

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church



FEBRUARY 2, 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.

## 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

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

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartReligiousEducation)

## YOUTH MINISTRY:

### 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)

## ADORATION CHAPEL:

Charlene Bradbury (798-3224)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesdays by noon.**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2020**  
**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**S**imeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted--and you yourself a sword will pierce--so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." - Lk 2:34-35

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**Sunday, February 2, *The Presentation of the Lord*, Time, Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32**

8:00 am – William & Ilene Pastucha  
10:30 am – For the Parish

**Monday, February 3, *Weekday, Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop, (Fourth Week in Ordinary Time)*, 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20**

7:00 am – Hubert & Margaret Etzler  
10:00 am – Anita Bohuslav (Hallettsville Rehab)

**Tuesday, February 4, *Weekday*, 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43,**

7:00 am – Harold Dean & Mary Bonorden

**Wednesday, February 5, *Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*, 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6**

7:00 am – Living & Deceased Members of Louis & Emma Wick Family

8:05 am – Pam Dornak

**Thursday, February 6, *Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*, 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13**

7:00 am – Josephine Janak  
10:00 am – Adolph Opela (Stevens)

**Friday, February 7, *Weekday*, Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29**

7:00 am – Living & Deceased Members of Frank H. & Mary Migl Family

8:05 am – Gussie & Edward Kurtz

**Saturday, February 8, *Weekday, Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin, BVM*, 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34**

5:30 pm – Living & Deceased Members of Leon (Red) & Emogene Kahanek Family

**Sunday, February 9, *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16**

8:00 am – Alvin J. & Adela Grahmann  
10:30 am – For the Parish

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$4,984; Loose-\$1,182; Children-\$51; Manna Food Pantry-\$1,179; Solemnity of Mary-\$137; Christmas-\$95; Latin America Collection-\$309; Initial Offering-\$120

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

-First Communion Workshop Family Center/Cafeteria (rescheduled for February 9)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

-Rosary & Evening Prayer – 5:30 p.m. in Church  
-Catholic Daughters – Craft Day – Family Center – 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
-Growing in the Holy Spirit Prayer Group-School-7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

-Quilting Circle – KC Hall Annex – 9:00 a.m.  
-RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart School Computer Lab  
-KC General Meeting – KC Hall, Social-6:00 p.m., Rosary-6:30 p.m.; Meal-7:00 p.m.; Meeting-7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

-CCD – Regular Class – 6:00 p.m.  
-Safe Environment Training – Family Center – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 6:00 p.m.-Church. The intention this month is for Married Couples—Good Marriages/Bad Marriages and Families  
-Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations – 7:00 p.m. Church

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. in Church

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

-First Communion Workshop Family Center/Cafeteria 11:00 a.m.

**Among Our Sick:** Ryan Janak, Harvey Drozd, Cynthia Spanihel, Kimberly Jalufka, Wilton Hrcncir, Alma (Sweet) Hrcncir, Gloria Juarez, James Brooks, 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, Tina Russ, 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, Jennifer Tolson, Jane Pesek, Greg Gutierrez, Joylyn Gunn, Barbara Schindler, Judy Aulick, Bernadette Bludau, Charleigh Rainosek, Rusty Smith, Ken Petty, Ruth Schneider, Angie Wagner, Donald Horton, Jr.; Roger Janak, Shannon Grahmann, and nursing home residents & the homebound.

*Happy Anniversary!*

Victor & Barbara J. Schindler	57 years	February 2
Royce & Anna Brown	52 years	February 3
Donald & Pam Bohuslav	25 years	February 4

**Bulletin Sponsor and Radio Sponsor:** In Memory of Alvin J. & Adela Grahmann by Don & Barbara Rainosek  
**Vigil Light Sponsor:** In Memory of A. J. Fries & Louise Pesek by Tommy & Charlotte Sitka

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

## From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the temple.

We hear in the Gospel of Luke:

*There lived in Jerusalem at the time a certain man named Simeon. He was just and pious, and awaited the consolidation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. He came to the temple now, inspired by the Spirit; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him the customary ritual of the law, he took him in his arms and blessed God in these words:*

*“Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word.*

*For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see:*

*A revealing light to the Gentiles,  
the glory of your people Israel.”*

*Almighty, ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure.*

Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Blaise. We will bless throats at all Masses this weekend.

