

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Sunday, April 4, 2021

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

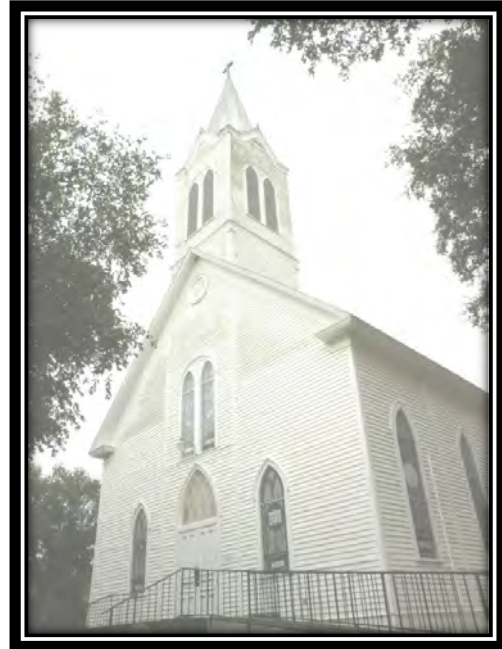
Please call the rectory.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

WEBSITES

Cemetery: www.victoriadiocese.org
(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
261

Bulletin Deadline: *Tuesday, April 27, 2021,*
by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday

9:15 a.m.— Theresa Matula

Sunday, April 11—Divine Mercy Sunday

9:15 a.m. – Vaclav Motal

Sunday, April 18—Third Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m.— Goldary & William Hairell

Sunday, April 25—Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m.— Jero Nevlud

Sunday, May 2—Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m.— Stanley & Annie Janak

Friday, May 7—First Friday

5:30 p.m. – Stanley Bujnoch, Sr.

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.



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.

SCHOOL NEWS

MONDAY, APRIL 5

-Sacred Heart School – No School (Easter Monday)

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Classes Resume



YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Pray. Continue praying the Divine Mercy Novena.

Eat. Make “Empty Tomb” rolls or Resurrection cookies.

Play. Make a Bunny Service Jar.

Financial Report for March, 2021

Income:

Sunday's Collections	\$5,284.88
Church Rental	100.00
Hall Rental	700.00
Memorials	45.00
Small House	50.00
Catholic Relief	90.00
CCD Breakfast	327.00
Rice Bowl	668.48
Total Income	\$ 7,265.36

Expenses:

Administration	\$ 357.00
Church Expenses	133.89
Hall Expenses	297.06
Maintenance	150.00
Office/Rectorry	547.70
Utilities	2,286.94
Aid to Church in Europe	150.00
Medical Insurance	406.00
CCD	542.91
Confirmation Expense	150.00
Catholic Relief Services	90.00
Total Expenses	\$ 5183.50

Beginning Balance:	\$113,023.78
Income	7,265.36
Expenses	-5,173.50
Balance	\$115,115.64

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

Congratulations to the students who were Confirmed by Bishop David Fellhauer at St. Mary's on Sunday, March 21, 2021. They are as follows:

- † Lance Michael Bludau
- † Kala V'Anne Bujnoch
- † John Samuel Hermes
- † Emily Alayne Migl
- † Trace Thomas Patek
- † Price Henry Pruett

From the Desk of Msgr. John

It is our sincere wish that the glorious Easter Season will bring every blessing and joy to each home in our Parish.

Easter signifies the triumph of God over every earthly evil. The death from which our Savior arose assures us that we shall conquer sin. His rising reassures us that we, too, shall rise from the dead to reap the reward of that conquest.

We hope that everyone will share in the fruits of the Resurrection.

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday at Sacred Heart. We will have a Holy Hour with a procession from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we will process around the Lavaca County Courthouse. Everyone is invited.

