

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Sunday, October 4, 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
(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
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
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Bulletin Deadline: Monday, October 26,
2020, by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

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Mass Intentions:

Sunday, October 4 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Joseph P. Opela, Alois & Sophia Opela, & Hedwig Dehart

Sunday, October 11 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.—Dale Schulte, Joe & Emily Mozisek & Family

Sunday, October 18 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of the Fred & Julie Netardus Family

Sunday, October 25 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Daniel F. Opela

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints' Day

9:15 a.m. – Living & Deceased Members of the Weid KJT #43

Friday, November 6—First Friday

6:00 p.m.— Daniel Mozisek

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.

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.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Prayer for our Country: Join parishioners at 6:00 p.m. Sunday evenings at the KC Hall lower pavilion to pray the Patriotic Rosary. The prayers and songs are provided. There is limited seating available, you may bring a folding chair. Social distancing is used and you may sit as far back as needed for your comfort. Families are welcome.

Financial Report for September, 2020

Income:

Sunday's Collections	\$3,635.00
Church Rental	150.00
Hall Rental	250.00
Black & Native American Missions	35.00
Memorials	<u>50.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 4,120.00</u>

Expenses:

Administration	\$ 357.00
Church Expenses	68.54
Hall Expenses	1,176.60
Maintenance	181.79
Office/Rectory	398.79
Utilities	800.00
Black & Native American Missions	35.00
Medical Insurance	406.00
Priest Pension Plan	63.00
CCD Books	<u>873.15</u>

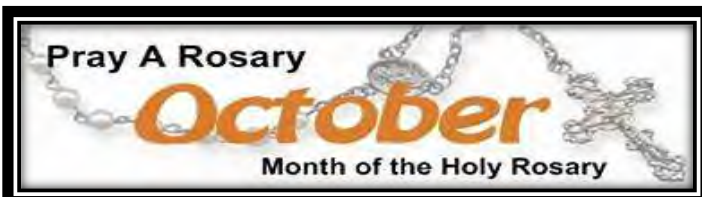
Total Expenses **\$ 4,359.87**

Beginning Balance:	\$115,757.00
Income	4,120.00
Expenses	<u>-4,359.87</u>
Balance	<u>\$115,517.13</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.

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.



From the Desk of Msgr. John

We will once again have the Rosary Congress in the Diocese of Victoria.

A time of intense prayer by the faithful of the entire Diocese before our Eucharistic Lord using the Holy Rosary to pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic; for hope, care, and the safety of our families; in reparation for the sin of indifference to the pain of others; and in reparation for the sins of priests and bishops in the scandals of the Church.

*"To contemplate the face of Christ with Mary."
Pope John Paul II*

Schedule of Events

Sunday, October 4 – Opening Mass – 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory and livestreamed at www.olvcathedral.org

Wednesday, October 7 – Presentation on Marian Consecration, 7:00 p.m. at www.victoriadiocese.org or Diocese of Victoria in Texas Facebook Page

Sunday, October 11 – Congress concludes – Celebrations at local parishes

Monday, October 19 – Begin Marian Consecration Preparation – At home

Saturday, November 21 – Marian Consecration – Celebrations at local parishes.

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

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.

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.

Blood Drive

URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD! There will be a Blood Drive by Sacred Heart Catholic School on Monday, October 5, 2020, at Sacred Heart Family Center, 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Please Give Blood! For further information, call Ruth Barton, at Sacred Heart Catholic School, at 361-798-4251



Catholic Daughters of the Americas- (CDA) Court #797

CDA #797 will have a Craft Day on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, in the Family Center, 1:00 p.m-5:00 p.m. On Sunday, October 18, 2020, CDA #797 will celebrate Mass at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. After Mass there will be the Induction of new members. There will be no meal after the Mass.

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).