*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop, and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

## ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

If you are having problems with your Church envelopes (not being delivered, cancelled, or new parishioner), please contact Phyllis at the Rectory. Cathedral Stewardship Envelopes has had some problems recently and information sent to them was lost. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Contribution Statements for 2019** are available upon request. Please contact your CPA or tax preparer to determine if a statement **is needed** for tax purposes. If one is required, please call the Rectory. **If you requested a statement in the past year, you will automatically have one printed.** There also will be a statement from Leopold Insurance for Picnic Donations. The statements will be mailed out by Monday, February 3, 2020.

JCDA will be having their Father/Daughter Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 22, 2020, in the Family Center, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. The Dance will end at 9:00 p.m.



*We are in need of Bulletin Sponsors-(\$80) and Radio Sponsors (\$50) for 2020. Please call or come by the Rectory to sign up.*

## Sacred Heart Men's Act Retreat

The Sacred Heart Men's Act Retreat is Thursday, March 12 through Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Cathedral Oaks. Cost per retreatant has been donated by an Anonymous Donor. Forms are in the back of the Church.

## SCHOOL NEWS

February 3 – Local KC Free Throw Contest

SH Gym Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

February 7 – Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

February 8 – Junior/Senior Prom

February 9 – KC District Throw Contest Flatonia Gym

Open 12:00 p.m. (Start at 1:00 p.m.)

February 13 – Pizza Hut Profit Share. No Extended Care.

February 16 – Diocesan Free Throw Contest SH Gym.

Open 12:00 p.m. (Start at 1:00 p.m.)

February 17 – President's Day – Student Holiday –

Faculty Retreat

February 20 – Grades K-4 Field Trip – Grand Theatre –

Yoakum

February 22 – Miss Hallettsville Pageant

February 26 – Ash Wednesday



## CCD Info:

February 2-First Communion Workshop  
Rescheduled

February 5 – Regular Class 6:00 p.m.

February 9 – First Communion Workshop Family  
Center/Cafeteria 11:00 a.m.

February 12 – Regular Class 6:00 p.m.

February 19 – Regular Class 6:00 p.m.

February 26 – Ash Wednesday (Rice bowls sent home)

March 4 - Regular Class 6:00 p.m.

March 11 – Regular Class 6:00 p.m./Penance for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade

March 18 – Spring Break – No Class

March 25 – Regular Class 6:00 p.m./Penance for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade



## CATECHIST 2020 RALLY

The Diocese of Victoria presents Catechist 2020 Rally, Saturday, February 22, 2020, at the KC Hall, 321 US-77, Hallettsville, Texas, from Noon – 5:00 p.m. Opening concert with *Clay Crockett*. Closing Liturgy at 5:00 p.m. Register at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) RSVP no later than Thursday, February 6, 2020. For more information: Christella Alvarez (361-827-7171) or Brunilda Ortiz (361-573-0828).



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS #797**

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS #797 DUES**

Catholic Daughters dues for 2020 of \$25.00 are now past due. Payment can still be mailed to: Anita Steffek 549 CR 186, Hallettsville, TX 77964.

Please make checks payable to: CDA Court #797. **Craft Day** will be on Monday, February 3, 2020, at the Family Center, from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



**Blood Drive**



There will be 3 Blood Drives for Sacred Heart Church this year. The Blood Drives will be held on Sunday, February 16, Sunday, May 17, 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.

