

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Sunday, March 1, 2020

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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: 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
(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. 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
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Bulletin Deadline: Monday, February , 2020,
by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

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Mass Intentions:

Sunday, March 1—First Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m. – Marvin & Susan Bujnoch 45th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, March 6—First Friday

6:00 p.m.— Jimmie & James Patek

Sunday, March 8—Second Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m. – Theresa Adair

Sunday, March 15—Third Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m. – Anton Sr., Emma, and David Bujnoch

Sunday, March 22—Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m. – Edwin & Selma Shimek, Charles Patek Jr.

Sunday, March 29—Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m. – Zachary Grafe Sr.

Friday, April 3—First Friday

7:00 p.m. – Theresa Matula

Sunday, April 5—Palm Sunday

9:15 a.m.— Vaclav Motal

Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

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.



Youth Ministry Needs Your Help.

Please consider being on Our Team. Volunteers can help as little or as often as you like. Please call and ask for more details before saying NO. (Angela McConnell-361-741-8730).

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.

L.A.M.B. Thrift Shop. The hours are Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The location is 1429 U.S. Hwy. 90A East. (361-217-0119).

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

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life!

Financial Report for February, 2020

Income:

Sunday's Collections	\$4,909.00
Children's Collections	135.67
Church Rental	<u>100.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$5,144.67</u>

Expenses:

Administration	\$ 357.00
Church Expenses	50.00
Hall Expenses	137.06
Maintenance	1,273.68
Office/Rectory	514.54
Utilities	904.94
Medical Insurance	406.00
Priest Pension Plan	<u>126.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$3,769.22</u>

Beginning Balance:	\$107,889.40
Income	5,144.67
Expenses	<u>-3,769.22</u>
Balance	<u>\$109,264.85</u>

AREA EVENTS

- **St. Rose Spring Festival** will be held March 1, 2020 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Schulenburg, Texas. Turkey Dinner (and all the trimmings) will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$4 for children. Drive-thru adult plates available. Live auction, cake walk, and more!
- **Evening of Recollection for Women** at Featherock Conference Center, 934 Holub Road, Schulenburg, on March 9, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- **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
- **"Veni Sancte Spiritus: Rediscovering the Power and Purpose of the Holy Spirit!"** – A Fullness of Truth Lenten Catholic Family Conference – Held March 27-28, 2020 at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Corpus Christi



From the Desk of Msgr. John

What are Days of Fast & Abstinence?

Abstinence from meat (all meat and fowl) is observed on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday**, and all the **Fridays of Lent** by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting is observed on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Fast days are also days of Abstinence from meat.

Prepare Your 2020 Lenten Discipline

The Discipline of Lent is based on Jesus' instructions in the Ash Wednesday Gospel to live lives of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. These are lifelong values, but Lent is a concentrated effort to develop more fully in our journey of faith. Choose at least one goal in each of the three areas. Expand and Deepen your Christian life! The benefit lasts forever!!!

We are in the process of installing some new additional lighting around the church and rectory for security and for safety for night activities such as C.C.D. We will also need to replace the air conditioning and heating units in the Parish Hall. The Church Bell has not been ringing for some time due to the rope breaking off. We are working on checking the Bell and the tower.

Silent Lenten Retreat St. Mary's Church April 4, 2020

- 10:00 a.m. – Confession
- 11:00 a.m. – Mass
- 12:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
- 1:30 p.m. – Rosary
- 3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy



"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.

MEMORIALS

ST. MARY CHURCH

In Memory of Louise Pesek: William & Amy Gerke-\$30

ST. MARY CEMETERY

In Memory of Maria E. Ulcak: Sidney & Barbara Jasek-\$20; Kubena Funeral Home-\$25

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

In Memory of Henry Muenster: Anthony & Joyce Bludau-\$20

In Memory of Margaret Konvicka: Larry & Karen Greer-\$50

In Memory of Marie E. Ulcak: Theo & Gail Kocian-\$20; Raymond & Helen Janak-\$20; Rosalie Tobola-\$10; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Matula-\$15; James, Barbara, & Kevin Matula-\$15; Kim Coppola-\$10

ST. MARY CEMETERY

In Memory of Louise Pesek: Pete & Glenda Trlicek-\$50

In Memory of Chris J. Janak: Marvin J. Bujnoch-\$20; David Wagner-\$25; Cash-\$30

In Memory of Marie E. Ulcak: Douglas W. Henke-\$20; Joseph & Dorothy Schneider-\$10; Richard & Ruth Rouse-\$20; Marty & Rhonda Henneke-\$20

EASTER FLOWERS OR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory of Jerome Bujnoch, Susan "Hlavac" Janak and her Dad: Lucille Bujnoch-\$10

In Memory of Melvin & Sybil Janak: Anthony & Joyce Bludau-\$50

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March 2020

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

Born in Mayorga, Spain, St. Toribio was educated in law

and became the Professor of Law at Salamanca University. His

work and his holiness earned him the notice of the king, who named him to be the next Archbishop of Lima. Despite his arguments, Toribio was ordained a priest, consecrated, and sent to Peru. He spent his office reforming the then-corrupt diocese, catechizing the native Peruvians, and defending them from the abuses of the Spanish conquistadors.



