

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Sunday, September 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: 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

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, September 28,
2020, by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

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Mass Intentions:

Sunday, September 6 – Twenty-Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 13 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.—Phil Mladenka

Sunday, September 20 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of Joe & Cecilia Fikac Family

Sunday, September 27 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.—Blaise & Margaret Konvicka

Friday, October 2—First Friday

6:00 p.m.—Alton, Sr., Emma & David Bujnoch

Sunday, October 4 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time

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

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 August, 2020

Income:

Sunday's Collections	\$4,542.00
Church Rental	50.00
Hall Rental	350.00
Memorials	<u>825.00</u>

Total Income \$ 5,767.00

Expenses:

Administration	\$ 357.00
Church Expenses	79.73
Hall Expenses	137.06
Maintenance	150.00
Office/Rectory	743.72
Utilities	1,025.66
Medical Insurance	406.00
Priest Pension Plan	<u>63.00</u>

Total Expenses \$ 2,962.17

Beginning Balance:	\$112,952.77
Income	5,767.00
Expenses	<u>-2,962.17</u>
Balance	<u>\$115,757.00</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

We welcome Father John Affum to our parish family. He comes to us from Ghana and will be our second associate pastor in the parish. He is 57 years old and will be helping us in our four parishes. He will also be available to help in other parishes where there is a need. He can be known as Father John and I'll be known as Monsignor.

We have word that our church directories are in the process of being published. They may be ready by the beginning of October.

We are also in the process of working on the church bells. Hopefully, we will have them ready for Christmas.

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 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.

Here is a link for the Back to School Service of Blessing by the Ministerial Alliance of Hallettsville. They were unable to have the gathering this year due to COVID, but wanted to have this for the students, faculty, staff and parents.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10pBknrUA8q0ukNC9dYYQ2WTj42SbSKkn/view?usp=sharing>

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

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

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

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day – School Holiday

Sunday, September 13 – Grandparents Day

Monday, September 28 – Pork BBQ Dinner Plates – 4:30-6:00 p.m. KC Hall

Monday, September 28 – Sophomore Meeting – Family Center 6:00 p.m.



KJZT Family Life, Society #3, St. Mary's will hold their third quarterly meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. in the Little White House next to St. Mary Church.



MEMORIALS

St. Mary's Memorial Fund

In Memory of Dan Mozisek:

Bernard & Margiline A. Patek-\$20
Henrietta & Franklin Filip-\$10
Joyce Mozisek-\$30
Norell & Mickey Schulte-\$20
Edward & Sandra Pustka-\$20
Dolores Johnson & Gladys McMasters-\$50
Glenn & Mary Ann Janca-\$10
Glenn & Anita Schulte-\$10
Heather Mozisek-\$40
Elroy & Barbara Holik-\$20
Ben & Nancy Dworsky-\$15
Victor & Cindy Mozisek-\$50
Margie Kocian-\$20
Elizabeth Jarvis-\$20
Royce & Anna Brown-\$20
Joe & Mary Machicek-\$10
Dorothy Jansky-\$15
Frank & Elrose Migl-\$25
The Gomez Family-\$100
JoNell & Richard Vacek-\$10
R & J Vacek-\$10
Mary L. Holik & Family-\$20
Victoria Farm Equipment Co., Inc.-\$50

St. Mary Altar Society

In Memory of Frances Hanslik:

Elroy & Barbara Holik-\$20

St. Mary Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Daniel Mozisek:

Anonymous-\$60
Anonymous-\$10

In Memory of Frances Hanslik:

Dexter J. Svetlik-\$25

St. Mary's Memorial Fund

In Memory of Ludwig J. Janak:

Lillie Kalich-\$20
Mary Jo Veit & Family-\$50

In Memory of Bob Dolezal:

Mr & Mrs. Lawrence J. Grubert, Jr.