Many people are asking about gift ideas to honor Bishop Elect Gary Janak. Father Gary humbly suggested that donations be made to the Emmaus Center in his honor, being that the Emmaus Center is close to his heart. Donations can be mailed to: The Diocese of Victoria, Attn: Emmaus Center, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77901 or electronically to <https://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com/waystogive>

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.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court #797

The next CDA Meeting will be Monday, April 19, 2021, Family Center, 6:30 p.m. There will be no Craft Day Monday, April 5, 2021

MEMORIALS

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Stanley Bujnoch Sr. by Kenneth & Christine Siegel-\$25

In Memory of Donna Nevlud by Aaron & Sheila Etzler-\$20

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

In Memory of Libby Bludau by Anthony & Joyce Bludau--\$100

EASTER FLOWERS

In Memory of Frank, Mary & Hubert Tobola by The Tobola Family-\$25

In Memory of Rudy & Bernadette Konarik by Allen & Anita Steffek-\$10

In Memory of Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch and Jamie Bujnoch by David & Kathy Bujnoch-\$50

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY REPORT

FOR 2020

Income:

Second Sunday Collections	\$ 602.95
Memorials	650.00
Donations	845.00
Flowers	85.00
	<u>\$2,182.95</u>

Expenses:

Sacco:

Altar Servers/Albs & Surplice	\$ 297.10
Carmelite Nuns/Altar Bread	289.00
Palms	80.12
Sanctuary Candles	285.63
Flowers	576.00

Autom:

Confirmation Stoles & Baptism, etc.	107.05
Trunk & Treat	80.00
Altar Servers Christmas Gifts	200.00
Priests Christmas Gifts	200.00
	<u>\$2,114.90</u>

Balance 2020	\$5,121.52
Income	<u>2,182.95</u>
	\$7,304.47
Expenses	<u>2,114.90</u>
	\$5,189.57

SACRED HEART SCHOOL MARATHON

The Sacred Heart Catholic School family will host its annual Marathon for Catholic Education on Friday, April 23, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on the Sacred Heart Catholic School grounds.



All funds raised by the marathon will benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Each year 10 percent of the Marathon funds are placed in the Sacred Heart Catholic School Endowment Fund for the future of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

A Marathon pledge/donation form is enclosed in the bulletin for your use and may be dropped in the church collection basket or mailed to: Marathon for Catholic Education, c/o Sacred Heart Catholic School, 313 S. Texana St., Hallettsville, TX 77964.



If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor, please contact the school office at 361-798-4251.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL MARATHON FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Friday, April 23, 2021
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

100% OF YOUR

DONATIONS BENEFIT SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SPECIAL GUESTS

Monsignor John Peters _____
 Rev. Scott Hill _____
 Rev. John Affum _____
 Deacon Michael Tankersley _____
 Kevin Haas _____
Principal of SHCS
 Sr. Colette Kouba _____
 Sister Emiliana Grafe _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Other _____

DONATIONS

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Diamond \$1,000.00+ _____
 Gold Medal \$ 500.00 _____
 Silver Medal \$ 300.00 _____
 Bronze Medal \$ 200.00 _____
 Blue Ribbon \$ 100.00 _____
 Red Ribbon \$ 50.00 _____

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*"Catholic Schools:
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Service"*

Donation can be dropped off by the school office, rectory, or mailed to:

Sacred Heart Catholic School
313 South Texana Street
Hallettsville, TX 77964

*May God Bless You For Your
Kindness and Generosity!*



April

Oct. 2020 –
Sept. 2021

Resurrection: Jesus lives.

Jesus died, but it was His resurrection that proves that Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, and that His sacrifice was accepted. Our sin is forgiven, in Christ. Jesus' sacrifice gives us hope of eternal life after death.

PRAY

Pray the Divine Mercy Novena (9 days of praying!) starting on Holy Saturday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter!). *Live-stream*

Offer one Our Father prayer every morning for those who are in prison, chronically ill, or on their deathbeds. Remember to also pray for those who have no one praying for them.

Pray a Glory Be every night before you go to bed in thanksgiving for the blessings you have received.