Sunday rest

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.

"I would like everyone to feel loved by the God who gave his Son for us and showed us his boundless love. I want everyone to feel the joy of being Christian" (Pope Benedict XVI).



Dealing with difficult people Jesus' way

People who argue, fight, or refuse to cooperate can make our lives downright miserable. Yet, Jesus was masterful at dealing with difficult people. Following his example can save our sanity and our relationships.

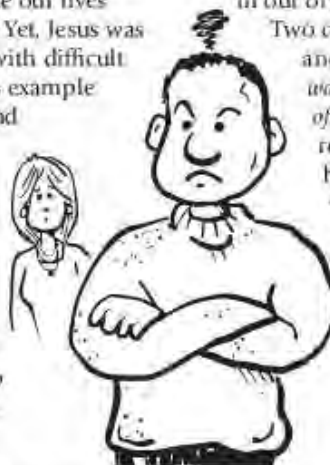
Know when to ignore. When Jesus made his Nazareth friends and neighbors so mad that they wanted to throw him off a cliff, he knew there was no reasoning with them. "Passing through the midst of them he went away" (Luke 4:30). When people speak harshly or offensively, the best response can be to disengage and walk away.

Know when to say "no." Sometimes others demand more from us than we

are able or willing to give, yet we give in out of guilt or fear of displeasure.

Two of his best friends, James and John, said to Jesus, "we want you to do whatever we ask of you" (Mark 10:35). In response to this stunning breach of boundaries, Jesus was calm and firm. He said "no" and didn't second-guess himself when he didn't make his loved ones happy.

Know when to stay calm. When Jesus took a Sabbath stroll with his friends (Matthew 12), Pharisees barged in and accused him of breaking the Sabbath. He remained calm and answered them peacefully. He wasn't afraid of being tripped up or trapped because he was unconcerned about others' opinions.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Good Friday "good"?

Although a sad day, Good Friday actually is "good" because it is the day when Jesus saved us from our sins, reconciled us with God, and reopened Heaven. Out of what seemed like defeat, God brought a greater victory. With



his sacrifice, Jesus conquered sin and death. On Good Friday, we see more clearly God's goodness, justice, wisdom, power, and love. "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

3 ingredients for powerful prayer

A close, loving relationship with God depends on a rich prayer life. It is through prayer that God guides, consoles, strengthens, challenges, and transforms us. Ingredients of a strong prayer life can include a Scripture reading, quiet meditation, and expectation.

Meditate on Scripture each day: The Bible contains everything God wants us to know. Start each morning with a verse, a chapter, or a phrase that speaks to you and carry it with you



throughout the day.

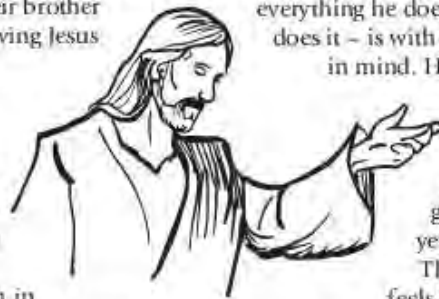
Listen in silence: Listening is as important as talking. Spend 15 minutes in silence each day to listen to what God wants your heart to know.

Wait in positive expectation. When we have faith that God personally loves us and wants what is best, we eagerly await the plans he has for us. "... faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). The conviction that God hears and answers us makes our prayer truly powerful.

from Scripture

John 11:1-45, Trust, and you shall be rewarded

God's ways can be puzzling. In this Gospel passage, Martha and Mary sent word to Jesus that their brother was seriously ill, believing Jesus could help. Yet, Jesus delayed in coming to them and Lazarus died. Despite this, Martha showed great faith: "Even now I know that whatever you ask of God he will give you." For her firm faith in God, she was rewarded generously.



he wasn't insensitive to their pain. God's timing is not ours, yet everything he does - even when he does it - is with our best interests in mind. He was not too late for Lazarus, but right on time and worked his greatest miracle yet.

The next time it feels like God isn't listening, remember Jesus' own words: "Father I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me." We can trust his response, while perhaps not what we want, will work for good.