***Tribute one year to be remembered in Holy Mass.**

In Memory of Dan Mozisek:

Dorothy M. Zabransky
Clare Mozisek

St. Anthony Cemetery

In Memory of Frances Hanslik:

Alvin Paul & Barbara Grahmann-\$20
Frank & Elrose Migl-\$25
Ronnie & Margaret Leopold-\$25
Allen & Anita Steffek-\$20

Msgr. John's Seminary Burse

In Memory of Daniel Mozisek:

Robert & Florence Sciba-\$20

In Memory of Ludwig Janak:

Florence & Robert Sciba-\$25

Money toward Flooring for the Church

In Memory of Daniel Mozisek:

Leon & Louis Jurena-\$25
Gregory & Diane Jurena-\$25
R. D. Lawrence, Jr. & L. J. Lawrence-\$25

ST. MARY PICNIC NO PICNIC DONATIONS

Richard & Jeanne Sommerlatte-\$100
Bernice Schulte-\$100
Father Edward Karasek-\$100

BELL TOWER

KJZT #53 Weid-\$2,287
KJZT #53 St. Zdislava of Weid-\$500
KJZT #3 The Visitation of St. Mary-\$1,000

**TOTAL DONATIONS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2020
=\$22,092**

**PICNIC-\$14,930
CHURCH FLOOR-\$2,225
BELL TOWER-\$5,037**

SEPTEMBER

Volunteers Needed for The Gabriel Project of the Crossroads

At, The Gabriel Project of the Crossroads we often receive kind comments such as, "How can I help? Or, "I'd love to be a part of something like what you do." Or we might hear, "I wish I could do something, but..."



Allow me to be direct: If you want to make a difference for life, *You Can*. It is not as time-consuming or as difficult as you may believe. If you care for women and men facing unexpected pregnancies and wish to do something to help, you are well on your way to changing their lives.

You would be stunned to know all the ways you can pitch in as a volunteer at The Gabriel Project of the Crossroads. You do not have to be a certified counselor; and if the thought of talking to someone in crisis is a bit much, do not sweat it. We have plenty of opportunities outside of the counseling room.

Come and see what we are all about at our training session on Saturday, September 26 from 9 to 11:30 am. We will be having an in-person and virtual session. Space is limited so sign up today!

Please contact Stacey Ontai 361-703-2268 or email her at staceyontai@hotmail.com.

Christian Mothers Meeting

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. We will begin with prayers and then have our program. The program will be about bone marrow donations, presented by Ronnie Mascheck. After the program, we will have our business meeting. Our updated members' booklets will be given out. Due to COVID 19, masks must be worn and no refreshments will be served. Bring your own water bottle if you would like. Guests are welcome.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

– Tracy Earl Welliver



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September 2020

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Mysteries of faith

Legend says that St. Augustine was walking on a beach puzzling the mystery of the Holy Trinity when he spotted a boy filling a bucket from the ocean and dumping it in a hole. The boy said he was trying to fit the ocean into the hole. St. Augustine cried, "But you can never do that!" The boy replied, "And neither can you understand the Holy Trinity," and vanished. Some things we just have to take on faith.



"God bless you"

When you sneeze, think of Pope St. Gregory, the Great. In 590AD, the bubonic plague was spreading to Rome. To combat the disease, the pope requested incessant prayer. "God bless you!" in response to a sneeze was part of that effort.

"You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, Nor the pestilence that rours in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon" (Psalm 91:5-6).



Do you trust God?

"The Lord is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts" (Psalm 28:7). Do you trust God with everything in your life or only some things? Do you give him your problems but take them back when he doesn't do what you want? It is when we have complete trust in God that our lives work well.

Is God trustworthy? A person worthy of trust is one of good character and integrity. We have more than two thousand years of history that prove God means what he says and says what he means. He does what he promises.

Is God capable? God has power

over all creation – He even has power over life and death. Through the ages, we have learned that all things are possible with God. More to the point, God's Son told us that God loves us with

unimaginable intensity so he always wants what is best for us. In fact, God is more qualified than we are to take care of what we need.

Are you ready to really trust God? Start

by thanking him no matter what. Everything that he allows to happen to us is for our good. Then remind yourself that God is fully in charge. Finally, ask him what you should do next and do it.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe the Eucharist is Jesus' Body and Blood?

The concept of transubstantiation means that, during Mass, the entire substance of bread changes into the substance of the Body of Christ. The entire substance of wine changes into the substance of His Blood. This change is brought about in the eucharistic

prayer through the Word of Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit.

However, the outward characteristics of bread and wine, the 'eucharistic species,' remain unaltered.

Jesus is truly present during Mass, Body and Blood, soul and divinity.



