

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Sunday, February 7, 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.

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EWTN Cable Channel 71 or Dish Channel
261

Bulletin Deadline: *Tuesday, March 2, 2021,*
by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

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Mass Intentions:

Sunday, February 7—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.—Melvin & Joyce Janak's 55th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, February 14—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

9:15 a.m. – Alfred, Mary, & Debra Technik

Wednesday, February 17 – Ash Wednesday

6:00 p.m.— For the Parishioners

Sunday, February 21 – First Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m.— Maria Elisa Ulcak

Sunday, February 28 – Second Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m.— Janet Roeder

Friday, March 5 –First Friday

6:00 p.m.—Leonard & Filysha Mladenka

Sunday, March 7—Third Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m.—Joe & Lydia Kostelnik

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.

Financial Report for January, 2021

Income:

Sunday's Collections	\$4,635.00
Church Rental	100.00
Small House	50.00
Pasture Rent	150.00
Retirement for Religious	<u>50.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 4,985.00</u>

Expenses:

Administration	\$ 357.00
Church Expenses	288.00
Hall Expenses	359.12
Maintenance	150.00
Office/Rectorry	452.49
Utilities	1,182.03
Environment	9.00
Medical Insurance	406.00
Retirement of Religious	50.00
Priest Pension Plan	<u>63.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 3,316.64</u>

Beginning Balance:	\$109,811.73
Income	4,985.00
Expenses	<u>-3,316.64</u>
Balance	<u>\$111,480.09</u>

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.



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

From the Desk of Msgr. John

I highly recommend the following for the men of the parish.

DIocese of Victoria Men's Gathering

There will be Diocese of Victoria Men's Gathering on Saturday, February 20, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, 1309 E. Mesquite Ln., Victoria, Texas 77901. This dynamic event for men ages 18 and up will feature inspiring talks, prayer, group discussions, resources, great food, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Join us to be strengthened in your faith and equipped to lead your families and communities alongside a band of brothers. Register Early for \$25 at www.victoriadiocese.org/arise. Buy 4 tickets, get 1 free.

The 2021 Men's Gathering featuring Bishop Cahill, Father Mitch Pacwa (from EWTN), and Author, Sam Meier. This day promises to be an action-packed experience for men ages 18 and up that will help them to *Arise* and be the men God calls them to be. It will take place on February 20, 2021, in Victoria.

Also, Lent is fast approaching. Be prepared for Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

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

Mass

CDA #797 DUES

Catholic Daughters dues for 2021 of \$25.00 are now due. Dues can be mailed to: Anita Steffek, 549 CR 186, Hallettsville, TX 77964, 361-798-6938.

Please make checks payable to: CDA Court #797. All dues are now past due. Please get them in immediately.

The next CDA Meeting will be Monday, February 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS



Saturday, February 13—Junior/Senior

Prom

Monday, February 15—President's Day—Student Holiday. Faculty Retreat

Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday

Thursday-Sunday, February 18—Extravaganza
On-Line Auction

YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Pray. Pray the Angelus at noon each day this week.

Eat. Enjoy a picnic

Play. Get back on track or stay on track with your resolutions to grow closer to God.

NEW! PODCAST FOR FAMILIES!

Download the Diocese of Victoria Family Podcast on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify or Stitcher. More information at

www.buzzsprout.com/11404520



Last week, we had a structural engineer come out to check the Bell Tower and the foundation of the church. Everything checked out fine. The only thing we have to do is to provide more ventilation under the church. Then we will look at the flooring in the church and decide what to do to dress it up.

MEMORIALS

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Stanley Bujnoch, Sr. by Judy Beth Harvey-\$25; Dexter Svetlik-\$25; Jim & Marcie Appelt-\$25; David & Kathy Bujnoch-\$25
In Memory of Lillie Satsky by Dexter Svetlik-\$25

In Memory of Donna Nevlud by Chuck Grafe-\$20

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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2021 Virtual Extravaganza

Benefiting Sacred Heart Catholic School Faculty and Staff

Greetings friends and alumni!

The Sacred Heart Extravaganza was started more than twenty years ago as a way to supplement the pay of the faculty and staff of Sacred Heart Catholic School and the general operating budget of the school.

However, this year we will take the event in a new direction: virtual. We are going to have an online auction from 2/18/21 - 2/21/21. The online auction will be comprised of approximately 100 items to be auctioned off along with a raffle. There are three raffle prizes: 1st place - \$10,000; 2nd place - \$5,000; and 3rd place drawing - \$1,000. The drawing will take place on February 21, 2021, at approximately 6:30 pm and will be live-streamed on the school's Facebook page. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 tickets for \$100.

