

***St. Mary's Catholic Church***  
***Sunday, December 6, 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: 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 – 7:00 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**  
**Rev. John Affum**

**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:** Tuesday, November 24,  
2020, by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

# *St. Mary's Catholic Church*

## *Sunday, December 6, 2020*

### Mass Intentions:

#### Friday, December 4 – First Friday

6:00 p.m. – Daniel Mozisek

#### Sunday, December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. – Jero Nevlud

#### Tuesday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception

6:00 p.m. – Joe & Olga Targac and Deceased Relatives

#### Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m.— Betty Janak

#### Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m.— Zachery Grafe Sr.

#### Friday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

##### (Christmas)

12:00 a.m. (Midnight) – August & Janie Fikac & Daniel Pohl

9:15 a.m.— Joe & Emily Mozisek, Dan, Joe Jr. & Erwin Mozisek

#### Sunday, December 27 – The Holy Family of Jesus,

##### Mary and Joseph

9:15 a.m.— Leon & Lillie Sitka

#### Friday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy

##### Mother of God

9:15 a.m. – Anton Sr. & Emma and Daniel Bujnoch

#### Sunday, January 3 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:15 a.m. - Parishioners

### 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.



### Financial Report for November, 2020

#### Income:

Sunday's Collections	\$4,795.83
Hall Rental	1,000.00
Memorials	45.00
Votive Candles	103.95
Bulletin Sponsor	50.00
Campaign for Human Development	20.00
Christmas Flowers	<u>135.00</u>

Total Income \$ 6,149.78

#### Expenses:

Administration	\$ 357.00
Church Expenses	394.50
Hall Expenses	369.72
Maintenance	150.00
Office/Rectory	457.50
Utilities	781.04
Human Development	15.00
Medical Insurance	406.00
Priest Pension Plan	<u>63.00</u>

Total Expenses \$ 2,993.76

Beginning Balance:	\$103,301.35
Income	6,149.78
Expenses	<u>-2,993.76</u>
Balance	<u>\$106,457.37</u>

### **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, LECTORS, 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.

## From the Desk of Msgr. John

We will have Mass for our Feast Day on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. We **will not** have soup and sandwiches afterward, as usual, because of Covid.

We are hoping and praying to have our Church Bells fully operational for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. We have not heard them for a long time.

We recently had new updated equipment, especially the camera, installed in the Church to make the livestreaming of the Mass a better quality. We will continue to livestream the Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass. A special "Thank You" to Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union for donating this equipment.

As we begin the Second Week of Advent, we continue to prepare ourselves for Christmas and for Our Lord's Second Coming. During our Advent Journey, our Scripture Readings tell the story of the coming of our Savior, while anticipating the Second Coming of Jesus in the fullness of His Glory. It is a reminder that on each day of our earthly pilgrimage we are called to proclaim, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Our Mass Schedule for Christmas is as follows for our four parishes:

### **Sacred Heart**

**Christmas Eve—December 24**

4:00 p.m. in Church

4:15 p.m. in Sacred Heart Gym (This is to help divide our biggest Mass Crowd)

6:00 p.m. in Church

Midnight Mass in Church

**Christmas Day – December 25**

8:00 a.m. in Church

10:30 a.m. in Church.

There **will not be** a 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

**The Midnight Mass and the 8:00 a.m. Mass will both be livestreamed.**

### **St. Mary**

**Christmas Eve—December 24**

Midnight Mass in Church

**Christmas Day—December 25**

9:00 a.m. in Church

**St. John and Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia)**

**Christmas Eve—December 24**

5:00 p.m.—Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia)

**Christmas Day—December 25**

9:30 a.m.—St. John

Sacred Heart Home & School Association is having a "Cattle or Cash" raffle! Tickets are \$100 and the drawing date is 12/18. This was created to make up for the famous strudel bake. Call 361-798-4251 for more details. We also have the option of purchasing online via Venmo. Here is the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=indianshsa&set=a.1835478429936232>

**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**

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.

## *We Love Catholic Schools*

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**For more information or to purchase tickets, contact:**

**Sacred Heart Catholic School**

**361-798-4251**

DONATION: \$5.00 EACH

TICKET SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021

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.



