

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Hallettsville, Texas 77964-5862
St. Mary's Rectory: 798-2128
Sacred Heart Rectory: 798-5888

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

First Friday: 6:00 p.m.

MARRIAGES

Consult the Pastor six (6) months in advance before making any plans or decisions.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish family.

Please stop by the rectory or call to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Friday: 5:30 p.m.

Any time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the rectory.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD – Every Wednesday from

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Contact: Amy Shimek (772-5224)

WEBSITES

Cemetery: www.victoriadiocese.org

(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)

Safe Environment: www.victoriadiocese.org

(Click on “Safe Environment Program,”

then on “eAppsDB”)



PASTOR

REV. MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS V.G.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Barnabas Kyeah

DEACON

Joseph (Joey) Targac

ST. MARY'S HALL RENTAL

Judy Opela (798-2738)

PARISH BUILDING COMMITTEE

Leon Etzler, Raymond Janak, Francis Klekar, Leon Smirak, Richard Sommerlatte, & Al Svetlik, Jr.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Joyce Janak, Blasé Konvicka, Jr., Jerome Pesek, Pat Pesek, & Larry Svetlik

CEMETERY Miranda Henke (798-3731)

EWTN

Cable Channel 71 or Dish Channel 271

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sunday-December 6, 2015

Mass Intentions:

Friday, December 4

6:00 pm -Herman & Frances Sciba

Sunday, December 6

9:15 am - In Honor of Robert & Florence Sciba's 50th
Anniversary

Tuesday December 8, Feast Day/Holy Day of Obligation

6:00 pm - Joe & Olga Targac

Sunday, December 13

9:15 am -Rudolph & Henrietta Pesek

Sunday, December 20

9:15 am - Zachary Grafe

Thursday December 24

Midnight -August Fikac

Friday December 25

9:15; am - Dale Schulte, Joe, Emily, Ervin & Joe Jr.
Mozisek

Sunday, December 27

9:15 am -Leon Sitka

Friday, January 1, Holy Day of Obligation

9:15 am- Wence Shimek, Daniel, Edward & Rudy
Krutz Jr.

Sunday, January 3

9:15 am – Leo Opela

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of John & Mathilda
Matula by Daniel & Monica Matula.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

December 8th begins the Year of Mercy. The following is taken from the Papal Bull (Letter) of Pope Francis:

“In Jesus we see the mercy of the Father. This mercy is rich and everlasting. Jesus is the sacrament of this: the visible, tangible, and audible manifestation of God's endless love, forgiveness, and mercy. When we see Jesus, we see the Father; Jesus thus reveals the mercy of God to us.

We should think deeply about mercy because mercy is what leads to a true and deep sense of well-being. When we understand mercy, we understand the Blessed Trinity – the community of love which is God.

There are times in our lives when we think and pray about mercy more so that we can ourselves become agents of God's love for others.

For this reason, I hereby proclaim a Jubilee of Mercy. The Jubilee will open on December 8, 2015, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. I chose this feast because it holds a unique place in our history. We humans are a sinful lot: selfish, greedy, lustful, and mean. But despite this, God responds to us with love. Mercy me. Mercy is always greater than our sin and, as if to prove it, God called Mary to bear Jesus and he gave Mary freedom from this sinful nature.

On December 8 I will open the Holy Door which will thereby become a *Door of Mercy*. Anyone who passes through this door will experience God's mercy.

Soon after this, other doors will be opened, first in the Church of St John Lateran in Rome, then in other basilicas, at local shrines throughout the world, and even in local parish churches, as the bishop directs. This will be a world-wide Jubilee.

I chose December 8 as the opening of the Jubilee because it is also the 50th Anniversary of the closing of Vatican II. I want to keep Vatican II alive in the Church because at the Council, our Fortress-like walls came tumbling down and a new age of mercy was inaugurated.

Saint John XXIII himself proclaimed this in his opening speech at the Council. “Now the Bride of Christ wishes to use the medicine of mercy rather than taking up arms of severity,” he said, The medicine of mercy, indeed. And Blessed Paul VI likewise echoed this sentiment in his closing remarks.

We trust now that the Holy Spirit will guide us as a Church to observe this Jubilee faithfully.

The Jubilee year will close on November 20, 2016. I can't tell you how much I hope this year will create a Church of mercy, steeped in love and forgiveness, ready to be like Jesus in every way. This is how the world is being saved!”

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 can be located in the back of the Churches, or you can **contact Rev. Barnabas Kyeah** at the Church Rectory – 798-5888.

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 with questions!

THANK YOU!

A Special Thank You goes to the St Mary's Altar Society for donating the appliances for the Small House. They will be put to good use.

Anyone wishing to donate for Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one may do so by placing your envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory Monday or Wednesday morning.

Did you know that there are only 19 days until Christmas? If you are looking for the perfect religious gift, be sure to come to the Sacred Heart Rectory. A few of the items that are on sale—Advent Wreaths, candles, ornaments, and figurines. Be sure to come by early to find your perfect Christmas gift item.



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.

KJZT Society No. 53

K.J.Z.T.-Society No. 53 Wied will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Werner’s in Shiner.

KJZT Society No. 2

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



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.

St. Mary’s Memorials

ST. MARY’S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

In Memory of Mr & Mrs Alex F. Janak & Mr & Mrs Jerry Dobbs: \$25

ST. MARY’S CEMETERY FUND:

In Memory of Charles & Julia Mican: Mary Ellen Shelton-\$1,357.79.

