

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

APRIL 5, 2020



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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

EWTV – Cable Channel 71 or Dish Channel 261; Direct TV Channel 370.

RADIO STATIONS: 99.9 FM and 94.3 FM

PASTORAL COUNCIL

CATHOLIC ACTION: Denise Barton, Amy Amsden, Cori Chovanetz

CEMETERY: Ronnie Sevcik, Nathan Etzler

EDUCATION: Robert Klekar, Donald Shimek

LITURGY: Mary Hall, Sharon Bludau

MAINTENANCE: Randy L. Fojt, Michael Janak

FINANCE: John Henke, Jr.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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SACRED HEART SCHOOL (798-4251)

Grades Pre-K3 - 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, Allen Machicek, Chuck Pavliska, Katie Steffek, Michele Etzler, Brian Popp

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, 6:00–7:00 p.m. Like us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/SacredHeartReligiousEducation

YOUTH MINISTRY:

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

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Charlene Bradbury (798-3224)

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesdays by noon.

**APRIL 5, 2020
PALM SUNDAY
OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

Sunday, April 12, *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*, Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

For the Parish

Fred & Hattie Ehler, Erwin and Lorene Biehunko,
Living and Deceased Members of the Hallettsville Fire
Department and Auxiliary #497

But Jesus cried out
again in a loud voice,
and gave up his
spirit.

And behold, the veil of the
sanctuary
was torn in two from top to
bottom. (Mt 27:11-50-51)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**ALL EVENTS CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

Among Our Sick: Ryan Janak, Harvey Drozd, Cynthia Spanihel, Kimberly Jalufka, Wilton Hrcir, Alma (Sweet) Hrcir, Gloria Juarez, Emil Doubrava, Marcella Henke, Laura Berlin, Brian Wisnoski, Cole Ohrt, Geraldine Taylor, Carolyn Strauss, Robert Drozd, Emma Henke, Lena Partida, Mary Kaiser, Albert Orosco, Kate Miles, Jeffery Evans, Bea Butschek, Jennifer Lackey, Kimberly Montz, Dawson Kutac, Buddy Boehm, Martha Sitka, Margaret Henneke, Eugene Garza, Victor Smajstrla, Cassin Leopold, Richard Grahmann, Ella Mae Bludau, Donna Nevlud, Linda Wischnewsky, Debbie Fishbeck, Andrew Pesek, Alfred Janak, JoAnn Zapalac, Kenneth Renger, Michelle Brown, Anthony Corte, Mary Ann Appelt Kizer, Steve Kossa, Jane Pesek, Joylyn Gunn, Barbara Schindler, Judy Aulick, Bernadette Bludau, Charleigh Rainosek, Ken Petty, Angie Wagner, Donald Horton, Jr.; Shannon Grahmann, Hubbard Wyatt, Jeremy Henke, Michael Bennett, Alton Grahmann, Eleanora Schaefer, Bernice Schulte, Bob Janak, Sally Janak, and nursing home residents & the homebound.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$1,285, Loose-\$88;
Manna Food Pantry-\$1,737; Rice Bag-\$\$679

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by Catholic Family Life-Society #2

Vigil Light: In Memory of V.C. & Leona Labay by
the Family

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

*Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and
Religious Life.*

**Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday, Mt 21:1-11/Is
50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-
11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54**

Hilbert & Agnes Bludau

For the Parish

**Monday, April 6, Monday of Holy Week, Is 49:1-
6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn
13:21-33, 36-38**

Joyce Bucek

No Mass at Nursing Home

**Tuesday, April 7, Tuesday of Holy Week, Is 49:1-6/Ps
71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33,
36-38**

Herbert, Georgie and David Etzler

**Wednesday, April 8, Wednesday of Holy Week, Is 50:4-
9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25**

Jeanette Boedeker

Leona Labay, Ann Gerlich & Leona Buzek

Daniel, Henretta, Steven & Eddy Stock

**Thursday, April 9, Thursday of Holy Week, Holy
Thursday, Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-
22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21; Evening Mass of
the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-
16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15**

Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 10, Friday of the Passion of the Lord
(Good Friday), Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
[cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42**

Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 11, Holy Saturday, Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2
or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30]
or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-
2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—
15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2,
4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar
3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-
17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,
5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-
11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10**

New Members Welcomed Into to Church



**The Roast for Msgr. John Peters,
scheduled for May 8, 2020, at Our Lady
of Victory Cathedral Center, Victoria, to
benefit the Emmaus Center, has been
postponed until next year (2021).**

**Calendar Member have been mailed out.
First drawing is Monday, April 13, 2020.
Please send in you ticket or tickets with
your donation.**

From the Desk of Msgr. John

In this difficult time in our world, we are reminded that we are to stay closer to God than ever. Since we cannot gather in Church for Mass and physically receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, I would encourage you to pray the prayer for Spiritual Communion any time, especially at Communion time if you are watching the Mass or listening to the Mass.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

*“O Jesus, my Savior, Who art truly present in the Blessed Sacrament for the nourishment of our souls! Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I humbly and earnestly beseech Thee to refresh me spiritually. I love Thee above all things and I desire to possess Thee within my soul. Come into my mind to illumine it with the light of Heaven, come into my heart to enkindle therein the fire of Thy love. Unite me so intimately with Thee, that it may be no more I that live, but Thou that liveth and reigneth in me forever.
Amen”*

Bishop Cahill stated in his letter to the priests recently the absence of the sacraments is difficult for the faithful, including the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. The theology of Spiritual Communion has been rediscovered in many ways, which is a true blessing for the Church. Those desiring the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in a way analogous to Spiritual Communion, are to be reminded of the following, from the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops):

“When the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by *votum confessionis*, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (cf. CCC., no 1452).

The Bishop is looking into a possibility of general absolution at all the Masses when we return from this time in the desert. It is important to remind people of the Catechism, “When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called “perfect” (contrition of charity). Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible” (CCC 1452). This may be an extended time of reflection to deepen our awareness of our sin, and an ability to sharpen our sense of contrition.

If anyone seriously needs to go to confession, you may call the Rectory and make an appointment.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LIVESTREAMING SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK FOR SACRED HEART, ST. MARY, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (MORAVIA)

Palm Sunday Mass without a congregation will be broadcast on FM 99.9 & FM 94.3 and live streamed at

<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicChurchHallettsville> at 8:00 a.m.

There has been a change to the distribution of Palms and Bulletins for Palm Sunday. Blessed Palms will not be given out on Palm Sunday as previously posted. Per Bishop Brendan Cahill, they will be distributed at a later date.

Bulletins can be picked up in their respective Churches, along with the Divine Mercy Novena.

For Sacred Heart, bulletins will be in the entrances of the Church; for St. Mary, bulletins can be picked up inside the door from Rectory side of Church; for Moravia and St. John, bulletins can be picked in front of Church doors in containers.

Holy Tuesday (Chrism Mass), April 7, 2020, will be live-streamed at 10:00 at the Cathedral. It will be live-streamed at: <https://www.olvcathedral.org>

Holy Thursday Mass without a congregation will be broadcast on FM 99.9 & FM 94.3 and livestreamed at

<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicChurchHallettsville> at 7 p.m.

Good Friday Services will be done the same way, Friday, April 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil will be done the same way Saturday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday will be done the same way Sunday, April 12 at 8:00 a.m.



SCHOOL NEWS

March 29—April 30--No School



CCD Info:

April 1—April 30 – Cancelled



The next decennial census is just around the corner in 2020. Make sure you're counted! An accurate snapshot means that communities across the nation receive the funding, services, and business support they deserve and need. And your responses are confidential. To learn how the US Census Bureau protects your information, visit 2020census.gov. #2020Census

Blood Drive

There will be 2 more Blood Drives for Sacred Heart Church this year. The Blood Drives will be held on Sunday, May 24 and Sunday, August 30, 2020. at Sacred Heart Gym Parking Lot, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please Give Blood! It's Free! For further information, please contact Gerardette Haas at 361-798-2910.



https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/118435

Easter Lilies: Donations are still being accepted for the flowers during the Easter Season. Please drop off your donation at the Rectory,



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| May 11 | August 24 |
| July 20 | October 19 |
| September 21 | December 14 |
| November 16 | |

Mary's House, 300 South Dowling, Hallettsville, Texas--6:00 p.m. or call to make an appointment for a private introductory session.

