

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

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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

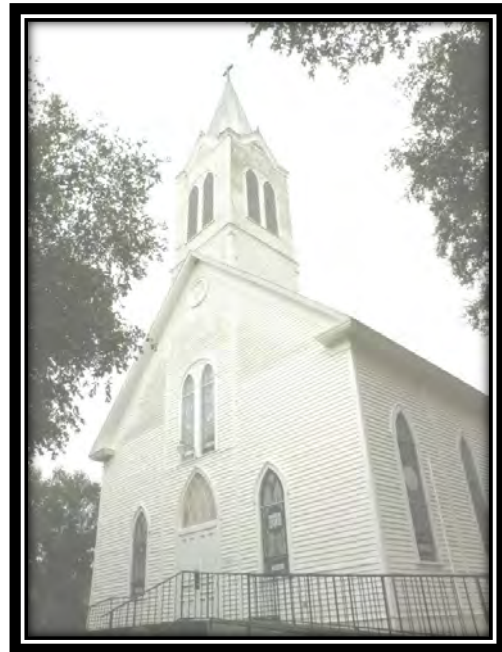
Please call the rectory.

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

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

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Mass Intentions:

Sunday, July 4—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.—Holy Communion Class of St. Mary's

Sunday, July 11—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of Joe & Pauline Janca Family

Sunday, July 18—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m. – Frank & Mary Matula and Henry Matula

Sunday, July 25—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

9:15 a.m.— For the Parish

Sunday, August 1— Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

7:00 p.m.—Paul Lininger & Karen McClure

Friday, August 2—First Friday

9:15 a.m. –For the Parish

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.



JCDA UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 13--Thursday, July 15, 2021--

2021 JCDA Summer Retreat--Flyers and Registrations are at all the entrances of Sacred Heart Church. For all Catholic girls entering 1st grade--12th grade for the 2021-2022 School Year.



YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Pray. Pray the rosary for our country.

Eat. Consider inviting the grandparents over for a special meal.

Play. Write a card and mail it to your grandparents or grandchildren.

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

Financial Report for June, 2021

Income:

Sunday's Collections	\$4,155.00
Church Rental	100.00
Hall Rental	1,750.00
Small House	50.00
Votive Candles	76.20
History Book	75.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 6,206.20</u>

Expenses:

Administration	\$ 357.00
Church Expenses	50.00
Hall Expenses	1,069.40
Maintenance	2,550.00
Office/Rectory	784.61
Utilities	470.92
Fire & Safety Check	55.95
Medical Insurance	406.00
Priests Pension Plan	62.00
Total Expenses	\$5,805.88

Beginning Balance:	\$110,378.50
Income	6,206.20
Expenses	5,805.88
Balance	<u>\$110,778.82</u>



From the Desk of Msgr. John

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this year's St. Mary's Picnic a very good success. Reports will be ready in a couple of weeks.

Healing Mission

Mark your Calendars... Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2021, at Sacred Heart Church. **Also, mark the time... 7:00 p.m. on all three evenings.** Why are we telling you to do this?

It will be the start of our HEALING MISSION, at our Church. We are hoping that you will be able to attend, if not all THREE evenings, at least ONE of them. This is a very special MISSION, and all the days are different.

Forgiveness and Confession are Paul's main thrust. He feels very strongly that your Healing will begin in the Confessional.

In the past 34 years, Paul Rymniak, who will be conducting this mission, has been to churches all over the United States. He has been to many other countries, and has done this mission, with interpreters, in NINE different cultures. He has worked with the Native Americans, for THREE years, in the Northwest, and has been throughout the Caribbean, Canada and many places in Mexico.

Paul has stated that he is ORDINARY and he will argue that point with you and it is because he knows where the Power of the Healings he sees, comes from, and he will be quick to tell you that it is from GOD.

Don't take the words and accomplishments of Paul's past endeavors... come and see for yourself... you may be surprised... YOU MAY GO HOME WITH A HEALING.

AREA EVENTS

- ➔ **St. John Parish Annual 4th of July Picnic-Sunday, July 4, 2021.** Mass – 9:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. Flag Raising Ceremony; Plates-Stew, Fried Chicken, and all the trimmings-\$10; Music, Auction, Raffle and so much more. Come Out and Enjoy!
- ➔ **St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, Dubina, Texas – 4th of July Drive-Thru Dinner** (Dubina-Style Fried Chicken and Sausage Dinner with all the Trimmings). 10:30 a.m. until sold out. \$10 plate.
- ➔ **Moravia (Ascension Parish Picnic, Sunday, July 18, 2021,** Dinner-11:00 a.m. Stew & Kettle Fried Chicken & Trimmings- \$12; Auction at 1:00 p.m.; Country Store, Cake Walk, Games, Music and so much more to enjoy! See you there!



This is a reminder that you can purchase Communion, Confirmation Gifts, Wedding Gifts and other Religious Articles and books at the Sacred Heart Rectory. Come by and see the latest items for sale.