ST. MARY’S MEMORIAL FUND:

In Memory of Frances Sciba: Peoples State Bank-\$10

In Memory of Evelyn Konvicka: Peoples State Bank-\$10

ST. MARY’S ALTAR SOCIETY:

In Memory of Margaret Bludau: Ben & Linda Janak-\$10

Special Advent Concert

There will be a special concert for Advent featuring Handel’s Messiah at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Hallettsville, on **Sunday December 6th** at 5:30 pm.. A free will offering will be accepted

Saturday, December 12 at 8:00 am there will be a Mass at Sacred Heart honoring **Our Lady of Guadalupe** on her Feast Day. The Spanish Choir will be present. There will be a breakfast of Pan Dulce and Breakfast Tacos afterwards at the Family Center.

Victoria Gabriel Project

An Outreach Ministry Helping a Mother in a Crisis Pregnancy and Protecting the Dignity of Life “An Alternative to Abortion!” Help support this much needed Outreach! Check us out on **Facebook**.

Financial Report for November, 2015

Income:	
Sunday’s Collections	\$5,116.25
Children’s Collections	108.75
Hall Rental	1485.00
Church Rental	100.00
Small House Rental	50.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00
Votive Candles	53.77
Memorials	30.00
All Souls	30.00
Human Development	7.00
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Expenses	
Hall	212.45
Utilities	444.08
Church	170.50
Maintenance	150.00
Administration	357.00
Medical Insurance	406.00
Pension	94.00
Office	404.20
Reimburse Peoples State Bank	10.00
Diocese of Victoria	4.00
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	\$2,252.23
Beginning Balance:	\$48833.11
Income	7005.77
Expenses	2,252.23
Balance	<hr/>
	<u>\$53,586.65</u>



ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 6, 2015 thur January 3, 2016

Sunday, December 6		9:15 a.m.
Altar Servers	Clay Rother, Blake Rother, Ty Gerke, Layne Gerke	
Cantor	Richard Rouse	
Lector	Dorothy Schneider	
Extraordinary Ministers	Vivian Mozisek, Janice Rother, Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler	
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Schneider	
Offertory Gift Bearers	Robert and Florence Sciba Family	
Ushers	Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek, Richard Sommerlatte	
Church Cleaners	Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar, Helen Janak	
Tuesday December 8		6:00 p.m.
Altar Servers	Clay & Blake Rother, Michael & Robbie Perdziak	
Cantor	Ruth Rouse	
Lector	Pat Mladenka	
Extraordinary Ministers	Volunteers	
Rosary Leader	Joyce Janak	
Offertory Gift Bearers	Targac Family	
Ushers	Volunteers	
Church Cleaners	Sharon Henrichs, Lisa Matula, Laura Ulcak	
Sunday, December 13		9:15 a.m.
Altar Servers	Emilie, Ryan & Wyatt Mudd, Luke Scherer	
Cantor	Choir	
Lector	Pat Mladenka	
Extraordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler, Richard Sommerlatte, Scott Sommerlatte	
Rosary Leader	Sandy Konvicka	
Offertory Gift Bearers	Pesek Family members	
Ushers	Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek, Marvin Bujnoch	
Church Cleaners	Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr	
Sunday, December 20		9:15 a.m.
Altar Servers	Jacob & Jules Janak, Allexus Mizera, Kaitlyn Rother	
Cantor	Ruth Rouse	
Lector	Dedie Dobbs	
Extraordinary Ministers	Scott Sommerlatte, Trina Bludau, Joyce Bludau, Nancy Etzler	
Rosary Leader	Lucille Klekar	
Offertory Gift Bearers	Chuck Grafe	
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe	
Church Cleaners	Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technick, Ruth Rouse	
Midnight Mass		
Altar Servers	Josh Bludau, Michael & Robbie Perdziak	
Cantor	Choir	
Lector	Dorothy Schneider	
Extraordinary Ministers	Richard Sommerlatte, Ed & Sandra Pustka, Carol Rother	
Rosary Leader	Ruth Rouse	
Offertory Gift Bearers	Fikac Family members	
Ushers	Volunteers	
Church Cleaners		
Christmas Day Mass		9:15 a.m.

Altar Servers	Derek & Kevin Konvicka
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Lector	Joshua Blaschke
Extraordinary Ministers	Billy & Bev Hrcir, Leon & Nancy Etzler
Rosary Leader	Joyce Janak
Offertory Gift Bearers	Bernice Schulte
Ushers	Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jasek
Church Cleaners	
Sunday, December 27	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Adam & Ryan Hermes, Ty & Layne Gerke
Cantor	Richard Rouse
Lector	Martha Horecka
Extraordinary Ministers	Pat Mladenka, Leon & Nancy Etzler, Janice Rother
Rosary Leader	Sandy Konvicka
Offertory Gift Bearers	Leon Sitka Family
Ushers	Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek, Richard Sommerlatte
Church Cleaners	Vic & Katherine Kahaneck, Sharon Janak
January 1, 2016	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Derek & Kevin Konvicka, Alexus Mizera
Cantor	Pat Mladenka
Lector	Dorothy Schneider
Extraordinary Ministers	Vivian Mozisek, Richard Sommerlatte, Trina Bludau, Carol Rother
Rosary Leader	Lucille Klekar
Offertory Gift Bearers	Wence Shimek Family members
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe
Church Cleaners	
January 3, 2016	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Clay & Blake Rother, Michael & Robbie Perdziak
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Lector	Dedie Dobbs
Extraordinary Ministers	Vivian Mozisek, Scott Sommerlatte, Pat Pesek, Trina Bludau
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Schneider
Offertory Gift Bearers	Leo Opela Family members
Ushers	Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek, Marvin Bujnoch
Church Cleaners	Sharon Henrichs, Lisa Matula, Laura Ulcak