We know that you are a long-time supporter of Sacred Heart School and wanted you to be aware that this event is still taking place and we are working hard to make it better than ever. We hope you will bid on some of the great items, which will be posted in the next week, and/or purchase some raffle tickets. We are also looking for sponsors and/or donations for the event.

We would love for you to check out the website. You can go to this link or use the QR Code to access it. www.charityauction.bid/sacredheartedextravaganza

If you have any questions, please contact us!

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*Donations may also be mailed to
Sacred Heart Catholic School
Attn: Extravaganza
313 S. Texana St.
Hallettsville, TX 77964*

Raffle Tickets are available for purchase at the following locations:

- Sacred Heart Catholic School	- Sacred Heart Church Rectory
- Hoffer's Drive-In	- Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union
- People's State Bank	- Morton's Drive-In

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February 2021

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Struggle and prayer

During hard times, we can bring our true emotions, concerns, and fears into prayer. Lay it all at the feet of Jesus. Let His wisdom and love provide confidence and hope, even when our own emotions are in disarray.

Struggling is normal and helpful to growing in faith. Standing before God in truth is a sign that we are in a right relationship with Him.

The human person

Human beings are the clearest reflection of God among us. That makes human life sacred. The Catholic Church proclaims that the dignity of human life is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

Catholics are called to work to uphold the dignity and rights of all people. Catholics work for the good of everyone, especially working to support marriage and family.

"In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks"

(St. Teresa of Avila)



Grow in love during Lent

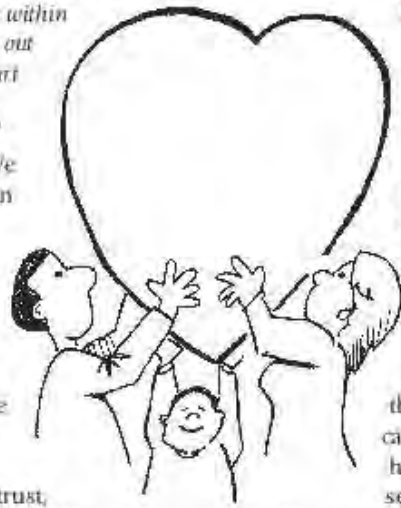
The point of the season of Lent is to transform our hearts – to become new ready to greet our new life at Easter. "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26). We can use this time in the desert to live lives of love for God and for one another.

Affirmation: Recognizing and acknowledging the valuable qualities of a beloved builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. Offer God praise from your heart. Don't keep

it to yourself, speak it out loud. Tell others how awesome He is and what He can do for them.

Attention: Spending time with God, one on one, is vital to getting through the day in His friendship. Give Him your attention each day, tell Him everything, and listen to what He says back to you. Being a good listener will benefit all your relationships, too.

Gifts: There is no point trying to impress God. He needs nothing that we have. However, we can give Him a gift from the heart. We can tithe, offer service, attend Mass, repent, change our lives to live His law. We can act as His hands and feet on Earth.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray?

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, asking for good things in harmony with His will. Christian prayer is the lifeblood of an intimate relationship of the children of God with their Father, with

his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

All religions, and salvation history in particular, testifies to the human desire for God. And God continues to draw every person to the mysterious encounter known as prayer.



Simple ways to live a better life

One consequence of a protracted pandemic is that we are almost forced to rethink the way we go about our daily lives. It's a good time to think about simplifying the way we live:

Live in the moment. We can't change the past and dwelling on the future is unproductive. The choices we make right now are all that count.

Avoid drama. There will always be someone whose situation is worse than our own. If you find yourself seeking attention and sympathy from other people – or get drawn in by

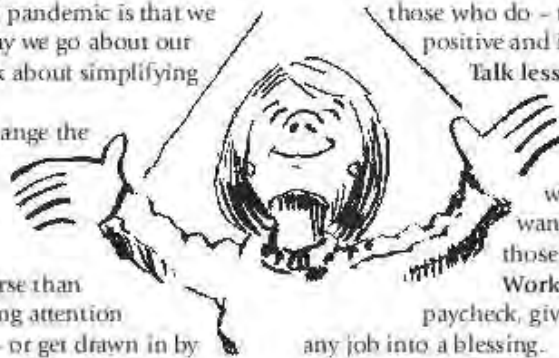
those who do – try substituting activities you find positive and interesting instead. Prayer helps.

