we also have Advent Wreaths and candles.

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.

Please pray for the Veterans who have served Our Country and have sacrificed and given so much for our freedom!

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

1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Jesus instructs his disciples to take this posture of confidence in the midst of a terribly disturbing situation. Describing his second coming, Jesus says that on seeing this event unfold, "People will die of fright." And yet the disciples are supposed to be pillars of strength. While others cower in fear, the Lord's followers are somehow immune, with heads raised high. Why?



Well, presumably, because those who follow Christ--those who earn the distinction of being disciples--have nothing to fear. On the contrary, when they have to "stand before the Son of Man," it will be a happy occasion. But here's the catch: "disciple" is more than an empty title. If we want to be counted among this confident crew, there are a few things for us to do. Today's Gospel spells out these tasks, which are all perfect things to pursue during Advent.

First, we have to make sure that our "hearts do not become drowsy." We are called to stay awake in a spiritual sense, not allowing "carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life" to numb us. We need to avoid whatever might reduce our ability to recognize and relate to Jesus, because we don't want his appearance to catch us "by surprise like a trap." Advent is an ideal time to examine our lives to determine what activities, priorities, or pastimes might be putting our hearts to sleep. Secondly, we need to pray. We need to ask Jesus himself for "the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." We can't do it alone. But with Christ's help, we can be true, fearless disciples.

Attention All Ministers: Please call the Rectory by Tuesday, December 8 to let us know which Christmas Mass you will be attending; otherwise, ministers will be scheduled according to the person next in line. This is for all ministries.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center - DECEMBER EVENTS

Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX.

www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org

For more information contact Sr. Emilie Eilers at 361-575-7111.

SOLEMN VESPERS – The Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church prayed with people of all faith traditions – December 6, 13, and 20. 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – On-Going opportunity for guidance and discussion on one's spiritual journey with an experienced Spiritual Director. Call for appointment 361-575-7111.

"Come and See" Discernment Weekend for single Catholic women 18 to 50 years of age on December 5-6, 2015 at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, Texas (361) 575-7111 or email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com. See www.iwbsvictoria.org for more information.

December 2015 Eucharist Ministry Schedule

November 28 & 29			
	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:	Corrina Lackey, Elise Lackey, Bailey Schindler	Tori Dornak, Dalton Grahmann, Elizabeth Grahmann, Kara Immekus	Emma Hawkins, Austin Kraatz, Tyler Kraatz, Victoria Kraatz
Cantor & Organist:	Karen Janak & Charlene Pillow	Anna Neumeyer & Ida Bludau	Denise Drozd & Lisa Adams
Lector:	Amy Machicek	Rita Chase	Kris Allen
Extraordinary Ministers:	Dr. Warren Migura, Pat Mladenka, Tommy Sitka	Margaret Kallus, Joyce Machicek, Julie Kubena	Michael Johnson, JoAnn Schindler, Todd Schindler
Rosary Leader:	Loretta Hardcastle	Joyce Machicek	Josephine Leopold
Ushers:	Chris Hermes, Gene Janak, Larry Korenek	Robert Grahmann, Charles Haas, Dennis Haas	Bruce Wesson, Bill Bludau, Ervin Bludau, Jr.
December 5&6			
	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:	Derrick Janak, Jordan Janak, Matthew Roznovsky	Austin Kutac, Madison Kutac, Myles Machicek	Luke Bludau, Ty Hynes, Trey Ridgeway, Luke Scherer
Cantor & Organist:	Kelly Schimcek & Jo Ann Shimek	Anna Neumeyer & Monica Holik	Denise Drozd & Pat Mladenka
Lector:	Dr. Warren Migura	Jennifer Golsch	Robert Kubena
Extraordinary Ministers:	Georgia Haas, Diane Kainer, Mary Leopold, Andrew Pesek, Harry Cull, Linda Cull, Rosemary Hemmi, Karen Janak	Jimmy Appelt, John Barton, Ruth Barton, Pat Henke, Donald Shimek, Bea Wyatt, Renee Bludau, Steve Bludau	Kevin Busselman, Janice Busselman, Rosanne Gallia, Robert Pohl, Gene Schott, Joann Schindler, Todd Schindler, Maureen Schott
Rosary Leader:	Janice Hill	Margaret Steffek	Pat Mladenka
Ushers:	Clarence Wenske, Kenneth Barton, Chris Hermes	Charles Haas, Dennis Haas, Andrew Henke	Joe Cash, Michael DeLaRosa, Kenneth Etzler
December 12 & 13			
	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:	Emilie Griffin, Sydney Migura, Heidi Ortolon	Sam Brown, Dylan Fishbeck, Quade Henneke, John Wysocki	Dallas Layton, Ameer Rivers, Jacob Rivers
Cantor & Organist:	Marjorie Grahmann & Georgia Haas	Anna Neumeyer & Ed Scherer	Candy Hines & Tim Hines
Lector:	Chris Mojica	Monica Holik	Tom Donnelly
Extraordinary Ministers:	Roger Janak, Bill Byrd, Fran Byrd	Rhonda Brown, Barbara Grahmann, Robert Grahmann, Jr.	Anita Barrera-Rocha, Janice Busselman, Kevin Busselman
Rosary Leader:	Helen Motal	Monica Holik	Anita Barrera-Rocha
Ushers:	Gene Janak, Larry Korenek, Andrew Kutac	John Henke, Jr., Lawrence Henke, Kenneth Henneke,	Bill Grafe, Tommy Grahmann, Jr., Brian Popp
December 19 & 20			
Altar Servers:	Hayden Grahmann, Kyle Pettus, William Pettus	Cole Bohuslav, Abby Clark, Carley Haas, Shelby Haas	John Cesarz, Braden Popp, Connor Popp, Darren Slatter
Cantor & Organist:	Kelly Schimcek & Charlene Pillow	Anna Neumeyer & Debi Sevcik	SonDay Morning Boys
Lector:	Debra Technik	Kathy Korenek	Rosanne Gallia
Extraordinary Ministers:	Pat Fawbush, Susan Tolson, Barbara J. Grahmann	Kathy Haas, Margaret Kallus, Larry Korenek	David Smolik, Joyce Smolik, Michael Johnson
Rosary Leader:	Marcella Henke	Joyce Machicek	Barbara Grahmann
Ushers:	Daniel Melnar, Don Rainosek, Kevin Shimek	Frank Janecek, Jerry Kallus, Anton Machicek,	Roman Shimek, Bruce Wesson, Bill Bludau