## **PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

Prayer for our Country: Join parishioners at 6:15 p.m. Sunday evenings at Sacred Heart Church to pray the Patriotic Rosary. The prayers and songs are provided. Social distancing is used. Families are welcome.



**REMINDER—Knights of Columbus Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner with Trimmings—Sunday, December 6, 2020, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. KC Hall—Drive thru only--\$10 plate – Benefits KC Charities**



**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.*



**The Sacred Heart**

**Booster Club** is selling homemade fudge (plain or pecan) for Christmas. It makes a perfect treat to take to your family or friends Christmas

gatherings or as a great gift. The fudge comes in an 8in x 8in

pan wrapped with a nice bow for \$10. If you would like to order, please contact Shanna Clark at 772-8527 or call the Sacred Heart School Office at 798-4251 or any Sacred Heart Athlete.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AWARDS NIGHT**

Date: Monday, December 14, 2020,

Place: KC Hall--Social: 6:00 p.m.

Meal: 7:00 p.m., Awards Presentation to follow.

**The Annual Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters Christmas Party and Awards Night** has been scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020. A delicious meal with an irresistible

dessert will be served around 7:00 p.m. KC Service Awards and Knights of the Year plaques will also be presented. There will be plenty of door prizes including gift cards, ornaments, plants and other gifts. Doors open at 6 p.m. with an Open Bar Happy Hour including snacks. KC Hall 798-2311. All widows of our Deceased members please come out and join us! A Canned Good Food Drive will be held this night also. Please bring your canned goods or cash and help feed the hungry in our community, which will be donated to the Manna Food Pantry.

*Oh kids night! the stars are brightly shining on is the night of our dear saviors birth*

**Cancelled**



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court #797 Mass**

Craft Day, Tuesday, December 8, 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. We need to finish décor for KC and CDA party.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church is in need of Rosary Leaders for each of the Masses. If you are interested in being a Rosary Leader, please contact Phyllis at the Rectory (361-798-5888).

The KC's have asked the Catholic Daughters for help with the Plates to Go Fundraiser on Sunday, December 6, 2020, at the KC Hall. There will be two shifts – First Shift – 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (filled), Second Shift – 9:00 a.m.-until finished. Call Regent at 361-550-9988 for further information.



**BLOOD DRIVES**

Two upcoming blood drives at Sacred Heart.

December 6 Sacred Heart Church  
December 7 Sacred Heart Catholic School



Coronavirus has had a devastating impact on the blood supply. More than one-half of blood drives have been canceled. Shortage put a risk on patients. Blood is a critical part of treatment for patients. South Texas Blood provides only ½ Type O blood ordered by hospitals. Delays can be critical.

The Sacred Heart Church has been asked to have a Blood Drive on Sunday, December 6, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parking Lot. Appointments are required. Sponsor #005512. Also, the Sacred Heart School will have a Blood Drive the next day—Monday, December 7, 2020, from 10:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m. at the Family Center. Giving blood is a **great Christmas gift.**



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December 2020

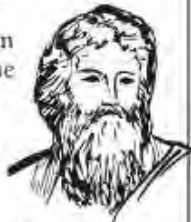
Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Holiday advice

The holiday season is an important time in the Church but, in the midst of a pandemic, it can also be a time when health worries, money worries, family worries, and every kind of worry intrudes. Instead, try to follow this advice from St. Paul, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8).



### Unborn joy

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb ..." (Luke 1:40). Even in the womb, John was filled with joy to serve God. With the coming of Christmas, look for ways to do God's will and then leap for joy as you fulfill His plan.

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).



## God is love

We call God "Creator," "Savior," "Father," yet when we really want to understand who He is, one word is enough. God is love.

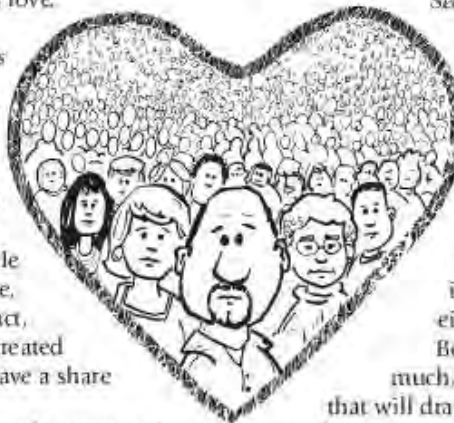
"Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." (1 John 4:8). Love is the very nature and essence of God Himself. He doesn't just love, He is love. In fact, that's why He created us, so we can have a share in that love.