Encourage the women in your family to attend the Diocesan Women's Gathering on April 24th. More information here:
<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/arise-women>

PLAY

Make a pilgrimage to one of the Painted Churches during the Easter season. See our website for details about these hidden treasures.

Take a walk and enjoy the nature that surrounds you. Listen for the birds. How many can you identify?

EAT

Once a week, celebrate Easter with a special meal! Include dessert, candles, table cloths, and whatever you might have to make it extra special!

Remember to pray BEFORE and AFTER you eat!

Make "Empty Tomb" rolls or Resurrection cookies. See our website for more information.

Discuss some of these questions during your meals:
Why do you think it was important that Jesus rose from the dead?
Who do you think needs the power of the resurrection in their lives?

Participate in an at-home Easter retreat! See our website for more information.

Make a Bunny Service Jar. For every act of kindness a family member performs, put a bunny tail (cotton ball) in the jar. When the jar is filled, celebrate as a family with a special treat.

Want More?

Visit our website:

<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/year-of-the-family>



Share pictures of activities using #DOVFamilies or email them to lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org.

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2021

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

For His love

Each day, offering our very best to God raises all of our efforts to the level of a prayer. He rewards our dedication with peace, joy, and awareness of His presence in all that we do.

Choose companions well

Delilah had to know the secret of Samson's strength but God had forbidden him to reveal it. *"And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death" (Judges 16:16).* He gave in and it was his undoing. Don't let anyone – friend or family – pressure you into violating God's commandments.

Hold hope

"When a man has died, were he to live again, all the days of my drudgery I would wait, until my relief should come" Job 14:14. Despite all his misery, Job clung to the one truth that also gives us hope – salvation. God offers the hope of being with Him forever.



Open the gifts of Easter throughout the year

Easter is the highest Sunday throughout the year, but each Sunday is a chance to celebrate a "little Easter." We can live the gifts of the Resurrection each Sunday of the year:

Death doesn't have the last word. Easter means that we can face each day with joy, knowing that Jesus paved the way to Heaven for those who choose to follow Him. Refuse to worry about earthly matters and share your joy with friends, family, colleagues.

Jesus offers peace the world can't give. Jesus ascended to Heaven and left everything behind. We follow his example when we detach from worldly concerns and care more about God's

will than our own. If we seek God before everything else, we can join Him in His Heavenly kingdom.

We place our faith in the Holy Spirit. "Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves, they must proclaim him" (Pope St. John Paul II). At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to bring thousands to Baptism. Call upon the Holy Spirit to help you bring Jesus to others through words, actions, and compassion.

Forgiveness is ours for the asking. Jesus bore the punishment for our sins. That means no matter what we have done, Jesus is ready to forgive. All we have to do is ask.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

The practice of blessing oneself with holy water harkens back to the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews, who had to bathe before entering the temple.

Today, when we bless ourselves with

holy water, it brings to mind our own baptism. It was at our baptism that our souls were washed clean of original sin and we were officially made members of the Church. We also received the gift of faith.

In blessing ourselves, we renew our baptismal promise.



Cast looks toward Heaven throughout the day

St. Therese of Lisieux confided that, "For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Adding short, heartfelt prayers to our daily activities can help us glance toward Heaven throughout the day:

The Jesus Prayer - "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Try repeating it 100 times a day.

"Teach me, O Lord, to do your will, for you are my



God." Say this when beginning a chore, task or project.

"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." A prayer for the souls in Purgatory.

"Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours." Pray this for humility and love.

"Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." She is always willing to help.

"Thy will be done." It's what Jesus said.

from Scripture

John 10:11-18, Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

This Gospel tells of our relationship with God. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His flock.

Today society tells us that it is good be independent and answer to no one. We are encouraged to please ourselves and follow our own desires. However, there is no one to turn to for guidance and comfort when circumstances go bad. There is no shepherd.

