

***St. Mary's Catholic Church***  
***Sunday, August 2, 2020***

**1648 FM 340**  
**Hallettsville, Texas 77964-5862**  
**St. Mary's Rectory: 798-2128**  
**Sacred Heart Rectory: 798-5888**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.  
First Friday: 7:00 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: 6:30 p.m.  
Any time upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

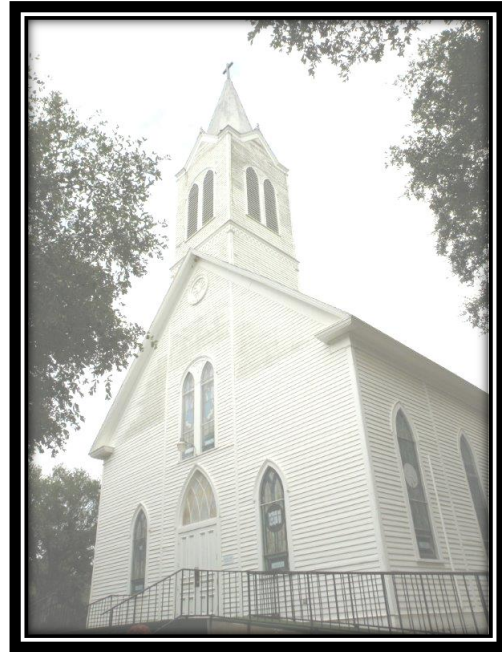
Please call the rectory.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

CCD – Every Wednesday from  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Contact: Carol Rother (798-6856)

**WEBSITES**

Cemetery: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)  
(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)  
Safe Environment: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)  
(Click on “Safe Environment Program,” then  
on “eAppsDB”)



**PASTOR**

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

**PAROCHIAL VICAR**

**Rev. Scott J. Hill**

**DEACON**

Rev. Mr. Joseph (Joey) Targac  
Rev. Mr. Michael Tankersley

**ST. MARY'S HALL RENTAL**

Judy Opela (798-2738)

**PARISH BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Leon Etzler, Robert Technik, Francis Klekar,  
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  
261

**Bulletin Deadline:** Monday, August 31, 2020,  
by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

## Sunday, August 2, 2020

### Mass Intentions:

#### Sunday, August 2—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary

##### Time

9:15 a.m.—Edward & Mary Hubert Barcak Bruton

#### Friday, August 7 – First Friday

6:00 p.m.—For the Parish

#### Sunday, August 9 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary

##### Time

9:15 a.m.—August Ulcak

#### Sunday, August 16 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary

##### Time

9:15 a.m.— Daniel F. Opela

#### Sunday, August 23 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary

##### Time

9:15 a.m.—August & Janie Fikac and Daniel Pohl

#### Sunday, August 30 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

##### Time

9:15 a.m.—Joseph D. & Mildred Janak

#### Friday, September 4—First Friday

6:00 p.m.—For the Parish

#### Sunday, September 6 – Twenty-Third Sunday in

##### Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Ed & Francis Ulcak, Henry & Leo Ulcak

**BULLETIN SPONSOR:** In Honor of Nicole Hendriks and Lincoln Thomas Marriage

### **PARISHIONERS**

If you have information for the Bulletin, please be reminded that the Deadline for Bulletin entries is Monday at Noon before the First Sunday of the Month Bulletin.



If you have not picked up your Church Support Envelopes from the back of Church, please do so. Also, if you need envelopes, contact Pat at the Rectory on Monday or Wednesday.

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
And I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.