**AREA EVENTS**

- **Ladies, Start the new year right by attending a Women's Evening of Recollection** on Monday, February 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at Featherock Center, 934 Holub Road, Schulenburg. Make your spiritual formation a New Year's resolution.
- **St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Festival**, Victoria, Texas. Sunday, February 9, 2020. 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Victoria Community Center
- **Bishop Cahill will celebrate a special Mass of thanksgiving** for the faith brought to Texas by Czech immigrants; and bless the newly founded Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas on the Feast Day of SS Cyril and Methodius on Friday, February 14, 2020, 2:00 p.m. A reception will be held in the hall afterward. Everyone is invited. The church's location is at 3438 FM 1383, northwest of Weimar, Texas.
- **Men's Gathering** Sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria. Guest Speaker: Damon West. Saturday, March 21, 2020, 8:00 a.m.-Noon. Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Center, 1309 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, Texas. Tickets: \$10 (Breakfast included). Register at [www.victoriadiocese.org/get-in-the-game](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/get-in-the-game)



**CREIGHTON MODEL Fertility Care System Service—An authentic Language of a Women's Health and Fertility Introductory Sessions**

**2020 Group Introductory Sessions:**

January & February - private appointment only

March 23	April 27
May 11	June 22
July 20	August 24
September 21	October 19
November 16	December 14

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

**FRIENDLY REMINDER TO PARISHIONERS**



If you have information for the Bulletin, please be reminded that the Deadline for Bulletin entries is Tuesday at Noon.

**SACRED HEART FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union Meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, at the KC Hall in Hallettsville. All members are invited to attend. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. A short meeting and meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge for this annual event. Door Prizes will be given away. Please mark your calendar!

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kyla Drozd, Granddaughter of Denise & Michael Drozd and Great-Granddaughter of Frances Holley, of Our Parish; Leon Zweschper, brother of Grace Steinberg and Esther Kelley, of Our Parish; and Alton Eugene Brown, Sr., brother of Clarence Brown; Eugene Barton, Father of Kenneth Barton; and Vernon Duty, Jr., son of Vernon, Sr. and Kathleen Duty May They Rest in Peace of Christ.*

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



**2020**

**"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.**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS 2019**

In Memory of Leon & Alice Brown donated by Royce Brown Family-\$20  
 In Memory of Karen Steffek donated by Robert & Leona Steffek Family-\$25  
 In Memory of Louis & Julia Kallus and Carolyn Steffek donated by Helen & Mike Technik-\$25  
 In Loving Memory of Al & Joyce Wagner donated by Their Children's Families-\$30  
 August & Cecilia Janak-\$10  
 In Memory of Deacon Sonny and Elaine Rogers donated by Gilbert & Mary Urbish-\$20  
 In Memory of Jerome Haas donated by Georgia Haas-\$10  
 In Memory of Joe, Helen and Leroy Etzler donated by Gail and David Zambie-\$25  
 In Memory of Alvin and Adela Grahmann and Harold & Georgia Ludwig donated by Alvin Paul and Barbara Grahmann-\$40  
 In Memory of Brazos Kashwood and Elaine Zbranek donated by Lawrence & Marcella Wagner-\$25  
 Bernice Smith-\$25  
 In Memory of Debbie Technik and Dennis Smirak donated by Bob & Debra Technik-\$50  
 In Memory of Rose Trojcak and James Bludau donated by Laverne and John Trojcak-\$20  
 Robert Bordovsky-\$100  
 In Memory of Leo Hoffer, Jr., Alvin & Annie Schneider, Leo & Minnie Hoffer, and Don & Wilma Peterson donated by Evelyn Hoffer-\$25  
 In Memory of Mildred Blahuta, Guthrie Blahuta, Sr., Patrick John Blahuta, Scott Joseph Blahuta, and Alphonse Besetzny donated by Guthrie & Beverly Blahuta-\$125  
 In Memory of Robert Chase, Alois and Irene Bittner, and Arnold & Emily Chase donated by Rita Chase-\$50  
 In Memory of William C. Gohlke donated by Roddy & Lillian Hobbs-\$25  
 In Memory of John & Laura Grahmann Family and LeeRoy & Mary Hardcastle donated by Loretta & Roy Hardcastle-\$25  
 In Memory of Max F. Henrichs donated by Frances Henrichs & Family-\$25  
 In Memory of David L. Janak, Sr. donated by Deborah Janak-\$20  
 In Memory of Charlie & Rosie Steffek and Deceased Family Members donated by Jimmie & Sylvia Steffek-\$15  
 Tommy & Elsie Grahmann-\$10  
 Frances M. Michalec-\$25  
 In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Matula and Dr. and Miguel I. Loreda donated by Irene and Snow Matula-\$50  
 In Memory of V.L. & Rose Rainosek and Alvin J. & Adela Grahmann donated by Don & Barbara Rainosek-\$50  
 In Memory of the Families of Jerry & Mary Jo Janak donated by Jerry & Mary Jo Janak-\$20  
 In Memory of Henry J. Sitka, Joe & Clara Sitka, and John & Anastazie Stryk donated by Martha Sitka & Family-\$25