MEMORIALS

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Francis Hanslik: Frances Henricks & Family-\$20; Tommy & Carol Turner-\$20; Franklin & Nola Bohuslav-\$20; Mark & Rachel Hanslik-\$30; Jay & Suzanne Pavlicek-\$20; Barbara Haas-\$20; Gary & Carol Pustejovsky-\$20; Delores Shely-\$25; Jeff & Valeria Barton-\$20; Ronald Opela-\$10; Donald & Donna Shimek-\$20; Mike & Helen Technik-\$40; Keith & Joan Mudd-\$20; Richard & JoNell Vacek-\$10; Bernard & Mary Grahmann-\$20; James & Barbara Obelgoner-\$20; Theresa Grahmann-\$20; Kubena Funeral Home-\$20

In Memory of Dan Mozisek: Harold & Pam Dolezal Family-\$50

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

In Memory of Francis Hanslik: Melvin & Joyce Janak-\$20; Raymond & Helen Janak-\$20; Glenn & Dolores Dobbs-\$40; Sandy Konvicka-\$10; Tony & Joyce Bludau-\$40; Michael & Rebecca Till-\$20; Dennis & Barbara Janak-\$50

ST. MARY CEMETERY

In Memory of Francis Hanslik: Larry & Agnes F. Greer-\$30; Frank Haba-\$15; Leon Matula-\$20; Adelle Seitz-\$10; Rick & Janice Chumchal-\$25; R. J. & Kathy Scherlen-\$50; Marvin & Susan Bujnoch-\$20; Karen Pustka-\$20; Bob & Maggie Pustka-\$20; Robert & Debbie Pustka-\$25; Dan & Jeanette Pustka-\$30; Carolyn Bruening-\$20; Ann Kostelnik-\$20

ST. ANTHONY CEMETERY

In Memory of Francis Hanslik: Edward C. Schwenke-\$25; Monte & Arleen Werner-\$30; Jeanette Henke-\$50; Joseph & Dorothy Schneider-\$10; Joseph & Cheryl Machicek-\$20; Harvey & Karen Renger-\$100; Megan Jackson & Family-\$25; Robert & Mary Bruening-\$25; A. J. & Margie Hanslik-\$10; David & Debbie Little-\$20; Kenneth & Denise Hanslik-\$50; Shirley Pokarney-\$50; Sammy & Shirley Koudelka-\$20; Greg & Jennifer Janik-\$25; Bernedette Schwenke-\$25; Dennis & Adela Ermis & Family-\$150; Dolores Schroller-\$20; Nathan & Jill Etzler-\$20; Mary Pustka Greyson & Diane Ascher-\$20; Gene Renger-\$35; Ronald & Judith Bohuslav-\$25

ST. MARY'S CCD PROGRAM

In Memory of Francis Hanslik: John & Frances Bock-\$25; Dennis & Lisa Dworsky & Family-\$25; Snow & Irene Matula-\$30; Nancy & Leon Etzler-\$25; Margaret Smolik & Family-\$15; Leonard & Mary Sklar-\$15



All Pastors in the Victoria Diocese received this letter from Bishop Cahill this week.

Office of the Bishop

September 23, 2020

Dear Pastors,

Last week I informed our faithful that the dispensation from the obligation to participate in the liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is not being extended beyond September 30. As we anticipate the participation of more of the faithful in the Sunday Eucharist in the coming months I realize it is time to update the guidelines that I published on April 27. Based on conversations with some doctors and local health officials in Victoria and the other counties in our area, I am focusing on four areas to ensure our safe and joyful return to the Sunday Eucharist.

Masks - Parishioners must be strongly encouraged to wear masks during the Sunday worship. Priests and Eucharistic Ministers must wear masks during the distribution of communion.

I realize this has become a political issue and believe the Governor is correct in his approach not to issue a mandate, but instead to offer strong encouragement. I will support a Pastor if the Pastor decides in his particular Church or at particular Masses people must wear masks.

Social Distancing -The Church must be arranged in such a way that people aren't breathing on each other.

I think the easiest set-up has been every other row, with a family on each end of the row. Some larger Churches have scheduled over-flow space in the gym or auditorium, some other Churches have added a Mass time on Saturday and/or Sunday to accommodate.