Lara Haas, FCPI
 361-772-1410

Larahaas.fertilitycare@gmail.com



"FORTY CANS FOR LENT", a successful program promoted by the Knights of Columbus Council #2433 will be continued again for the **2020 Lenten Season Pantry** to help those in need. Drop off your food products at the K of C Hall during business hours or at Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John the Baptist, or Ascension of Our Lord--Moravia Churches. Look for drop boxes. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If giving a check, make it out to the K of C #2433. Praise God for our giving community.

Michael Wick, Chairman

Please donate only canned goods or non-perishables as stated on available flyers.

Youth Group News:

Our Youth Group is very active online with challenges and live events, open to all parishioners in grades 8-12. Come join for fellowship, faith formation and fun. To receive notices text the message @9k8bf2 to the number 81010



All for the greater Glory of God! Bruce & Angela

SPRING PICNIC 2020

Attention All Parishioners: The Spring Picnic 2020 is just around the corner. Spring Picnic Donations, such as cattle, antiques, unique or interesting items to donate to the Auction, are needed for the Spring Picnic held on May 24, 2020. Please call the Rectory. Cash Donations may be dropped off at the Rectory or placed in an envelope and dropped off in the collection basket. Your help is greatly appreciated! More information to follow.



Cash donations are needed for the Spring 2020 Picnic. Call 798-5888 or come by the Rectory or place in an envelope and drop in the collection basket.

The Sacred Heart 2020 Spring Picnic Country Store will be in need of handmade craft items for our Spring Picnic. If you are a "Crafty" person, please be working on handmade aprons, potholders, embroidered pillow cases, cup towels or any other craft items.

MINISTRIES

Dear Parishioners:
We will be livestreaming the Sunday Mass, Sunday, April 5, 2020. If you are scheduled to be a Minister for the Mass, we are using the same people serve each Sunday, until further notice.

If you would like to donate to the Sacred Heart Raffle Prizes, please call Phyllis at the Rectory (361-798-5888) to add your name to the donation list. Your Donation for the Raffle Prizes will be very much appreciated.

Coronavirus Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

My Lord Jesus Christ, in your ministry you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. You commanded and the sick were healed. Please come to our assistance in the midst of the spread of the coronavirus globally.

Lord, healer of the sick, stay by our side at this difficult time of the spread of the disease. Be with those who have died and be with the families who are grieving. Be with those who have contracted the virus and grant them your healing.

Lord Jesus, we pray to you to be with our doctors, nurses and all medical researchers who are helping us look for a cure. Protect them and guide them with your wisdom so that they will find a cure for this disease.

Lord, we pray also for the leaders of all the countries, that they will be one in finding a solution to this illness.

Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us when we are at home, at work and travelling. Guide and protect us in the midst of the coronavirus spreading globally. Lord Jesus, heal us, hear us and give us your peace.
Amen.



This is a reminder that you can purchase Easter gifts, Communion, Confirmation Gifts, Wedding Gifts and other Religious Articles and books at the Rectory. Come by and see the latest items for sale.



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April 2020

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Catherine of Siena

Born in Siena, Italy,

St. Catherine was a doctor of the

Church. A mystic from a young age, she had regular

conversations with Jesus. At age sixteen, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and served the sick and the poor. For her reputation for holiness and wisdom, she was called on to be a peacemaker and counselor, even by popes! She is credited with coaxing Pope Gregory XI back to Rome from Avignon, France.



Necessary choice

Rather than a day to catch up on errands and chores, God intends Sunday to be a day of contemplation and of rest. Sunday is the day we set aside for God and moments of praise and worship.

"He said to them, 'Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here'" (Mark 16:6).