### Financial Report for July, 2020

#### Income:

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday's Collections | \$2,502.00         |
| Church Rental        | 100.00             |
| Hall Rental          | 500.00             |
| Small House          | 50.00              |
| Votive Candles       | <u>61.00</u>       |
| Total Income         | <u>\$ 3,213.00</u> |

#### Expenses:

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Administration      | \$ 357.00          |
| Church Expenses     | 120.00             |
| Hall Expenses       | 440.48             |
| Maintenance         | 300.00             |
| Office/Rectory      | 706.91             |
| Utilities           | 119.29             |
| Priest Pension Plan | 63.00              |
| Unbound Sponsorship | 450.00             |
| Medical Insurance   | <u>406.00</u>      |
| Total Expenses      | <u>\$ 2,962.68</u> |

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance: | \$112,952.77        |
| Income             | 3,213.00            |
| Expenses           | <u>-2,962.68</u>    |
| Balance            | <u>\$112,952.77</u> |

### **CORONAVIRUS PRAYER**

Let us pray, dearly beloved,  
To God the Father almighty,  
That He may extend His hand in mercy  
To all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.  
(Silent Prayer)  
Almighty ever-living God,  
Heal those who are ill,  
Grant happy repose to those who have died,  
Comfort those who mourn,  
Give solace to all who are afraid and alone,  
And protect those who are providing medical care.  
Make us instruments of your peace  
Among our brothers and sisters.  
In your mercy, alleviate our fears  
And eliminate this scourge,  
So that we may come together again  
To give you praise and to build your Kingdom.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## From the Desk of Msgr. John

### CREIGHTON MODEL Fertility Care System Service—An authentic Language of a Women's Health and Fertility Introductory Sessions020 Group

#### Introductory Sessions:

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](mailto:Larahaas.fertilitycare@gmail.com)

#### ADORER NEEDED

An Adorer is needed for the 2:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m.  
hour on Wednesdays. Please contact Charlene  
Bradbury if you are interested at **361-798-3224**  
(Home phone number) or **361-798-6191** (Cell phone  
number).

The Mass is live-streamed on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicChurchHallettsville> and on the Radio  
Stations FM 99.9 & FM 94.3 at 8:00 a.m. at  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Sacred Heart Catholic School - Enrolling now for  
PreK-3! Fun Lessons! Loving & Nurturing Teachers!  
Age-Appropriate Learning Activities! Reserve Your  
Child's Spot Today! Call 361-798-4251

#### ATTENTION TO ALL PARISHIONERS

A mask must be worn to Church at all Masses and  
any event that is held in the church. Social  
Distancing is required until further notice.

#### ATTENTION ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS (ALTAR SERVERS, LECTOR, AND USHERS)

If you know that you will not be attending Mass in  
the Church, please contact Pat Mladenka at 830-832-  
5607, so that she will not schedule you. If you do not  
contact Pat, then you will be responsible for finding a  
replacement.

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

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

The Emmaus Center provides individual,  
couple, family, adolescent and children's  
counseling as well as specialized support  
groups from a Catholic perspective. For more  
information or to schedule an appointment, please call (361)  
212-0830.



Our Church directories have been proofed but there is  
a delay with the printing since the company closed due  
to the coronavirus. We hope to receive the directories  
once the company resumes full operation. Thank you  
for your patience.

#### SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Hours – June: Monday –  
Thursday – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Closed**  
**Fridays.** During July, please call the  
school for an appointment. **361-798-4251.**



#### MEMORIALS

##### ST. MARY CHURCH

**In Memory of Dan Mozisek:** Dollar General-\$100;  
Procurement: Network & Telecom Team—Frances &  
Leon Mozisek--\$20, Amber Reed and Thelma Reed-  
\$40; and Helen E. Bournias-\$25

##### ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

**In Memory of Jim Kolojaco:** Blackie and Karen  
Bludau-\$20

**In Memory of Bob Dolezal:** Blackie and Karen  
Bludau-\$20



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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Alphonsus Liguori

Born near Naples, Italy, St. Alphonsus left his successful legal career for the priesthood. He founded the Redemptorists to educate the faithful. Internal problems resulted in the Order's rejecting St. Alphonsus. Despite failing health, he was made a bishop. He lived simply and was generous with the poor. He combatted Jansenism, which imposed a burdensome, legalistic morality, and promoted a more moderate, realistic morality – one driven by love rather than guilt. He is a Doctor of the Church.



### Pay God first

It takes money to do God's work in the world and the top funding source for the Catholic Church's ministries is her generous people. Set aside a portion of every paycheck for charity just as you do for your rent or mortgage. Write that check first. Your parish needs your support now, more than ever.

