

***St. Mary's Catholic Church***  
***Sunday, March 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](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, March 2, 2021,  
by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)**

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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### Mass Intentions:

#### Sunday, March 7—Third Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m.—Joe & Lydia Kostelnik

#### Sunday, March 14—Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m. —Henry Sitka

#### Sunday, March 21 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m.— Stanley Bujnoch, Sr.

#### Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:15 a.m.— Marie Elisa Ulcak and August Ulcak

#### Friday, April 2 –First Friday—Good Friday

Good Friday—Services at 3:00 p.m. No Mass

#### Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday

9:15 a.m.— For the Parish

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by Chuck Grafe

### 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 February, 2021

#### Income:

Sunday's Collections	\$3,634.75
Memorials	665.00
Aid to Church in Europe	165.00
Rice Bowl	<u>363.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,8227.75</u></b>

#### Expenses:

Administration	\$ 357.00
Church Expenses	714.65
Hall Expenses	137.06
Office/Rectorry	518.50
Utilities	176.90
Aid to Church in Europe	165.00
Medical Insurance	406.00
Retirement of Religious	50.00
Priest Pension Plan	61.00
Holy Father	65.00
Unbound	540.00
Taxes/Diocese of Victoria	<u>92.95</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,284.06</u></b>

Beginning Balance:	\$111,480.09
Income	4,827.75
Expenses	<u>-3,284.06</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>\$113,023.78</u></b>

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

On April 30, 2021, Father Gary Janak of the Diocese of Victoria will be ordained an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. We will hate to see him go but are very happy for him in his new role. Please keep Bishop-Elect Gary Janak in your prayers.

I will continue in my present duties as Pastor of **Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, St. Mary's, St. Mary, St John the Baptist, St. John, and Ascension of Our Lord, Moravia,** and Vicar General for the Diocese of Victoria and Vicar for the Clergy.

In addition to the continuation of his duties as Pastor of **St. Joseph, Yoakum and its mission of St. Ann's in Hochheim,** and Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Victoria, Father Matthew Huehfeld has been appointed as Chancellor for the Diocese of Victoria.

Father Tim Kosler, Pastor of St. Rose, Schulenburg, St. Mary, High Hill, St. John the Baptist, Ammannsville, and St. Wencelaus, Holman, will be retiring effective June 30, 2021. He will have been ordained 50 years on April 23rd. He will retire in his parents' home in Shiner and work the farm in Witting.

Father Jasper Liggio, Pastor of St. Michael, Cuero, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cuero, Sts. Peter & Paul, Meyersville, and St. Aloysius, Westhoff, will be assigned to St. Mary Seminary in Houston as a Spiritual Director for the seminarians effective July 1st.

Some other assignments will be forthcoming in the near future. Please pray for Bishop Cahill and all the Priests of our Diocese.

An heir of David and son of Joseph and Mary, Jesus brings forgiveness through the gift of faith.

St. Joseph: honored on March 19 since the end of the 10th century was declared Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX, and Guardian of the Redeemer in 1989 by Pope John Paul II; patron of workers and carpenters and fathers.

It is the custom in some places today to bless bread, pastries, and other food and to give a large portion of it to the poor.

**This is the Blessing of St. Joseph's table.** It is especially an Italian Custom.

Parish Picnic Meeting for all Chairmen and interested parishioners on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will discuss what to do and how to do it.

At this time, there have been no changes to the **Diocese of Victoria's COVID-19** safety protocols for Mass and other gatherings. We will keep everyone informed should that change.

## 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

Catholic Daughters dues for 2021 of \$25.00 are now past 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. Please get them in immediately.

The next CDA Meeting will be Monday, March 15, 2021, Family Center, 6:30 p.m. Will discuss plans for Fiddlers' Frolics.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Monday, March 8**—Blood Drive-11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – Family Center

**Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** –Spring Break—No Classes



## YEAR OF THE FAMILY

**Pray.** In silent prayer, reflect on God's promises.

**Eat.** Remember to pray before AND after your meals.

**Play.** Get outside! Fly a kite or go for a walk.

## 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](http://www.buzzsprout.com/11404520)

## WEID KJT MEETING

There will be a KJT Meeting on Sunday, March 7, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's. Any questions, please call Rebecca Till at 361-594-4328.