4 reasons to be hopeful right now

It's hard not to worry these days with reports of viruses and financial concerns. Yet we in God's family have more reasons to be hopeful no matter how uncertain the world ...

God, our Father, knows what we need. *"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"* (Matthew 7:11). He will take care of us when we trust him.

He can work miracles when we ask. *"Know that the Lord works wonders for the faithful; the Lord hears when I call out"* (Psalm 4:4). *"Be strong and of*

good courage, do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you"

(Deuteronomy 31:6). Just when life looks bleak, God can surprise us.

He will never abandon us.

"You, Lord, are near to all who call upon you ..." (Psalm 145:18). Know that he is always close.

Worrying won't do any good.

"Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest?" (Luke 12:25). Don't waste energy on worrying about what is beyond your control. Enjoy your blessings.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Easter on different dates?

Although celebrating Easter on a different day every year isn't strictly a Catholic practice, the reason why we do this has its roots in the Church's history. There was a dispute in the second century about the date of Easter: should it be celebrated



on the exact date or on the nearest Sunday? At the Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.), it was decided that Easter Sunday would be celebrated the Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal (Spring) equinox.

Get personal with Jesus

The Easter season is a perfect time to develop, strengthen and deepen our friendship with Jesus. During this time of celebration, we can set goals that aim to deepen our knowledge and love of our Lord.

The Eucharist is the source. The best way to get close to Jesus is in the Holy Mass and by receiving Holy Communion. It is God's way of bringing us into communion with him.

Visit the confessional. Confession is a Sacrament that encourages us to take an honest



look at the way we are living. Even Catholics who have been away from Confession will find that the best way to get a new beginning with Jesus off to a great start is to visit the confessional. Clean that slate! Begin anew.

Spend time with him. We can spend time reading inspirational books and blogs, and chatting on Catholic sites, but to develop a relationship with Jesus, we need face time with him. Adoration is one of the best ways to keep him company.

from Scripture

Luke 24:13-35, Jesus accompanies us

Imagine what it would be like to have a Bible study with Jesus! This was exactly what Cleopas and his friend experienced when Jesus accompanied them to Emmaus. Failing to recognize Jesus and still grieving his death, they unknowingly told the risen Christ all about it. In an unexpected turn of events, Jesus explained to them how his death and resurrection was part of God's saving plan.

The disciples invited Jesus to stay with them, even though they still didn't recognize him. Jesus took the bread,



blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples. Suddenly, they recognized him. He vanished, but their hearts burned with joy. They raced back to Jerusalem to share the Good News with their fellow disciples.

Cleopas and his friend's story is ours too. At every Mass, God speaks to our hearts through Scriptures. In the Eucharist blessed, broken and given to us, we encounter Jesus and receive him into our hearts. With the final blessing, we are sent to spread the Good News: Christ rose from the dead and reopened heaven for us.

Q & A What is a monstrance?

In practicing or learning Catholicism, one can find some funny sounding words. "Monstrance" is one of them. It's

an upright container for the Blessed Sacrament (a consecrated Host), usually made of gold or silver and often shaped like a sunburst. The rays are meant to evoke the power and grace radiating from the Host. They also draw the eye

to the window (luna) at the center where the Host is. By means of it, Christ and the viewers can literally be face to face.

The monstrance is used to display the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration.

Adoration of the Eucharist outside of Mass developed to satisfy the devotion of the faithful. When you love someone deeply, you want to see him – in person – and spend time with him frequently. God doesn't just want to hear our prayers; he wants to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). Jesus longs for us to visit him in our churches. He remains in the Blessed Sacrament so that anyone who seeks him can find him.



Feasts & Celebrations

April 19 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised those who honor him as the King of Mercy and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy would receive special graces and great mercy.

April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). St. Anselm left a rich court life to become a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king's interference in Church matters.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (1st century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark travelled with SS. Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.

April 28 – St. Louis de Montfort (1716). A French priest with a passion for preaching the Gospel, St. Louis had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother, and his *True Devotion to Mary* is widely popular today.



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