We are not simply swept up in the good will God has toward all his creations. He loves each of us as individuals and that love is never-ending and unconditional. "Can

a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name" (Isaiah 49:15-16). This is not necessarily because we are good; we can't possibly earn the vast love He has for us. But the good news is we can't lose it either.

Because He loves us so much, He denies us nothing that will draw us closer to him and to life in Heaven. "For God so loved the world," Jesus declared, "that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe in a "virgin birth?"

Before Jesus was born, Isaiah was told, "the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). The virgin birth was documented in Luke 1:34.

Had Jesus been conceived like the rest of

us, He could not have been a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).



## Awaken to the presence of God on Christmas morning

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). An amazing truth occurred at the first Christmas: God came and lived among us. Even more amazing, He continues to live among us. During Advent, take steps to become more aware of His presence.

**Begin each day in his presence.** Before you get out of bed in the morning, place yourself in His presence. Take a few minutes to focus on a sacred picture or an image that will help you to



"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

**Seek God's Word.** Start your day with Scripture such as the daily Mass readings (found on [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) or another reading you choose. Ask God to teach you during the day from that selection.

**Speak to him throughout the day.** Picture the Lord next to you throughout your day and talk with Him as you experience the day together. Brother Lawrence, a 17th century monk, suggested prayer shouldn't be confined to formal times.

### from Scripture

**Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, God chooses each of us in a special way.**

Mary and Joseph were forced to travel in the last stages of her pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem. On foot or donkey, it was a dirty and exhausting journey. Once there, they had no option for decent housing and had to stay in a stable with animals. Young Mary gave birth in crude conditions with no friend or family to help.



After a short time, they fled to Egypt with their newborn to escape threats from the government, and stayed there for several years. There

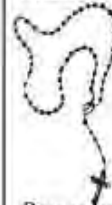
were no friendly faces to greet the family once they arrived and they had to make their own way in an unfamiliar land.

Refugees all over the world flee violence like the Holy Family. Catholics have a special charge to protect them and those who are vulnerable: children, elderly, and poor.

Like Mary's and Joseph's, God has a special place for each of us in his plan of salvation. Prayerfully ask God what he wants you to do for him and his kingdom.

### Q How do Catholics & benefit from A praying the Rosary?

The Rosary is a simple prayer adapted from the complex prayers of medieval monks. It's a powerful prayer because in it, we ask Mary—whose prayers are never refused—to pray for us. In addition, the



mysteries of the Rosary introduce us to the lives of Jesus and Mary. Each mystery is associated with a fruit. For example, the fruit of the mystery of the Annunciation is humility. Praying the

Rosary opens us to the graces to be more Christ-like.

A prayer with roots in Scripture, the Rosary begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic Faith. The Our Father that introduces each mystery is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary that follows is from the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**Dec. 14 – St. John of the Cross (1591).** As a Carmelite, St. John led a reform in the Order to encourage more prayer and simplicity. Briefly jailed over a misunderstanding, some of his best spiritual writing came from this experience.

**Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius (1597).** Born in Holland, he was ordained into the Society of Jesus and vigorously safeguarded the Catholic faith through writings and teaching. His work, *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, is still used today.

**Dec. 26 – St. Stephen (first century).** A deacon of the early Church, St. Stephen preached that God can be found everywhere, not just in one place like the temple. He angered the Jewish authorities and became the first martyr of the Catholic Church.

**Dec. 27 – The Holy Family (1st century).** On the Feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. By their love and support of one another the Holy Family is a model for all Christian families.



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**THE SHARING TREE**

The Sharing Tree with name tags of each Catholic Resident in our Nursing Homes is in the back of the Church this weekend. Please select a name tag and return a gift with that name tag attached to it to the tree by Sunday, December 13, 2020, so that each Catholic Resident will have a gift to receive at Christmas. The Sharing Tree is sponsored by the Christian Mothers Society. You may call Susan Bujnoch at 361-798-4064 for more information. Remember, all gifts must be returned to the tree by **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.