Make distractions a plus in prayer

There is no better way to build a relationship with Jesus than through prayer. Relying on His strength during difficult times is how we get through them. Yet when we become distracted during prayer, we can become discouraged and give up. Try these ideas for turning distractions into blessings:

Gently return. Start your prayer by placing yourself in the presence of God. When you wander, gently bring yourself back.

Practice recall. St. Frances de Sales said, "When your mind wanders or gives way to distractions,



gently recall it and place it once more close to its Divine Master. If you should do nothing else but repeat this during the whole time of prayer, your hour would be very well spent and you would perform a spiritual exercise most acceptable to God."

Turn distractions into prayer. If you start thinking about people and events unrelated to your prayer, pray about them and then return to the original subject of your prayer.

Pray out loud. When distractions overwhelm you, pray out loud.

from Scripture

Matthew 21:28-32, Faithful obedience.

Jesus told of a man who asked his two sons to go work in his vineyard. The first said, "No," but went anyway.

The second said, "Yes," but didn't go. Which son did as the father asked?

The father in the parable is God. The first son represents the outcasts of society. They said "No" to God at first, but repented of their sins and changed.



Saying, "Yes, God, I believe in you," is not enough. If we presume that the Lord will take us into Heaven just because we profess our faith,

we will be disappointed. Words are not enough.

True obedience is lived. When we realize we are in a state of sin, we have two options. We can say we're sorry, or we can show we're sorry by going to Confession, doing sincere penance and amending our lives. Living as Jesus taught us is our way of "working in our Father's vineyard."



The second son represents the Jewish religious leaders. They said "Yes," but it was just lip service. They followed rules rather than changing their hearts.

Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Tradition holds that Mary was born in Jerusalem after her parents had been childless for more than twenty years. Mary's birth brought them - and us - joy.

Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. This referred, in part, to a time when Mary would stand at the foot of her son's Cross. Still, Mary stood dignified and fearless while others fled.

Sept. 21 - St. Matthew (1st century).

Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector. St. Matthew left everything behind when Jesus called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel According to Matthew.

Sept. 23 - St. Padre Pio (1968). Francesco Forgione was born to farmers in southern Italy. Eight years after he became a Capuchin Friar, the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) appeared on his body. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.



Q & A How can I stop worrying about what other people think?

The problem with placing too much importance on other people's opinions of you is that you give them inappropriate power over you. In effect,



you are substituting other people's values and judgment for your own and there is no guarantee that they have your best interests - or your eternal future - at heart. Not everyone is interested in helping you get to Heaven.

Try instead to live by the rules detailed in the Ten Commandments and in the Beatitudes. They tell us to be devoted to God, to care for other people, to be honest and dedicated to truth, and to value the blessings God has given us.

Remember that there is value in being criticized or insulted even though you do the right thing. Not only can you offer it as penance for your sins, such suffering teaches humility and patience - two virtues that will help you get to Heaven. And when it comes down to it, the opinion of other people will pass, but God's judgment is forever.

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ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER, 2020

Sunday, September 6 9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Trace Patek, Jake Ressler, Abby Ressler
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Church Cleaners	Barbara Matula, Monica Matula, Susan Bujnoch
Lector	Dorothy Schneider
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Janice Rother
Rosary Leader	Janice Rother
Sunday, September 13 9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Brandt Trlicek, Macey Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka
Cantor	Pat Mladenka
Church Cleaners	Vivian Mozisek, Cecilia Janak, Rita Migl, Edna Wehman
Lector	Martha Horecka
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Richard Sommerlatte
Rosary Leader	Anita Steffek
Sunday, September 20 9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Grahmann, Elena Grahmann, Paige Wright
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Church Cleaners	Glenda Tobola, Mary Jo Bludau
Lector	Monica Barnes
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Nancy Etzler
Rosary Leader	Sandy Konvicka
Sunday, September 27 9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Rynna Orsak, Rylyn Orsak, Ava Shimek
Cantor	Pat Mladenka
Church Cleaners	Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar, Helen Janak, Marty Horecka
Lector	Dorothy Schneider
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Carol Rother
Rosary Leader	Lucille Klekar
Sunday, October 4 9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Jules Janak, Timber Janak, Justin Perdziak
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Church Cleaners	Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr
Lector	Deacon Joey Targac
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler
Rosary Leader	Joyce Janak