SACRED HEART MINI-CHEER

CAMP - July 19th – 21st; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Gym; Early drop off 8:00 a.m.; For Pre-K and up; Registration forms are available at the school. Cost \$40 (includes t-shirt, medal, megaphone, snacks), plus \$10 for early drop off. Form & payment are due by June 30th to guarantee a t-shirt. Drop off forms at school or mail to Michelle Henke, 1846 County Road 197, Hallettsville, TX 77964. Questions: Contact Coach Michelle Henke at Michelle_henke@yahoo.com



Please pray for the Veterans who have served Our Country and have sacrificed and given so much for our freedom.

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Knights of Columbus Council #2433



Would you or someone you know like to become a Knight? The entire process from registering to attending the degree ceremonies is online. If you are interested, please contact Membership Chairman, David Smolik, at 361-798-4492, or Field Agent Ryan Janak at 832-693-3160. Dues are free the first year, but you will be subject to yearly dues after the first year.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers



Interested in joining the Confraternity of Christian Mothers? If so, please contact Lynette Sykora @ 361-799-9630 or Lynette.H.Sykora@gmail.com. We will hold our New Members Mass on Wednesday, July 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church. We will have the new members ceremony and officer induction followed by a short meeting in Family Center. Please bring a side dish for the reception. It is time to renew your annual membership by sending in your \$10 dues to treasurer Diane Blaschke at: 3685 FM 340, Hallettsville, TX 77964.

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.



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. **It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?**

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is **necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.**

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July 2021

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

God is the current of life

"Each one of us is merely a small instrument. When you look at the inner workings of electrical things, often you see small and big wires, new and old, cheap and expensive lined up. Until the current passes through them there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God."
Mother Teresa

Saying "no" is not a sin

Saying "no" is hard for many of us. NOT wanting to let anyone down, we say "yes" until we are overburdened, frustrated, and unhappy. Remember it is not a sin to say "no." God needs workers, but He wants the willing, joyful kind. Our "yes" should come from a heart enthusiastic about doing His work.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment" (Matthew 22:37-40).



Love one another, especially those who are different

In a time of widening political and cultural divides, it can be easy to lose sight of the dignity of people different from ourselves. Yet, as Catholic Christians, we know that Jesus asks that we see everyone as family.

"Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10).

Treat others with kindness, not because they are kind, but because you are. It's easy to be kind to those we love and respect. It's critical to be kind to people we don't like or don't know. Kindness is best offered when nothing is expected in return.

Don't build yourself up by making others look small. No one is impressed

by a bully. Treat all of God's children with honor, love, and respect.

Practice empathy. People's reactions tend to reflect their circumstances.

Avoid judging and instead offer the consideration you'd like to receive.

Meet in person instead of online.

Social media makes it easy to stay in touch but it's also the quickest way to damage

relationships. Choose to meet in person when possible. In person or online, we must be wise in the words we use.

Forgive those who have hurt you, help those who need you. Treat all people - including yourself - with love and compassion. When we treat people the way we want to be treated, life will instantly get better.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray?

Prayer is our response to God's invitation: "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2560).

That encounter is our connection to God, who

created us and wants to have a close, personal relationship with us. Our relationship with Him is nurtured and strengthened through prayer - raising our hearts and minds to God ..." (CCC, #2559).

It is through prayer and in prayer that we come to know and love Him best.



Welcome back to Mass!

Now that many dioceses across the country have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass, we once again honor Sunday as a celebration of the living presence of Jesus in the midst of His people.

Meet Him in the flesh. The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. There is no substitute for taking Him into our bodies to feed our souls.

Receive His protection. Divine love and protection are showered on God's children through the supernatural gift of grace. The



more open we are to it - by actively participating in Mass - the more we enjoy the benefits.

Love Him back. The Third Commandment requires that we designate Sunday as our day to honor God. Mass is the most important way we fulfill our obligation to show gratitude to God. *"If you love me you will keep my commandments"* (John 15:15).

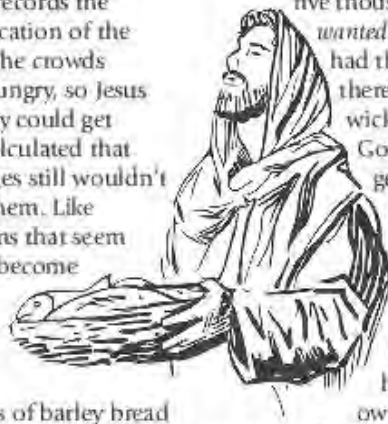
If you are worried about your exposure to disease in church, consult your physician and your pastor for advice on extra protections you can take.

from **S**cripture

John 6:1-15; Loaves and fishes

This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Philip calculated that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we face problems that seem too big for us and can become intimidated.

The Apostle, Andrew, went a step further than Philip; he found the boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy, in turn, offered to Jesus what little he brought - all of it. What a surprise when Jesus fed the



five thousand *"as much...as they wanted."* Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over!

