

***St. Mary's Catholic Church***  
***Sunday, January 3, 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**

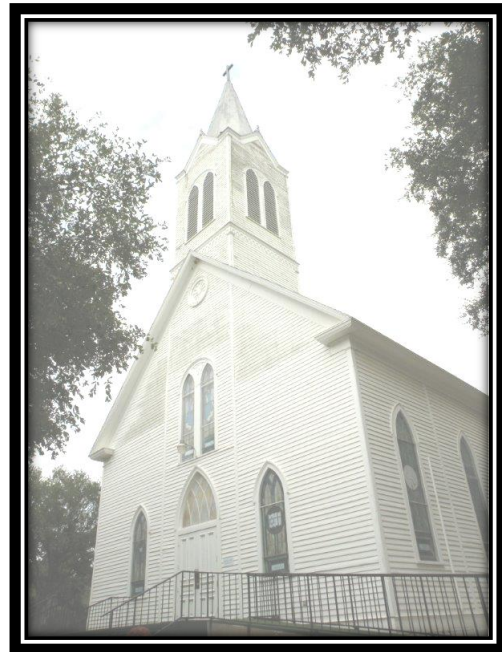
Please call the rectory.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

**WEBSITES**

Cemetery: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)  
(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)  
Safe Environment: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://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, November 24,  
2020, by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

## Sunday, January 3, 2021

### Mass Intentions:

#### Sunday, January 3 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:15 a.m. – John & Lucy Henke

#### Sunday, January 10 – The Baptism of the Lord

9:15 a.m. – Bennie & Victoria Orsak

#### Sunday, January 17 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Herman & Frances Sciba and Joseph & Ann Bolech

#### Sunday, January 24 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Frankie Klekar

#### Sunday, January 31 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Parishioners

#### Friday, February 5 – First Friday

6:00 p.m.--Emma and Daniel Bujnoch

#### Sunday, February 7 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.—Melvin & Joyce Janak's 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding

### Financial Report for December, 2020

#### Income:

Sunday's Collections	\$6,220.00
Hall Rental	1,325.00
Christmas Flowers	290.00
Votive Candles	103.95
Retirement for Religious	<u>120.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,955.00</u></b>

#### Expenses:

Administration	\$ 357.00
Church Expenses	483.43
Hall Expenses	517.06
Maintenance	402.00
Office/Rectorry	495.00
Utilities	952.15
Christmas Flowers	925.00
Medical Insurance	406.00
Priest Pension Plan	<u>63.00</u>

Total Expenses \$ 4,600.64

Beginning Balance:	\$106,457.37
Income	7,955.00
Expenses	<u>-4,600.64</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>\$109,811.73</u></b>

### **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.

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**

*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.*

## From the Desk of Msgr. John

### Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court #797 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 the Rectory (361-798-5888).



### SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS



**January 1-4**—School Holidays

**January 4**—Teacher Workday

**January 5**—Classes Resume

**Friday, January 22**—Stock Show

**Friday, January 8**—Early Dismissal-2:00 p.m. All Grades. Faculty Meeting

**Friday, February 5**—12:00 Noon; All grades, No Extended Care

### AREA ACTIVITIES

**Vysehrad Stew Dinner/Raffle:** St. Mary's Parish Hall, Sunday, January 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.-\$10 per plate. Raffle Prizes. Purchase tickets at Hoffer's, Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union and Vysehrad School, or contact any Vysehrad Student or Staff Member.

### MEMORIALS

#### Msgr. John Peters Seminary Burse

In Honor of Florence & Robert Sciba's 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary-\$55

#### \*\*New Floor Fund

In Honor of Lucille Klekar-\$30

In Memory of Ludy Janak by Gussie Kelnar-\$70

#### Christmas Flowers

In Memory of Rudy & Bernadette Konarik by Allen & Anita Steffek-\$25

In Memory of Alfred & Mary Technik and Melvin & Sybel Janak by Melvin & Joyce Janak-\$50

In Memory of Frank & Mary Tobola and Hubert Tobola by The Tobola Family-\$50

In Memory of the Deceased Members of Mat & Angela Pustka by The Peters Family, Mary Ann Stock & Family and Helen Motal

In Memory of Joe & Clara Sitka, Henry J. Sitka by Marvin & Susan Bujnoch-\$20

In Memory of Daniel Opela by Doris Opela-\$10

In Memory of Frankie Klekar by Lucille Klekar-\$25

**KJZT FAMILY LIFE, SOCIETY #3, ST. MARY'S** will hold their first quarterly meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Little White House next to St. Mary's Church.