In Memory of Joshua Leopold donated by Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Hagemeister and Mr. & Mrs. Willie Leopold-\$50  
 In Memory of Tyler Bludau and Frances Kallus donated by James & Audrey Poche-\$50  
 In Memory of Tyler Bludau and Frances Kallus donated by Frank, Sr. and Bernadette Bludau-\$50  
 In Memory of Jerome Belicek, Jr donated by the Family-\$30  
 In Memory of David J. Bludau, Hubert & Ethel Bludau, and Julius & Mary Zissa donated by Joyce Bludau-\$30  
 In Memory of their Parents donated by Victor C. and Lucille Vasek-\$15  
 In Memory of Hilbert & Agnes Bludau donated by Mike and Lois Nelson-\$50  
 In Memory of Newton & Frieda Renken and Stanley and Millie Kutac donated by A. J. & Jo Kutac-\$20  
 In Memory of Becky Wick, Tom Wick, Henry Wick and Ben Kapecky donated by Charlene Wick and Susan Tolson-\$15  
 In Memory of Ervin J. Bludau, Sr. donated by The Family-\$20  
 In Memory of Terry Michon Bludau donated by the Bludau Family-\$20  
 In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. L. Zappe, Mr. & Mrs. Pete Mican; William Mican, and Henry Zappe, Jr. donated by Gilbert & Elaine Mican-\$25  
 Franklin & Nola Bohuslav-\$20  
 In Memory of Ryan Drozd and Shawn Drozd donated by Harvey & Doyleen Drozd-\$20  
 Anonymous-\$10  
 In Honor of Rosemary Hermes 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday donated by Arthur and Rose Mary Etzler-\$20  
 Anton & Leona Machicek-\$15  
 In Memory of Leo Hoffer and Willie and Lillie Wagner donated by Daniel & Beverly Wagner-\$20  
 In Memory of Harry Macik donated by Vernell Macik-\$15  
 In Memory of Alvin & Annie Schneider, Sr. and Alvin, Jr and Guntram & Annie Janak, Sr. and Dwayne Janak, and Don & Wilma Peterson donated by Guntram & Elaine Janak-\$10  
 Henry Joe and Delores Jasek-\$25  
 Melvin and Mary Ann Jurica-\$15  
 In Memory of Georgia Schaefer donated by Mr. R. G. Schaefer-\$30  
 In Memory of Alois Leopold and Arly "Buck" Leopold donated by Allan & Mary Leopold and Family-\$25  
 In Memory of Jerome Bujnoch, Susan Hlavac Janak and her Dad, Raymond Hlavac donated by Lucille Bujnoch-\$10  
 In Memory of Melvin, Sr. and Sybil Janak donated by Anthony and Joyce Bludau-\$50  
 In Memory of Red and Emogene KahaneK donated by Robert, Karen, Braden, Becca, Kade and Kingsley KahaneK-\$20  
 In Memory of Anton & Helen Bolom and Harvey Pavliska, Sr. donated by Mary Ann Pavliska-\$20  
 Jerry and Margaret Kallus-\$25  
 In Memory of Daniel Hermes donated by Anita Hermes, Kenny & Amber Kopecky and Family-\$25