Handwashing/Sanitization - Priests, Deacons and Ministers must practice good hand hygiene, and the Church must be cleaned after every Mass.

I think the parishes have established pretty good protocols on cleaning before and after every Mass. know some have been concerned about possible damage to pews and there has been some good discussion about how to care for the furniture and keep the pews sanitized.

Holy Water - Holy Water fonts must remain empty.

This was a surprise to me, I thought it would be all right to re-fill the Holy Water fonts. It became clear to me that each medical person had serious concerns about the possible spread of germs through multiple people touching the same source. Some Pastors have encouraged people to bring their own Holy Water bottles and fill them at the Church, others have used the Sprinkling Rite at some of the Masses.

God bless you all in your blessed ministry of leading the People of God every day-you are an example of shepherds who "smell of the sheep", walking the road with strength, courage and hope! Let's keep each other in prayer,

•Brendan

October

Rosary: Walking with Jesus

Ever pray the rosary? Have you noticed the different mysteries? Each mystery points us to a different part of Jesus' life and ministry. This month, let's try to pray the rosary and really see how Mary is pointing us to her son with these beautiful prayers and reflections

PRAY

Pray a Hail Mary together before bed.

Pray the Guardian Angel prayer before leaving the house.

Pray the rosary once this month.

Thank God for one blessing before you eat.

PLAY

Go for a 5-10 minute walk. Pay attention to the nature that surrounds you.

Call a family member you haven't visited with in a while.



"Bless us, O Lord! And these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Questions for Meal Discussion...

1. What was the best thing that happened to you today?
2. What is one mistake you made?
3. Where did you see God working today?

Check out the website for fun recipes!

Want More? Visit our website: www.victoriadiocese.org
Share pictures of activities using #DOVFamilies

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Year of the Family begins this October 4 and continues through October 3, 2021. Each month, our diocesan family will explore different themes of our Catholic faith leading us to meaningful encounters with Christ. Check Out the diocesan website for more information:
www.victoriadiocese.org



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October 2020

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

True happiness

Popular theologian C.S. Lewis wrote, "Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth thrown in. Aim at Earth and you get neither." We were made for God and can't be truly happy unless we are united with him. If we focus on worldly concerns, we will never know the meaning of true happiness. If we focus on God, we will know happiness even on Earth.

The Commandment imbalance

Of the Ten Commandments, only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe. The other seven detail how we are to treat each other. It is one way God lets us know how much he wants us to love one another.

Silence of the heart

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." Mother Teresa of Calcutta



"Live in harmony with one another"

In times of uncertainty or stress, tempers can shorten, perspectives narrow, and peace suffers. It is important to remember that Jesus came to bring love and unity. His followers are asked to do the same.

"The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all" (Proverbs 22:2) – embrace diversity; don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11) – as children of God, all humans were created with inherent dignity that we are required to acknowledge.

Trying to understand others' perspectives is the best way to realize the impact of our actions on them.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God"

(Matthew 5:9) – a

steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather than humans.

Instead, live with peace and pray for victims of violence.

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts" (Colossians 3:15). This means we have to make the choice to trust God's promises (letting His peace rule) or to rely on ourselves and reject the peace He offers.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

God gives us a free gift to share in His life, a gift that we can't earn and don't deserve. Called, "grace," this gift helps us to become His adopted children. When God shares His divine life with us as sanctifying grace, we

What is grace?

are strengthened to act in His love. Through actual grace, God strengthens us to live in harmony with His will. Sacramental and special graces – gifts of the Holy Spirit – help us to live out our Christian vocation.



Make holiness your goal

All people are called to be holy, "Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Achieving holiness requires a constant effort like climbing a mountain. To stop trying, even for a little while, is to lose ground. Daily effort will pay off with results.

Look for Jesus' presence. Search for Him each day. Not only will awareness of His presence help you grow in love and kindness toward everyone, you will find it easier to control your faults.

Don't avoid suffering. Jesus experienced extreme



suffering in His time on Earth and used it to pave our way to Heaven.