### *We Love Catholic Schools*

#### **SWEEPSTAKES**

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### **Catholic Life Insurance**

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All Proceeds From Sale of Tickets Benefit

### **Sacred Heart Catholic School**

#### **Hallettsville, Texas**

**GRAND PRIZE CHOICE OF:**

**2021 FORD F-150 TRUCK\* OR**

**2021 FORD FOCUS SEDAN\* OR**

**\$20,000 PREPAID VISA CARD**

\*Or equivalent vehicle.

#### **PARTICIPATING SCHOOL PRIZE:**

Each Participating School Will Have a

\$1,000 Prepaid VISA Card Individual Winner

Drawn from Tickets Sold by Their School

Drawing to be Held Friday, February 12, 2021

**For more information or to purchase tickets, contact:**

**Sacred Heart Catholic School**

**361-798-4251**

**DONATION: \$5.00 EACH**

**TICKET SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 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.

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January 2021

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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Tough times?

Throughout history, God has proven his faithfulness and care over and over again. He promises that He will help you through whatever tough times you face. *"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Lean on Him.



### Tune out the world and tune into God

In our noisy world, it can be hard to hear God's voice over the din. Yet, listening is as important as talking during prayer. *"By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies"* (Isaiah 30:15). Talk to Him often, but make a point of listening for God's voice.

*"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God"* (Philippians 4:6).



## Give the gift of friendship in the New Year

When times are tough, it can be our family and friends who help us through. There wasn't much Jesus wouldn't do for His friends. In fact, He was more concerned with being a good friend than with having one. In our current pandemic situation, we can care for our loved ones as Jesus would:

**Make spending time together a priority.** Connections between loved ones are critical now. When meeting in person isn't possible, phone calls, letters, and emails can keep us connected. Video conferencing has become a staple of daily life; consider organizing regular get togethers with friends and family using your favorite conferencing program.

**Help other people feel important.** No matter how you interact, give the other person your full attention in conversation, and show appreciation and understanding for what he is saying.

**Celebrate your friends' successes.** A true friend is genuinely happy when something good happens in the other's life.

**Value differences.** Don't try to change your loved ones.

**Celebrate their diversity.**

Be willing to apologize. You may let each other down but a sincere apology can bring friends closer together.

**Don't forget old friends.** Call someone you haven't been in touch with for a long time. Don't know what to say? Try, "I don't want another moment to go by without being in touch. I've missed you."



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics honor the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of Christ's love for us. It is often a heart surrounded by flame, pierced by a lance, topped by a cross, and circled by a crown of thorns.



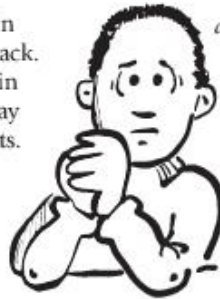
Jesus' love for us burns bright and intense like a flame. His heart is pierced by the lance representing our sins and the crown of thorns and the cross remind us of the death he suffered to bring us life.

## “What do you want from me, Lord?”

God gives to us freely, but what does he want in return? Simply put, God wants us to love Him back.

**Know Him.** God made each of us with a space in our heart just for Him. Until we discover it, we may try to fill it with earthly things, but nothing else fits. When we turn to Him, the reward is beyond our dreams.

**Love Him.** Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,



and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). He wants us to surrender to his infinite love. Show your love by praying frequently, seeking Communion with Him often, and praising Him continually.

**Serve Him.** “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). When we make sure everyone has enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a place to stay, Jesus takes it personally. It’s what he wants from us.