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

February 2020

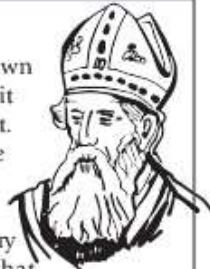
Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Blaise

Not much is known about his life, but it is certain that St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in fourth-century Turkey, and that he was arrested for being a Christian. On his way to jail, he healed a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. According to one legend, the boy's mother also gave St. Blaise two candles in gratitude. Refusing to deny his faith, the bishop was tortured and martyred by the local governor.



### Lenten Obligations

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday (February 26th) and Good Friday (April 10th). In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

The U. S. bishops define fasting as eating one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted as necessary to maintain strength.



## Find your new heart during Lent

The root of the word "convert" means to "change," or "transform." Think of turning from sin and evil toward grace, virtue, goodness, and God. It is the transformation of the human heart, by an act of God's grace. *"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh"* (Ezekiel 36:26).

**A new heart.** God desires our conversion more than we ever could. With the perfect heart of a Father, he pursues and draws us to himself. Conversion begins by offering him our whole heart so he can remake it as his own.

**Break the heart of stone.** There can be no healing or conversion when we harbor unconfessed sin. Make a full Confession to a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't worry if you have been away for a while. The priest will be happy to guide you and to welcome you back to God's friendship.

**A new spirit.** When we have a soft and tender heart of flesh, we are able to receive God's holy will. Our new spirit requires renewal every day. Daily prayer, frequent Confession, and regular reception of the Holy Eucharist will keep our hearts filled with God's love.



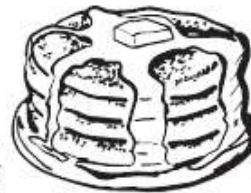
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics call Fat Tuesday "Shrove" Tuesday?

Commonly known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday has been traditionally spent feasting (especially on pancakes). It is also called "Shrove Tuesday," recalling the tradition of going to Confession. The

word "shrove" comes from "shrive" — the English word for confessing one's sins and receiving absolution.

In fact, there was a custom of churches ringing the "shriving bell" on this day. The goal was to start Lent with a clean soul and a repentant spirit.



## Choose Heaven over Earth

Life on Earth lasts but a moment compared to our eternal life, yet we often let earthly concerns take priority over preparing for Heaven. If we put Heaven first, however, God will take care of everything else.

What is important to you? Make a list of what you do each day, from morning to bedtime. The activities that absorb most of your time are your real priorities. If it isn't in God's service, you need a change.



How do you make decisions? Do you look to friends or coworkers for advice? Or do you turn to prayer and Scripture for guidance? Resolve to take your eyes off of the world and place them on Christ. If we base all choices and decisions on God, we will never choose wrong.

Do you trust God to make you happy? *"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope"* (Jeremiah 29:11).

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 5:38-48, Forgive and pray

The ancient concept of justice – *"an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"* – is from Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21, and was originally meant to limit violence and prevent blood feuds. Instead, Jesus introduced a new approach, one that would bring about a different kind of justice.

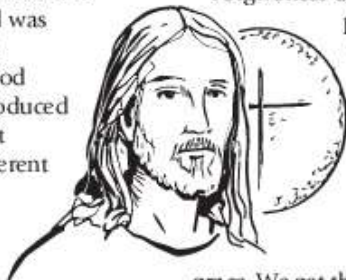
Jesus directed his followers and us to *"be perfect,"* which includes being merciful. God requires our treatment of others – enemies included – to mirror his treatment of his enemies. As Christians, we are to imitate Christ, who forgave his executioners from the

Cross: *"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do"* (Luke 23:34).

Forgiveness doesn't mean letting the person get away with their offense.