God can't be outdone in generosity.

When we are faced with many problems at once, it can be overwhelming. It's easy to react like Philip and give up hope. While on our own, we may not have

much to offer, if we offer what we have to God, He can do something amazing with it.

Q What is expected of & Catholics? **A**

Every household has basic ground rules: "Be respectful," "Clean up your messes," etc. This way, everybody benefits. Like every family, the Catholic Church has "house rules" as well:

Come home every weekend: "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." God wants to see us back in person - often!

Take responsibility: "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Since we are prone to sin, we're obligated to reconcile with God at least once a year.

Reconnect: "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with his Body and Blood at every Mass!

Practice detachment: "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Fasting helps us free our hearts for God's love.

Help around the house: "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." Whether we donate money, time or resources, every little bit helps. (CCC, #2042-2043)

Feasts & Celebrations

July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel (1251). Carmelite tradition holds that Our Lady appeared to St. Simon on Mount Carmel and gave him a scapular. Wearing one has become a popular way to honor the Blessed Mother.

July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene (1st century). Mary Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus expelled seven demons in St. Luke's gospel (Luke 8:2). She helped to support Jesus' ministry out of her own money and stood by the Cross of Jesus with his mother. Known as the "Apostle to

the Apostles," Mary was the one who first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

July 25 - St. James (1st Century). When Jesus called St. James and his brother, John, to become apostles, they left their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. St. James was one of three apostles to witness Jesus' transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the agony in Gethsemane. St. James was the first of the apostles to be martyred.



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July

Oct. 2020 –
Sept. 2021

Saints Joachim and Anne: Grandparents of Jesus

Let us look to the example of Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne as we prepare to celebrate their feast day on July 26th. Grandparents play a vital role in the life of the family, including cultivating the love of God in children and grandchildren. We pray in thanksgiving for all grandparents this month.

PRAY

Blessing of Grandparents:

Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that He bless them with happiness and good health. Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call your grandparents and pray a decade of the rosary together.

Take Holy Water to the gravesite of grandparents or great-grandparents and pray for the souls of the faithfully departed.

PLAY

Write a card and insert a picture, either hand-drawn or a printed picture, and mail it to your grandparents.

Grandparents: write down an important faith memory to share with your children and grandchildren. Do you remember your First Communion? What was the most memorable Mass you have ever attended?

Call your local nursing home to see if visitors are allowed. If so, consider going for a visit! If not, ask if there are any needs for residents that you can help to fill.

EAT



Remember to pray BEFORE and AFTER each meal! Ask each person at the table the best part of their day.

Consider inviting the grandparents over for a special meal. Have the children of the family serve the adults.

Ask each person at the table the highlight of their day.

Plan to eat at least one meal a week with no distractions.

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.

ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE – JUNE, 2021

Sunday, July 4		9:15 a.m.
Altar Servers	Justin Perdziak, Allec Mizera, Jake Ressler, Abby Ressler	
Cantor	Ruth Rouse	
Ushers	Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek, Marvin Bujnoch	
Lector	Dedie Dobbs	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Scott Sommerlatte, Billy Gerke, Bev Hrcir	
Rosary Leader	Anita Steffek	
Church Cleaners	Helen Janak, Gussie Kelnar, Marty Horecka, Pat Mladenka	
Sunday, July 11		9:15 a.m.
Altar Servers	Rynna Orsak, Rylyn Orsak, Ava Shimek	
Cantor	Laurence Bludau	
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe	
Lector	Monica Barnes	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler, Richard Sommerlatte	
Rosary Leader	Sandy Konvicka	
Church Cleaners	Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr	
Sunday, July 18		9:15 a.m.
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Grahmann, Elena Grahmann, Paige Wright	
Cantor	Pat Mladenka	
Ushers	Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jasek	
Lector	Martha Horechka	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Joyce Bludau, Anthony Bludau, Trina Bludau	
Rosary Leader	Ruth Rouse	
Church Cleaners	Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik, Ruth Rouse	
Sunday, July 25		
Altar Servers	Macey Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka, Trace Patek, Wyatt Mudd	
Cantor	Ruth Rouse	
Ushers	Russell Sciba, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jasek	
Lector	Dorothy Schneider	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Edward Pustka, Sandra Pustka, Janice Rother	
Rosary Leader	Lucille Klekar	
Church Cleaners	Sharon Henricks, Lisa Matula, Laura Ulcak	
Sunday, August 1		9:15 a.m.
Altar Servers	Jules Janak, Timber Janak, Brandt Trliceck, Layne Gerke	
Cantor	Laurence Bludau	
Ushers	Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek, Marvin Bujnoch	
Lector	Terry Patek	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Richard Sommerlatte, Carol Rother, Dedie Dobbs	
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Schneider	
Church Cleaners	Vivian Mozisek, Rita Migl, Cecilia Janak, Edna Wehman	