### from Scripture

#### Mark 1:21-28, God’s authority is not a formality

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and his apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered at the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, “Thus says the Lord...” Instead Jesus said, “I say to you...” He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.



man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey Him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God’s power and authority isn’t just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before Him to be judged. Yes, he is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, “Jesus is Lord,” then we give Him our loyalty and obedience.

His calm authority astounded Jesus’ listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, he gave them a sign. He further demonstrated his authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate

### Q & A How can I choose Catholic references that are accurate and faithful?

One good way to determine whether or not a book or pamphlet accurately reflects Catholic doctrine is to look for an “imprimatur” printed in the first few pages of the book. The presence of an



imprimatur generally means that a bishop’s office has determined it to be free of doctrinal or moral

errors. It may be accompanied by a “nihil obstat” (Latin for “nothing stands in the way”) which means that someone well-versed in Catholic theology has reviewed the contents and found the same thing. Keep in mind that neither the imprimatur nor the nihil obstat imply agreement with the content or opinions.

It is particularly important for a book that purports to teach about the faith of the Church to carry the approval of the Catholic Church. There are many well-meaning people who intend to educate others about God’s infinite love but may have an imperfect understanding of Catholic doctrine. When choosing materials to learn more about our religion, you will want to be sure that they are accurate.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**Jan. 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.** Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary. Because this feast day is on a Monday, Mass attendance is optional (but encouraged) this year.

**Jan. 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1st Century).** Setting out for Damascus to carry on the persecution of the Christians, he encountered Christ (Acts 9:1-19; 22:5-16; 26:12-18) while on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind from

the experience until he was baptized by Ananias three days later. He converted and began preaching the faith as he travelled around the Mediterranean.

**Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st Century).** Timothy was a convert of St. Paul’s and later became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. Titus, also a friend of Paul’s, served the early Church as a peacemaker and administrator to a community on Crete.



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<b>ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE – JANUARY, 2021</b>	
<b>Sunday, January 3 9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Justin Perdziak, Macey Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Mozisek
Lector	Dedie Dobbs
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler, Carol Rother
Rosary Leader	Laurie Braun
Church Cleaners	Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr
<b>Sunday, January 10 9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Jules Janak, Timber Janak, Layne Gerke
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Ushers	Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Janak
Lector	Martha Horecka
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Sandra Pustka, Trina Bludau, Billy Gerke
Rosary Leader	Anita Steffek
Church Cleaners	Glenda Tobola, Mary Jo Bludau, Rosalia Tobola
<b>Sunday, January 17 9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Rynna Orsak, Rylyn Orsak, Ava Shimek
Cantor	Pat Mladenka
Ushers	Russell Sciba, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek, Richard Sommerlatte
Lector	Monica Barnes
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Scott Sommerlatte, Richard Sommerlatte, Janice Rother
Rosary Leader	Sandy Konvicka
Church Cleaners	Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik, Ruth Rouse
<b>Sunday, January 24 9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Allece Mizera, Justin Perdziak, Wyatt Mudd
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Ushers	Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek, Marvin Bujnoch
Lector	Dorothy Schneider
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Dedie Dobbs, Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler
Rosary Leader	Lucille Klekar
Church Cleaners	Sharon Henricks, Lisa Matula, Laura Ulcak
<b>Sunday, January 31</b>	
Altar Servers	Brandt Trlicek, Ashlyn Pustka and Macey Pustka
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe
Lector	Pat Mladenka
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Billy Gerke, Scott Sommerlatte, Richard Sommerlatte
Rosary Leader	Ruth Rouse
Church Cleaners	Barbara Matula, Monica Matula, Susan Bujnoch
<b>Sunday, February 7 9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Grahmann, Elena Grahmann, Paige Wright
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Ushers	
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

### ST. MARY PICNIC NO-PICNIC DONATIONS

Franklin & Vivian Mozisek-\$500

#### Church Floor

In Memory of Ludy Janak-\$70

In Honor of Lucille Klekar (Birthday) - \$30 by Augustine A. Kelnar

**TOTAL DONATIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020 = \$22,917.00**

**PICNIC – \$15,480**

**CHURCH FLOOR - \$2,400**

**BELL TOWER - \$5,037.00**