Forgiveness means letting go of our anger at the offender and entrusting the situation to God's care. We can't do this alone: we rely on God's

grace. We get this from the Holy Spirit and also from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. By receiving the Eucharist, we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, who strengthens us to lead a more perfect life.



### Q & A How can I fit more prayer into my busy day?

"Pray constantly" sounds challenging but it doesn't have to be. Actually, busy days offer many great opportunities for prayer if we know where to look.

Consider these suggestions:

#### Pray throughout the day.



Consider praying the Rosary on the way to work, saying grace before lunch, offering a quick "I love you," or praying for guidance for important decisions. Even job-related tasks can become "prayers in action."

**Fifteen minutes a day.** Good friends know text messages can't replace being together. It's the same with God. He loves us and wants our company. Aim for 10-15 minutes of daily prayer. Thank God for your blessings, meditate on Scripture, offer him your day, or simply enjoy his company.

**It's the love that counts.** For her love and humility, Jesus commended a poor but generous widow for her small donation (Mark 12:43-44). Sometimes, we have little time or energy for "good prayer." Remember, what pleases God is not the elegance or number of our prayers, but the love with which we offer them.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**Feb. 2 – Presentation of the Lord.** In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple forty days after his birth, and Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior.

**Feb. 2 – St. Catherine of Ricci (1590).** St. Catherine was born to a prominent banker. Against her father's wishes, she joined the Dominicans when she was twelve. She is known for her visions of the Lord's Passion, which she experienced every Friday.

**Feb. 17 – The Seven Holy Founders**

(13th century). Seven Italian noblemen who withdrew from the immorality of the times to live in prayer, simplicity and penance. Their order, the Servants of Mary, was later approved by the Holy See in 1304.

**Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday. First day of Lent.** Ashes from burnt palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.



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**January 4, 2020—February 9, 2020--Ministry Schedule**