### **ADORER NEEDED**

An Adorer is needed for 3:00 a.m.-4:00 a.m. hour on Wednesdays. Please contact Charlene Bradbury if you are interested at **361-798-3224** (Home phone number) or **361-798-6191** (Cell phone number).

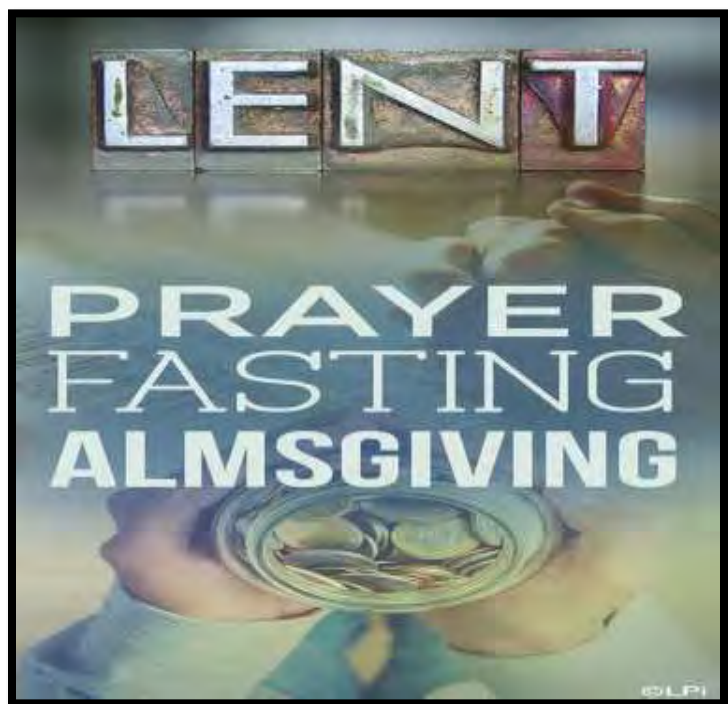
### **Blood Drive -- Church**

There will be a Blood Drive for Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, March 28, 2021. More information to follow.



### **Blood Drive - School**

There will be a Blood Drive for Sacred Heart School on Monday, March 8, 2021, in the Family Center. Website: [SouthTexasBlood.org](http://SouthTexasBlood.org) or call Ruth Barton at Sacred Heart School – 361-798-4251.



## **MEMORIALS**

### **ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND**

In Memory of Stanley Bujnoch, Sr.

**People's State Bank**-\$100; Roman & Miranda Henke-\$20; Larry & Agnes Greer-\$15; Travis D. & Maymie Mixon-\$50; Gene & Grace Rees-\$30; Herbert & Diane Neubauer-\$10; Mark & Elaine Klekar-\$20; Greg & Jennifer Janak-\$25; Larry & Vera Meinkowsky-\$20; Roger & Brenda Sitka-\$20; Allen, Arlene, Ashley & Joshua Becan-\$40; Robert & Carol Rother-\$25; Kubena Funeral Home-\$25; Ronald & Gloria Kostelnik-\$25; Melvin Jr. & Marilyn Christen-\$30; Ronald & Gloria Kostelnik-\$25; Hallettsville Livestock Commission Co. Inc.-\$25; Harold & Susan Ott-\$30; Marvin & Susan Bujnoch-\$20; Daniel J. & Monica Matula-\$20; Anita E. Etzler-\$20; Mrs. Sylvester Janak-\$20; Frank & Elrose Migl-\$30

In Memory of Daniel Rother  
Ruth & Richard Rouse-\$20

In Memory of Michael Kloesel  
Barbara & Marvin Koehne-\$20

In Memory of Donna Nevlud  
Doris Opela-\$15

### **ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

In Memory of Stanley Bujnoch, Sr.