God never leaves us in our troubles but draws closer to us. When the situation was at its bleakest for his friends, Jesus was with them. He wept,

Q & A Can you suggest a meaningful sacrifice for Lent?

The point of Lent is not to greet Easter a few pounds lighter but to be transformed. Try something new this Lent:



Make extra time for him each day.

Read the Bible, attend daily Mass, pray a Rosary, or visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Avoid the mirror. Take the focus off your appearance or looks. Refuse to compare yourself to others or accept others' view of you. Remember, your worth isn't in how others see you, but in God's infinite, unchanging love for you.

Give up one thing at every meal. Offer up a little something every time you eat - forego sugar in coffee, honey on cereal - to keep the idea, "it's Lent," in the forefront.

Offer the heroic minute. St. Josemaría Escrivá suggested jumping out of bed - no snooze button - as soon as the alarm goes off, "without granting a single minute to laziness. If, with the help of God, you conquer yourself in that moment, you'll have accomplished a great deal for the rest of the day."

Feasts & Celebrations

March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel (1855). A Philadelphia heiress, Katharine Drexel became a nun and used her inheritance to establish the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for African and Native American peoples. She founded missions for Native Americans and Xavier University in New Orleans, the first to admit African American students.

March 4 - St. Casimir of Poland (1483). When his father sent him to conquer Hungary, Casimir assessed the odds against winning the war and

turned back out of concern for his troops. He resolved never to be involved in war again.

March 19 - St. Joseph, husband of Mary (1st Century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 27 - St. John of Egypt (c.394). Born in modern Assiut, Egypt, St. John became a hermit when he was twenty. He lived an ascetic life but preached publicly on weekends.

Also a prophet, he made two accurate predictions for Emperor Theodosius I.



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ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE – MARCH, 2020

Sunday, March 1	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Grahmann, Elena Grahmann, Paige Wright, Allec Mizera
Cantor	Kelly Rother
Lector	Monica Barnes
Extraordinary Ministers	Edward Pustka, Sandra Pustka, Billy Gerke, Nancy Etzler
Rosary Leader	Laurie Braun
Offertory Gift Bearers	Marvin & Susan Bujnoch
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe
Church Cleaners	Sharon Henricks, Lisa Matula, Laura Ulcak
Sunday, March 8	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Ty Gerke, Layne Gerke, Jake Ressler, Abby Ressler
Cantor	St. Mary's Choir
Lector	Dorothy Schneider
Extraordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler, Richard Sommerlatte, Janice Rother
Rosary Leader	Lucille Klekar
Offertory Gift Bearers	Gilbert & Mary Urbish
Ushers	Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jasek
Church Cleaners	Barbara Matula, Monica Matula, Susan Bujnoch
Sunday, March 15	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Kevin Konvicka, Jules Janak, Timber Janak, Wyatt Mudd
Cantor	Pat Mladenka
Lector	Daniel Matula
Extraordinary Ministers	Tony Bludau, Joyce Bludau, Dedie Dobbs, Trina Bludau
Rosary Leader	Joyce Janak
Offertory Gift Bearers	Anton Sr. & Emma Bujnoch Family
Ushers	Russell Sciba, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek, Richard Sommerlatte
Church Cleaners	Vivian Mozisek, Rita Migl, Edna Wehman
Sunday, March 22	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Brandt Tricek, Justin Perdziak, Macey Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Lector	Dedie Dobbs
Extraordinary Ministers	Carol Rother, Scott Sommerlatte, Billy Gerke, Janice Rother
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Schneider
Offertory Gift Bearers	Bernard & Marzeline Patek
Ushers	Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek, Marvin Bujnoch
Church Cleaners	Rosalie Tobola, Glenda Tobola, Mary Jo Bludau
Sunday, March 29	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Blake Rother, Rynna Orsak, Rylyn Orsak, Ava Shimek
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Lector	Martha Horecka
Extraordinary Ministers	Pat Mladenka, Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler, Richard Sommerlatte
Rosary Leader	Janice Rother
Offertory Gift Bearers	Chuck Grafe
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe
Church Cleaners	Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar, Helen Janak, Marty Horecka
Sunday, April 5	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Grahmann, Elena Grahmann, Paige Wright, Allec Mizera
Cantor	Richard Rouse
Lector	Monica Barnes
Extraordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler, Joyce Bludau, Tony Bludau
Rosary Leader	Anita Steffek
Offertory Gift Bearers	Helen Motal
Ushers	Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jasek
Church Cleaners	Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr

**** If you are unable to serve your Ministry, you are responsible for finding another person to take your place.