Did you know that Christmas will be here before you know it? You can get some of your early Christmas Shopping done at the Sacred Heart Church Rectory.

We have added many new items, such as Children's Christmas Books, Religious Pictures, Christmas Ornaments, Angels, Religious Statues and so much more. Don't forget we also have Advent Wreaths and candles.



**ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE – DECEMBER, 2020**

<b>Sunday, December 6</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
Altar Servers	Justin Perdziak, Macey Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Ushers	Russell Sciba, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek, Richard Sommerlatte
Lector	Daniel Matula
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Dedie Dobbs, Billy Gerke
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Schneider
Church Cleaners	Sharon Henricks, Lisa Matula, Laura Ulcak
<b>Tuesday, December 8</b>	<b>6:09 p.m.</b>
Altar Servers	Rynna Orsak and Rylyn Orsak
Cantor	Pat Mladenka
Ushers	
Lector	Deacon Joey Targac
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler
Rosary Leader	Lucille Klekar
Church Cleaners	
<b>Sunday, December 13</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
Altar Servers	Jules Janak, Timber Janak, Layne Gerke
Cantor	Richard Rouse
Ushers	Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek, Marvin Bujnoch
Lector	Dedie Dobbs
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Edward Pustka, Sandra Pustka
Rosary Leader	Anita Steffek
Church Cleaners	Barbara Matula, Susan Bujnoch
<b>Sunday, December 20</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
Altar Servers	Rynna Orsak, Rylyn Orsak, Ava Shimek
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe
Lector	Martha Horecka
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Tony Bludau, Joyce Bludau
Rosary Leader	Sandy Konvicka
Church Cleaners	Vivian Mozisek, Cecilia Janak, Rita Migl, Edna Wehman

<b>Friday, December 25</b>		<b>12:00 a.m. (Midnight Mass)</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
Altar Servers	Dalton Grahmann, Elizabeth Grahmann, Elena Grahmann		Brandt Trliceck, Jake Ressler, Abby Ressler
Cantor	Ruth Rouse		Pat Mladenka
Ushers			Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jasek
Lector	Monica Barnes		Dorothy Schneider
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Richard Sommerlatte, Scott Sommerlatte		Janice Rother, Trina Bludau
Rosary Leader	Ruth Rouse		Lucille Klekar
Church Cleaners			Glenda Tobola, Mary Jo Bludau, Rosalia Tobola
<b>Sunday, December 27</b>		<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Justin Perdziak, Allec Mizera, Wyatt Mudd		
Cantor	Laurence Bludau		
Ushers	Russell Sciba, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek, Richard Sommerlatte		
Lector	Pat Mladenka		
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Carol Rother, Billy Gerke		
Rosary Leader	Joyce Janak		
Church Cleaners	Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar, Marty Horecka, Pat Mladenka		
<b>Friday, January 1</b>		<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Paige Wright, Ashlyn Pustka, Macey Pustka		
Cantor	Ruth Rouse		
Ushers			
Lector	Daniel Matula		
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Dedie Dobbs, Sandra Pustka		
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Schneider		
Church Cleaners			
<b>Sunday, January 3</b>		<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Trace Patek, Jake Ressler, Abby Ressler		
Cantor	Laurence Bludau		
Ushers			
Lector	Dedie Dobbs		
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler		
Rosary Leader	Laurie Braun		
Church Cleaners	Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr		

## MEMORIALS

### ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

**In Memory of Charles Koehne, Sr.:** Kubena Funeral Home - \$25; Lucille Bujnoch-\$10; Litamae and Jerry J. Micek--\$20

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

**In Memory of Mr. Frankie Klekar and Mrs. Lucille Klekar (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday)** – Richard and Ruth Rouse--\$60

**In Memory of Alfred and Mary Technik and Debbie Technik**—Mike and Helen Technik-\$25

**In Memory of Philip and Evelyn Bujnoch and Jamie Bujnoch:** David & Kathy Bujnoch-\$50