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27:1).*



## Lean on our Faith during tough times

Throughout the history of God's dealings with humanity, He has continually brought good out of evil. During this unprecedented time of pandemic, we can remember this history and lean on Him.

**Participate in weekly worship.** If public Mass is not an option for you, find ways to join in worship safely. Participate in Mass online and don't miss a Sunday. Support others by setting up a prayer group or Bible study with friends through calls, chats, or online meets.

**Practice listening during prayer.** Even though our schedules may have slowed down, our thoughts probably have not. Make mental space to listen to and hear from the Holy Spirit, and

allow Him to bring truth and consolation.

**Look for the ways God is working in the crisis.** Our fear and anxiety can arise from worrying about what might happen. It helps to look for the good coming out of the crisis.

Can you spot unexpected blessings?

**Create a safe space in your home.** Create a place – a corner, a chair, a large closet – where you spend at least 15

prayerful minutes each day.

Take this time to remember that you are not alone.

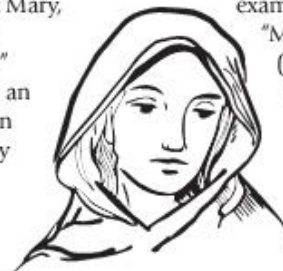
**Be not afraid.** Choosing to trust God is a decision we can each make. It comes from a determination to surrender with confidence knowing His love is enough.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics have so many titles for Mary?

Everything we say about Mary, ultimately, is about Jesus, including her "devotional" titles. Each title highlights an aspect of God's saving plan and Mary's role in it. Many of them have to do with her sinlessness and her motherhood. For



example, Mary is called the "Mirror of Justice," Theotokos ("God-bearer"), "Seat of Wisdom", "House of Gold," etc. Mary's titles – like Mary – are meant to draw our focus not to Mary, but to Jesus. Mary always leads us to her Son.



## Turn conflict into growth

Criticism can bring you down if you let it. Instead, finding a gracious way to handle criticism can be the key to improving your life, attracting new friends, and becoming a better Christian.

**Stay calm.** The person delivering the criticism may be having a bad day or seeking attention. Or, she may really want to help and just not be skilled in delivering criticism. Staying calm and avoiding defensiveness helps you look for the rose among the nasty thorns.

**Thank the commenter,** no matter what is said or



how it is delivered. People who make rude comments don't expect you to listen to them, much less be grateful for their comments. Being appreciative is disarming. That's how to turn a critic into a friend.

**Weigh the criticism.** Do the comments contain something helpful you can use to become a better person? Is the person trying to help, to make things better, to keep you from repeating mistakes, to suggest positive improvements? If not, forget it and move on without anger.

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 16:21-27, Our ways are not God's ways

This passage seems like bad news. First, Jesus predicts his own death. This must have shocked the disciples, to whom it was just revealed that their Master was the long-awaited Messiah. Instead of an epic, Roman-conquering battle plan, Jesus told them he would be executed – seemingly tragedy and defeat, not joy and triumph.

Second, Peter did what we often do when God permits setbacks and suffering. He saw the Cross and wanted to flee – and was harshly rebuked. Yet, if Jesus listened to Peter and turned aside, we would have died in our



sins, unable to get into Heaven. Instead, he chose the Cross – for us. He chose us. Through our post-Resurrection lens, what seemed a devastating defeat was actually a decisive victory against sin and death.

Let's be clear: our Father wants us to be happy, but he wants us to be happy forever, not just for today. The key is not to avoid the crosses he sends us, but to accept them trustingly, peacefully, as

Jesus did. Jesus helps us carry our crosses, with him taking the heavier end.

### Q & A Can the seal of Confession ever be broken?

The seal of Confession refers to the silence binding a priest, under severe penalties, about what he hears in Confession. "[The priest] can make no

use of knowledge that confession gives him about penitents' lives." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1467). The penitents are not bound by the seal.