<b>January 4-5</b>		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Brock Hermes, Olivia Etzler, Ty Sklar, Lance Barton	Sophia Etzler, Adam Stock, Riley Haas, Myles Machicek	Dallas Layton, Lukas Barrera, Mabry Machac, Bailey Smith	
<b>Cantor &amp; Organist:</b>	Kelly Schimcek, Callie Bludau	Anna Neumeyer, Charles Neumeyer	Denise Drozd, Pat Mladenka	
<b>Lector:</b>	Dr. Warren Migura	Barbara Leopold	Rosanne Gallia	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	Pat Fawbush, Barbara Obelgoner, Mary Leopold, Diane Kainer, Andrew Pesek, Karen Janak, Dr. Warren Migura, Debra Technik	Jimmy Appelt, John Barton, Ruth Barton, Donald Shimek, Donna Shimek, Renee Bludau, Steve Bludau, Kathy Haas	Pat Kessler, Rosanne Gallia, Gene Schott, Maureen Schott, Kevin Haas, Maggie Pustka	
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	Theresa Grahmann	Margaret Klekar	Pat Mladenka	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Don Rainosek, Jerry Timm, Kevin Shimek	Robert Grahmann, Charles Haas, Dennis Haas	Tommy Grahmann, Jr., Brian Popp, Dale Sykora	
<b>January 11-12</b>		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
	Hayden Grahmann, Alexandra Kraatz, Mason Grahmann, Lance Barton	Lani Pilat, Quade Henneke, Bailey Haas, Shelby Haas	Elisa Myers, Madalyn Hynes, James Cesarz, John Cesarz	
<b>Cantor &amp; Organist:</b>	Kelly Schimcek, Laurence Bludau	Anna Neumeyer, Ed Scherer	Candy Hines, Lisa Adams	
<b>Lector:</b>	Tracy Swoboda	R.L. Orsak	B. J. Janak	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	JoAnn Bubela, Ashley Grahmann	Barbara Grahmann, Robert Grahmann, Jr.	Anita Barrera-Rocha, Frank Coniff	
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	Loretta Hardcastle	Barbara Grahmann	Helen Motal	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kenneth Barton, Jacob Fawbush, David Fuller	Andrew Henke, John Henke, Jr., Lawrence Henke	Bruce Wesson, James Whited, Ervin Bludau, Jr.	
<b>January 18-19</b>		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Arabella Arellano, Hunter Tolson, Seth Migura, Shane Migura	Brady Haas, Clayton Haas, Gavyn Chapa, Sierra Chapa	Annika Brooks, Ella Harper, Will Harper, Kaycee Schindler	
<b>Cantor &amp; Organist:</b>	Amber Nieto, Kay Fawbush, Brett Hermes, Erin Fawbush	Anna Neumeyer, Debi Sevcik	SonDay Morning Boys	
<b>Lector:</b>	Debra Technik	Terry Patek	Mike Johnson	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	John Henke, Jr., Connie Janak	Rhonda Brown, Kelly Haas	Janice Busselman, Kevin Busselman	
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	Sharon Bludau	Joyce Machicek	Anita Barrera-Rocha	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Elsie Grahmann, Greg Hermes, Gene Janak	Anton Machicek, Bobby Machicek, Charles Matula	Joe Cash, Kenneth Etzler, Bill Grafe	
<b>January 25-26</b>		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<i>Students and Faculty of Sacred Heart School (Catholic Schools Week)</i>	<i>Students and Faculty of Sacred Heart School (Catholic Schools Week)</i>	<i>Students and Faculty of Sacred Heart School (Catholic Schools Week)</i>	
<b>Cantor &amp; Organist:</b>				
<b>Lector:</b>				
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>				
<b>Ushers:</b>				
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	Theresa Grahmann	Margaret Steffek	Josephine Leopold	
<b>February 1-2</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, Paige Wright, Amanda Janak, Ryan Janak	Aubrey Luna, Paxton Luna, Korbin Koehne, Lilly Machicek	Garrett Ridgeway, Trey Ridgeway, Arianna Henke, Dallas Layton	
<b>Cantor &amp; Organist:</b>	Kelly Schimcek, Charlene Pillow	Anna Neumeyer, Ed Scherer	Denise Drozd, Pat Mladenka	
<b>Lector:</b>	John Henke, Jr.	Clyde Svetlik	Robert Pohl	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	Pat Fawbush, Barbara Obelgoner, Mary Leopold, Diane Kainer, Andrew Pesek, Karen Janak, Dr. Warren Migura, Debra Technik	Jimmy Appelt, John Barton, Ruth Barton, Donald Shimek, Donna Shimek, Renee Bludau, Steve Bludau, Kathy Haas	Pat Kessler, Rosanne Gallia, Gene Schott, Maureen Schott, Kevin Haas, Maggie Pustka	
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	Loretta Hardcastle	Margaret Klekar	Pat Mladenka	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Henry Nagelmueller, Anthony Petru, Brandon Pohl	Marty Steffek, Phillip Steffek, Robert Steffek	Bruce Wesson, James Whited, Ervin Bludau, Jr.	
<b>February 8-9</b>		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Erin Fawbush, Sam Bludau, Bailey Schindler, Alisyn Pardo	Adam Steffek, Beth Ventura, Nolan Steffek, Chandler Wimberly	Dallas Layton, Lukas Barrera, Mabry Machac, Bailey Smith	
<b>Cantor &amp; Organist:</b>	Kelly Schimcek, Laurence Bludau	Anna Neumeyer, Debi Sevcik	Candy Hines, Lisa Adams	
<b>Lector:</b>	Karen Janak	Daniel Wagner	Kelly Ross	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	Steven Leopold, Debbie Schneider	Carol Pustejovsky, Phyllis Steffek	Angela McConnell, Bruce McConnell	
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	Sharon Bludau	Barbara Grahmann	Helen Motal	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Don Rainosek, Jerry Timm, Kevin Shimek	Chandler Wimberly, Clayton Wimberly, Jace Wimberly	Joe Cash, Kenneth Etzler, Bill Grafe	

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