In Jesus' day, a shepherd lived with the sheep, cared for them, and even put himself at risk to keep them safe. He



tended them in a flock for safety, to protect them from predators. The shepherd was trusted and familiar, so that the sheep knew His voice and followed him but no other.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd for all of humanity. In this Gospel Jesus defined the role of a shepherd. He predicted how he would fill that role by giving His life for His sheep.

But he looked beyond the sheepfold of Israel. His hope is to have one flock and one shepherd for the whole world. That flock is the Church which he founded.

Q & A Why should I participate in Mass if it's not required?

In many dioceses around the country, the obligation to attend Mass in person remains lifted while the pandemic lasts. Still, finding ways to celebrate the Eucharist - in person, if it

can be done safely, or online - has spiritual benefits during difficult times.



"Do this in memory of me" is the only direct order Jesus gave to His followers. That means

God is the one who initiates this encounter with us. And when God asks us to do something, it is smart to do it.

Sanctify the day. Participating in Mass on Sunday still helps to fulfill the Third Commandment obligation to keep holy the Sabbath day and sanctify the day.

You're a baptized person needed by your community. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). We help worship God just by being there.

You get "take out." The homily gives the Gospel relevance to our lives. Then we have something to act on in the coming week.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 4 - Easter Sunday. The solemnity that marks Jesus' Resurrection. It is the most important feast in the Church year.

April 11 - St. Stanislaus (1079). As Bishop of Krakow in 1072, St. Stanislaus attempted to reform the violent and depraved king of Poland, Boleslas II. When his efforts failed, he excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslas murdered the saint as he said Mass.

April 11 - Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina

and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy - the prayer he gave to St. Faustina - will receive special graces and great mercy.

April 21 - St. Anselm (1109). A native of Italy, St. Anselm initially enjoyed a luxurious life at court. After his mother died, he became a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king's interference in Church matters.



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ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE – MARCH, 2021

Sunday, April 4		9:15 a.m.
Altar Servers	Layne Gerke, Macay Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka	
Cantor	Ruth Rouse	
Ushers	Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jasek	
Lector	Monica Barnes	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Janice Rother, Scott Sommerlatte, Carol Rother	
Rosary Leader	Sandy Konvicka	
Church Cleaners	Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik, Ruth Rouse	
Sunday, April 11		9:15 a.m.
Altar Servers	Jules Janak, Timber Janak, Justin Perdziak, Allec Mizera	
Cantor	Pat Mladenka	
Ushers	Russell Sciba, Robert Sciba, Richard Sommerlatte	
Lector	Dedie Dobbs	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler, Richard Sommerlatte	
Rosary Leader	Ruth Rouse	
Church Cleaners	Glenda Tobola, Mary Jo Bludau	
Sunday, April 18		9:15 a.m.
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Grahmann, Elena Grahmann, Paige Wright, Wyatt Mudd	
Cantor	Laurence Bludau	
Ushers	Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek, Marvin Bujnoch	
Lector	Martha Horecka	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Tony Bludau, Joyce Bludau, Trina Bludau	
Rosary Leader	Joyce Janak	
Church Cleaners	Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr	
Sunday, April 25		9:15 a.m.
Altar Servers	Brandt Trlicek, Rynna Orsak, Rylyn Orsak, Ava Shimek	
Cantor	Ruth Rouse	
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe	
Lector	Dorothy Schneider	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Scott Sommerlatte, Billy Gerke, Carol Rother	
Rosary Leader	Anita Steffek	
Church Cleaners	Helen Janak, Gussie Kelnar, Marty Horecka, Pat Mladenka	
Sunday, May 2		
Altar Servers	Trace Patek, Layne Gerke, Jake Ressler, Abby Ressler	
Cantor	Laurence Bludau	
Ushers	Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jasek	
Lector	Terry Patek	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Dedie Dobbs, Sandra Pustka, Bev Hrcir	
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Schneider	
Church Cleaners	Sharon Henrichs, Lisa Matula, Laura Ulcak	


CHRIST THE **LORD**
IS RISEN TODAY!