Lucille Bujnoch-\$10; Franklin & Vivian Mozisek-\$15; Larry & Barbara Janak-\$20; Dolores Bujnoch-\$10

In Memory of Donna Nevlud

Anthony & Joyce Bludau-\$30; Richard & Jeanne Sommerlatte-\$20; Lucille Bujnoch-\$10

### **ST. MARY'S CEMETERY**

In Memory of Daniel Rother  
Ruth & Richard Rouse-\$20

In Memory of Stanley Bujnoch, Sr.  
Blasé & Deborah Konvicka-\$20

### **VIGIL LIGHT**

In Memory of Deacon Sonny & Elaine Rogers  
Gilbert & Mary Urbish-\$10

In Memory of Theresa Adair  
Gilbert & Mary Urbish-\$10

### **FLOOR FUND**

In Memory of Donna Nevlud  
Leon & Nancy Etzler-\$10

In Memory of Stanley Bujnoch, Sr.  
Leon & Nancy Etzler-\$25

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## One Minute Meditations

### The Eucharist is now

During the celebration of the Eucharist, the past action of Jesus becomes present. It is a liturgical representation of His sacrifice. Not merely a commemoration, Mass makes the sacrifice truly present. When we participate in the Eucharist, the past becomes present to us and we are present at the saving event.



### Live generously

In a world that judges people based on their accumulated wealth, it is easy to notice what we don't have and to wish for it. Lent, however, invites us to live in gratitude for what we do have. Gratitude then gives rise to generosity – sharing God's love and gifts with others. Generous people are encouraging, positive, and appreciative. During Lent, notice and appreciate God's gifts and share them with others.

### Always ready

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy" (Pope Francis).



## Refocus in the desert

Lent may be a time of penance and sacrifice but it doesn't have to be a time of sadness. In fact, the season brings an opportunity to become the people God created us to be.

This time in our spiritual desert can be a chance to simplify, focus, and concentrate.

**Simplify.** Look for areas in your life where there are excesses. When we have too much of something, it can take extra time to sort, store, and maintain the supply beyond what we need. For example, is your clothes closet packed too tightly? Is your pantry overstocked? Can you clean out and give some gently used items to the poor? You'll spend less mental and physical energy

if you keep only what you need.

**Focus.** During Lent, we are called to spend more intentional time with God. To help, consider fasting from

distractions. Limiting social media exposure,

controlling time spent working, or turning off the cell phone for periods of time can help you find space to add more prayer and Scripture reading to your day.

**Concentrate.**

Avoid influences that pull you away from God.

"... But worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the Word, and it bears no fruit" (Mark 4:19). Resolve to live a life that pleases God.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics fast and abstain?

In preparing to begin His public ministry, Jesus spent forty days and nights in the wilderness of the desert. In the starkness of the desert, He strengthened His connection to his Father. God's love was all Jesus needed.



Fasting and abstinence also help us strengthen our connection to God. They are ways of

expressing sorrow for the ways we stray from God's friendship. By denying ourselves material comforts, we increase our dependence on God and our appreciation for His gifts.

## St. Joseph – ordinary or extraordinary?

Why did Jesus choose Joseph to be His father on Earth? St. Joseph wasn't rich, powerful, or even sinless like Our Lady. Born ordinary, virtue and grace combined to make Joseph remarkable. In fact, by choosing him, Jesus gave us a model we can follow.

**A man of faith.** In spite of persecution and societal pressure, Joseph answered the call to live the two greatest commandments. He put God first and did all that He asked, no matter how incredible. And, Joseph put his family's needs before his own.



**A husband.** He respected that his primary vocation was husband to Mary. In fact, public opinion was against him when took pregnant Mary as his wife. He loved her anyway.

**A father.** As a devout Jew, he knew the psalms and the law of Moses. He didn't just teach his son a trade, Jesus was taught to be a faithful Son of God.

Like us, St. Joseph began ordinary but cooperated with God's grace to become extraordinary. That is possible for us, too.

### from Scripture

**Mark 14:1-15, 47, Make Jesus' Passion our own.**

It's even more important to share in his suffering and great love during his Passion. St. Paul said, *"We hold this treasure in earthen vessels ... always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body"* (2 Corinthians 4:7-10).

He means that everything that happens in our lives – the good and the bad – can be part of our bond with Jesus.

Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness and temptations can become ways in which we share in the

suffering and death of Christ.

Likewise, our joys, our good health, our family and friends are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. The point is to offer everything to Christ.



St. Alphonsus wrote, "We should consider not so much the sorrows Jesus suffered as the love with which he bore them." Disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did and can share in his joy of Resurrection.