Talk less. Weigh your words before you say them. Spend more time listening.

Spend time with happy people.

Connect in safe and healthy ways with people who are positive and want to improve their lives. Let go of those who drain your energy.

Work happy. No matter how you earn a paycheck, give it your very best effort. That turns any job into a blessing.



from **S**cripture

Luke 9:23-36, Linger on the mountaintop

While the Transfiguration was a fantastic encounter, it was not particularly joyful. Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus about "his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). They referred to Jesus' death, as the shadow of the Cross loomed. Like Moses' exodus from slavery in Egypt however, Jesus' exodus would deliver His people from the slavery of sin.

When he offered to build shelters for the three men, Peter clearly wanted to remain on the mountaintop in this holy moment. Sometimes we have an

inspiring experience and want to stay there avoiding the realities of daily life. Yet, like Jesus, we cannot linger on the mountaintop but must come down to take our place in the Kingdom.

Finally, God used the Transfiguration to speak a message – the same one He spoke at Jesus' baptism.

He confirmed Jesus as His son, the Messiah, and added, "Listen to

Him." The son of God has God's power and authority. If we believe that Jesus is the son of God, then surely we will want to do what He says.



Q & A Is it possible for real people to be holy?

On its simplest level, being holy means living a life centered on God. This is done by talking with Him continuously, imitating His behavior, and respecting His creations. It also means being part of the Church He established on Earth to help us be holy. Try this:



Talk to God. Spending time together is the best way to get to know God better.

Practice sharing. God wants us to take care of each other. Look for ways to share your money, time, and talents with someone who needs them.

Celebrate the Sacraments. Make Sunday Mass the highlight of your week. Attend if you can do it safely, stream it if you can't. Just don't miss it.

Be a voice in the wilderness. When you notice an injustice, speak out and take action. Treat all people with the dignity they deserve as children of God.

Share your faith. Talk about God with anyone who will listen. We can't keep His love to ourselves. We have to pass it on.

Feasts & Celebrations

February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858). A heavenly lady who called herself, "The Immaculate Conception," appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor girl from a village in France. After the first vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a spring with miraculous healing waters emerged from a nearby cave.

February 17 – Ash Wednesday. Marking the first day of Lent, ashes from the palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. One form of Lenten observance is to pray before the Stations of the Cross,

meditating on Jesus' walk to Calvary. **February 22 – St. Peter's Chair (1st century).** We celebrate St. Peter's establishment of the Holy See and pray for the preservation of God's Church.

February 23 – St. Polycarp (156). As Bishop of Smyrna, Polycarp faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to his religion.

Before being martyred, he thanked God for making him worthy of a martyr's death.



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ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY, 2021

Sunday, February 7 9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Grahmann, Elena Grahmann, Paige Wright
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Ushers	Leon Etzler, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jasek
Lector	Dedie Dobbs
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Trina Bludau, Sandra Pustka, Carol Rother
Rosary Leader	Joyce Janak
Church Cleaners	Vivian Mozisek, Cecilia Janak, Rita Migl, Edna Wehman
Sunday, February 14 9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Trace Patek, Macey Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka
Cantor	Pat Mladenka
Ushers	Russell Sciba, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek, Richard Sommerlatte
Lector	Martha Horecka
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Dedie Dobbs, Richard Sommerlatte, Sandra Pustka
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Schneider
Church Cleaners	Rosalie Tobola, Glenda Tobola, Mary Jo Bludau
Sunday, February 21 9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Layne Gerke, Jake Ressler, Abby Ressler
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Ushers	Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek, Marvin Bujnoch
Lector	Dorothy Schneider
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Janice Rother, Nancy Etzler, Leon Etzler
Rosary Leader	Janice Rother
Church Cleaners	Helen Janak, Gussie Kelnar, Marty Horecka, Pat Mladenka
Sunday, February 28 9:15 a.m.	
Altar Servers	Jules Janak, Timber Janak, Justin Perdziak
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe
Lector	Monica Barnes
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Scott Sommerlatte, Dedie Dobbs, Trina Bludau
Rosary Leader	Anita Steffek
Church Cleaners	Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr
Sunday, March 7	
Altar Servers	Rynna Orsak, Rylyn Orsak, Ava Shimek
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Ushers	Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jasek
Lector	Dedie Dobbs
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Sandra Pustka, Carol Rother, Joyce Bludau
Rosary Leader	Lucille Klekar
Church Cleaners	Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik, Ruth Rouse