Pay attention to His voice. Speak to Him, ask Him for help, express sorrow for your mistakes, tell Him you love Him.

Nurture your faith. Just as food nourishes our bodies, faith feeds our souls. Scripture is a staple of our spiritual diet. Ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to meditate on Scripture every day.

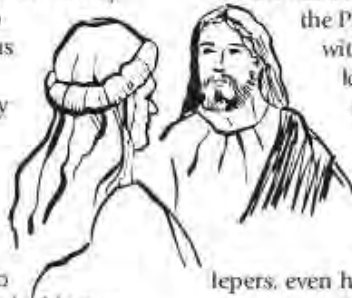
Practice patience. It's the first step toward holiness.

from Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus has the right answers.

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees attempted to trap him into publicly contradicting Jewish law by sending a slick lawyer to "engage" him. Then Jesus could be arrested and silenced. The lawyer they sent knew that generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which law was the most important. Pretending to seek Jesus' opinion, he asked him to choose which of the 613 commandments of the Jewish law was the most important.

Jesus silenced them by saying that everything starts and ends with love –



love of God and love of others. To love God is to love one another. Love is at the heart of all the other laws. Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including those our natural inclination says to exclude or avoid. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his political enemies.

True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and he calls us to the same.

Q & A How can I develop more faith?

Faith is not a single event or a mastered skill. It's a journey that develops and grows over time. A father asking Jesus for a miraculous cure for

his son cried out, "I do believe, help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). We have to ask God to help our faith develop and grow.

The best way to develop a strong faith is to pray.



Prayer is a conversation with God. Most of us use prayer to talk at God, but it's important to listen, too.

One good way to listen to God is to read his Word in the Bible. Start by reading a passage from Scripture, particularly the Gospels. Then ask yourself what the passage is saying to you, personally.

For example, ask yourself, "What is God saying to me through this reading?" Or "How can I put his message into practice in my life?" We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective" (Hebrews 4:12).

Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th**. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Avila (1583). St. Teresa founded a strict religious order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. St. Teresa established more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

Oct. 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

(1st century). Succeeded St. Peter as the second bishop of Antioch. St. Ignatius encouraged obedience to the world's bishops and reminded people that Jesus is present in the Church and in each other.

Oct. 28 - St. Simon and St. Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



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ST. MARY PICNIC NO-PICNIC DONATIONS

Lucille Bujnoch-\$50

Church Floor

In Memory of Dan Mozisek: Leon & Louise Jurena-\$25;
Gregory & Diana Jurena-\$25; R.D. & L.J. Lawrence-\$25

TOTAL DONATIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 =
\$22,317.00

Picnic-\$14,980.00

Church Floor-\$2,300.00

Bell Tower-\$5,037.00



ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER, 2020

Sunday, October 4	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Jules Janak, Timber Janak, Justin Perdziak
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Church Cleaners	Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr
Lector	Deacon Joey Targac
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler
Rosary Leader	Joyce Janak
Sunday, October 10	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Allece Mizera, Wyatt Mudd, Layne Gerke
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Church Cleaners	Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik, Ruth Rouse
Lector	Dorothy Schneider
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Edward Pustka
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Schneider
Sunday, October 18	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Justin Perdziak, Jake Ressler, Abby Ressler
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Church Cleaners	Sharon Henricks, Lisa Matula, Laura Ulcak
Lector	Martha Horecka
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Carol Rother
Rosary Leader	Laurie Braun
Sunday, October 25	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Trace Patek, Macey Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka
Cantor	Pat Mladenka
Church Cleaners	Barbara Matula, Monica Matula, Susan Bujnoch
Lector	Monica Barnes
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Trina Bludau
Rosary Leader	Janice Rother
Sunday, November 1	
9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Rynna Orsak, Rylyn Orsak, Ava Shimek
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Church Cleaners	Vivian Mozisek, Cecilia Janak, Rita Migl, Edna Wehman
Lector	Daniel Matula
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Nancy Etzler
Rosary Leader	Anita Steffek