### Q What is & Eucharistic Adoration?

Wouldn't it be amazing to be face to face with Jesus? Imagine sitting with Him, talking together, thanking Him for His gifts, asking for favors. In many churches throughout the world,

Catholics are able to do just that in Perpetual Adoration. Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion that offers the opportunity to be in the presence of Jesus, under the appearance of the Eucharistic Host - the Blessed Sacrament.

Placed in a monstrance for display, all can see and pray in the presence of Our Lord. Parishes with Perpetual Adoration chapels are able to host adoration twenty-four hours a day. Other parishes offer periods of time adorers can worship in person.

"Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil" (CCC, #2628). There are many ways to adore God, but in Adoration, we are truly in Jesus' presence adoring him in person.



### Feasts & Celebrations

March 1 – St. David of Wales (c. 600). St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He was born into Welsh nobility, but instead chose to become a priest. He was later consecrated a bishop. He is best known for founding an ascetic monastery and ridding the area of the Pelagian heresy.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having

established the Church there.

March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st Century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he

was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.



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# March

Oct. 2020 –  
Sept. 2021

## Covenant: God Makes us family.

Beginning with Adam and Eve, God established covenants with mankind leading up to the new and everlasting covenant in Jesus. Our own homes should be filled with covenantal love, in which we give of ourselves daily to each other.

### PRAY

In silent prayer, reflect on God's promises.

Read a passage about God's covenants: Genesis 9:8-17; Hebrews 8:6-13.

Plan to receive the sacrament of reconciliation before Easter.

Ask your child(ren) (grandchildren, godchildren, nieces/nephews) to lead a prayer. Listen. Be intentional about praying for and with them.

Attend daily Mass as a family: If unable to attend daily Mass, read the daily readings together. [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)



### EAT

Remember to pray before AND after your meals!

No meat on Fridays!

Pick at least one meal each week to eat at home with your family around the table.

Prepare for Good Friday and discuss ways your family can fast together.

Gather ingredients from a favorite family meal and take them to your local food pantry. Don't forget to include the recipe!

### PLAY

Get outside! Fly a kite or go for a walk.

Plant a garden with your family. It can be as small or big as you like! Consider planting fruits, vegetables, or even flowers!

Be on the lookout for a rainbow this month! Remember that God keeps promises!

Send a card to someone. Who doesn't love mail?!

Make plans to take a drive and see some Texas wildflowers! Enjoy the beauty of God's creation in our diocese.

Listen to the DOV Family Podcast on any of the podcast apps or on DOV Family Evangelization YouTube page.

Celebrate these saints on their feast days this month!  
St. Patrick – March 17<sup>th</sup>  
St. Joseph – March 19<sup>th</sup>

### 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](mailto:lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org).

**ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE – MARCH, 2021**

<b>Sunday, March 7</b>		<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
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	Joyce Janak	
Church Cleaners	Vivian Mozisek, Cecilia Janak, Rita Migl, Edna Wehman	
<b>Sunday, March 14</b>		<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
Altar Servers	Brandt Trlicek, Allec Mizera, Wyatt Mudd	
Cantor	Pat Mladenka	
Ushers	Russell Sciba, Robert Sciba, Richard Sommerlatte	
Lector	Martha Horecka	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler, Billy Gerke	
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Schneider	
Church Cleaners	Glenda Tobola, Mary Jo Bludau	
<b>Sunday, March 21</b>		<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
Altar Servers	Elizabeth & Elena Grahmann, Paige Wright	
Cantor	Ruth Rouse	
Ushers	Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek, Marvin Bujnoch	
Lector	Terry Patek	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Richard Sommerlatte, Tony Bludau, Joyce Bludau	
Rosary Leader	Laurie Braun	
Church Cleaners	Helen Janak, Gussie Kelnar, Marty Horecka, Pat Mladenka	
<b>Sunday, March 28</b>		<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
Altar Servers	Trace Patek, Jake Ressler, Abby Ressler	
Cantor	Laurence Bludau	
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe	
Lector	Dorothy Schneider	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Edward Pustka, Sandra Pustka, Trina Bludau	
Rosary Leader	Janice Rother	
Church Cleaners	Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr	
<b>Sunday, April 4</b>		
Altar Servers	Layne Gerke, Macay Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka	
Cantor	Ruth Rouse	
Ushers	Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jassek	
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	

**Good Friday**

Altar Servicers: Rynna Orsak, Rylyn Orsak, Ava Shimek