The only two "exceptions" are: If the penitent wants to discuss his previous confession to Fr. X with him, Fr. X must first ask the penitent's permission. Or, if a priest needed guidance from another confessor, he must still ask the penitent's permission and keep the penitent's identity a secret.

In truth, in the Sacrament of Confession the penitent is really addressing Jesus Christ, not the priest, who is simply the "phone line" between the two parties. The purpose of the seal is to encourage people to approach the Lord in complete confidence and experience his mercy. While this enforced silence may seem strange and possibly problematic, the first priority is the salvation of souls. The rest is entrusted to God.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**Aug. 10 – St. Lawrence (258).** A Roman deacon to Pope St. Sixtus II, St. Lawrence presented the poor and destitute as the Church's treasure, in answer to Rome's demands for the church's gold. He was martyred shortly afterwards.

**Aug. 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1950).** Declared a dogma of our faith by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. Note: This year, this is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Aug. 25 – St. Joseph Calasanz (1648).** Seeing the suffering of neglected children, this Spanish priest founded the Clerks Regular of Pious Schools, called the Piarists to educate them. He suffered opposition for his work, which he bore with patience and humility.

**Aug. 27 – St. Monica of Hippo (387).** St. Monica is best known for converting her wayward son and pagan husband by her patience, piety, and prayers. Her son, St. Augustine, became a great saint of the Church.



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| <b>ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE – AUGUST, 2020</b> |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Sunday, August 2 9:15 a.m.</b>                  |   |
| Altar Servers                                      | Brandt Trliceck, Macey Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka                    |
| Offertory Gift Bearers                             | Gus & Cecilia Janak   |
| Church Cleaners                                    | Vivian Mozisek, Rita Migl, Edna Wehman, Cecilia Janak           |
| Lector   | Martha Horecka  |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers                           | Billy Gerke   |
| Rosary Leader                                      | Anita Steffek   |
| <b>Sunday, August 9 9:15 a.m.</b>                  |   |
| Altar Servers                                      | Elizabeth Grahmann, Elena Grahmann, Paige Wright                |
| Offertory Gift Bearers                             |   |
| Church Cleaners                                    | Rosalie Tobola, Glenda Tobola, Mary Jo Bludau                   |
| Lector   | Dorothy Schneider   |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers                           | Richard Sommerlatte   |
| Rosary Leader                                      | Sandy Konvicka  |
| <b>Sunday, August 16 9:15 a.m.</b>                 |   |
| Altar Servers                                      | Rynna Orsak, Rylyn Orsak, Ava Shimek                            |
| Offertory Gift Bearers                             |   |
| Church Cleaners                                    | Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar, Helen Janak, Marty Horecka |
| Lector   | Pat Mladenka  |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers                           | Nancy Etzler  |
| Rosary Leader                                      | Lucille Klekar  |
| <b>Sunday, August 23 9:15 a.m.</b>                 |   |
| Altar Servers                                      | Jules Janak, Timber Janak, Layne Gerke                          |
| Offertory Gift Bearers                             |   |
| Church Cleaners                                    | Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr                      |
| Lector   | Martha Horecka  |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers                           | Carol Rother  |
| Rosary Leader                                      | Joyce Janak   |
| <b>Sunday, August 30 9:15 a.m.</b>                 |   |
| Altar Servers                                      | Allec Mizera, Justin Perdziak, Wyatt Mudd                       |
| Offertory Gift Bearers                             |   |
| Church Cleaners                                    | Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik, Ruth Rouse           |
| Lector   | Deacon Joey Targac  |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers                           | Leon Etzler   |
| Rosary Leader                                      | Dorothy Schneider   |
| <b>Sunday, September 6 9:15 a.m.</b>               |   |
| Altar Servers                                      | Trace Patek, Jake Ressler, Abby Ressler                         |
| Offertory Gift Bearers                             |   |
| Church Cleaners                                    | Sharon Henrichs, Lisa Matula, Laura Ulcak                       |
| Lector   | Dorothy Schneider   |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers                           | Janice Rother   |
| Rosary Leader                                      | Janice Rother   |

