

***St. Mary's Catholic Church***  
***Sunday, October 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: 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**

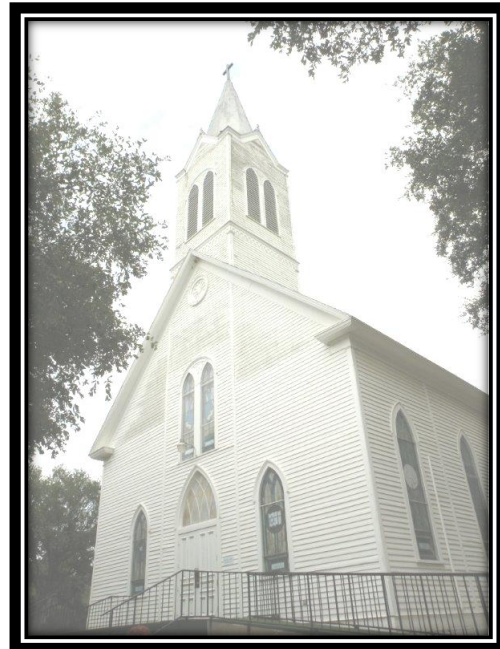
Please call the rectory.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

**WEBSITES**

Cemetery: [www.victoriadiocese.org](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 VICARS**

**Rev. John Affum**  
**Rev. Christopher Korang**

**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  
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**Bulletin Deadline: *Tuesday, October 26,***  
**2021**, by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

## Sunday, October 3, 2021

### Mass Intentions:

#### Sunday, October 3—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in

##### Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Deceased Members of S.J. & Annie Janak

#### Sunday, October 10—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in

##### Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Alois & Sophie Opela, Joseph P. Opela & Hedwig Dehart

#### Sunday, October 17—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary

##### Time

9:15 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of the Fred Netardus Family

#### Sunday, October 24—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary

##### Time

9:15 a.m.— Daniel F. Opela

#### Sunday, October 31—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary

##### Time

9:15 a.m.— Frankie Klekar

#### Friday, November 5—First Friday

7:00 p.m. — Tillie & John Peters Jr.

#### Sunday, November 7—Thirty-Second Sunday in

##### Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of the KJT Weid #43 St. Martins Society

**Bulletin Sponsor:** In Memory of Zachery Grafe 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.



St. Mary's CCD is collecting little Catholic gifts, medals, rosaries, holy water founts, prayer cards, bookmarks, etc. If you have any items that you want to donate, please drop off at the Rectory or place them in the plastic container marked "CCD Donations" located in the stairwell of the church. We will hand out to our students. Thank you!

### **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

### **Bake Sale**

Weid KJZT Society No. 53 will have a bake sale before and after the 9:15 a.m. Mass on November 7.

*Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life*

### Financial Report for September, 2021

#### Income:

Sunday's Collections	\$4,259.00
Church Rental	100.00
Hall Rental	600.00
Memorials	25.00
Small House	50.00
Black & Indian Missions	25.00
Bulletin Sponsor	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,109.00</u></b>

#### Expenses:

Administration	\$ 357.00
Church Expenses	50.00
Hall Expenses	437.06
Maintenance	150.00
Office/Rectory	420.00
Utilities	135.00
Black & Indian Missions	25.00
Medical Insurance	406.00
Priests Pension Plan	<u>62.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,042.06</b>
Beginning Balance:	\$100,000.00
Income	5,109.00
Expenses	<u>-2,042.06</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>\$103,066.94</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.



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

*We need volunteers for – Church Cleaners, Lectors, Cantors, Ushers, and Rosary Leaders.*

*If you are interested in any of these ministries, please contact Pat at 361-798-2128 or 830-832-5607.*



**If someone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Deacon Joey Targac or please call the Sacred Heart Rectory at 361-798-5888.**

## From the Desk of Msgr. John

Ever since Covid began, we have been missing having holy water in church. I've noticed people walking in and blessing themselves forgetting that there is no holy water in the fonts.

As soon as the order comes in, we will have Holy Water Dispensers at each font in the front entrance.

All you have to do is run your hand under the dispenser and it will release a small amount of holy water drops with which to bless yourself. This will be very sanitary. Please do not let the children keep running their hands underneath the dispenser.

Father Chris Korang will be on vacation till October 27<sup>th</sup>. When he returns, he will be here for an indefinite time along with Father John and me.

### AREA EVENTS

- ➔ **St. John Catholic Church, Hungerford, Annual Bazaar, Sunday, October 3, 2021.** BBQ Beef, Chicken, & Sausage. Dine-In & Plates to Go, Auction, Country Store, Cake Walk, & Dance
- ➔ **Queen of the Holy Rosary, Hostyn Festival, Sunday, October 3.** Fried Chicken, Sausage & all the trimmings, Plates \$12. County Store, Raffle, Cake Wheel, Bingo, Silent Auction & Music
- ➔ **St. Roch Catholic Church, 167<sup>TH</sup> Annual Mentz Picnic. Mentz, Texas, Sunday, October 3, 2021,** Dine-In & Plates-to-Go - \$14. BBQ Beef, Pork & Sausage. Country Store, Dessert Walk, Auction, Silent Auction, Bingo, Music
- ➔ **Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fall Festival, Flatonia, Texas, Sunday, October 3, 2021,** Fried Chicken & Sausage with Dressing & Trimmings, Plates - \$12.00; Dine-In or Drive-Thru or Walk-Up, Bingo, Live Auction, Music
- ➔ **St. Anthony's Catholic Church 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Shrimporee, Palacios, Texas, Sunday, October 10, 2021,** Shrimp or BBQ with all the Trimmings starting at 10:30 a.m., \$10 a plate, Dine-In or Take-Out, Auction, Games, Music



- ➔ **St. Anthony's Catholic Church Annual Parish Fall Picnic, Columbus, Texas, Sunday, October 10, 2021,** Beef and Sausage Meal from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., \$10 a plate, Dine-In or Drive-Thru, Auction, Games, Music, Cake Walk, Mechanical Bull
- ➔ **1<sup>st</sup> Fall Evening of Recollection for Women at Featherrock Conference Center, Schulenburg, Texas, Thursday, October 14, 2021, beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m.**



### **Your marriage deserves to THRIVE!**

Choosing to L.O.V.E. is a retreat for couples seeking to enrich their marriage by focusing on what brought it into existence: **their marriage vows.**

Developed by Bishop Gary Janak and several couples from the El Campo area in 2009, it has served over 200 couples since its founding.

Meant for couples wanting to strengthen their bond, and not those experiencing serious marital challenges, the weekend includes inspiring talks by married couples and clergy, within a leisurely schedule, so couples can also have private time. October 8-10, 2021 at the Spiritual Renewal Center.

Registration is simple & easy! Register online at [www.victoriadiocese.org/choosingtolove](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/choosingtolove).

**Trunk or Treat held Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the church parking lot.  
Parishioners are asked to hand out candy from the back of their car or bring a lawn chair.  
Parents bring your children dressed in their Halloween costumes!

There are three events for families coming in October that have been expressed as needs by families in our diocese. We pray these events may be a blessing to families in our communities.

1. Parenting workshops featuring national speakers (10/13, 10/20, 10/27), including Dr. Ray Guarendi from EWTN, Mike and Alicia Herson from the Messy Family Project, and author Katie Warner. These workshops will be offered online for just \$25 for all 3 sessions, and recordings made available for those who cannot attend live. Here is the website for online registration: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/parents>
2. Family Day of Reflection with Bishop Cahill on Mary, Queen of the Family (10/23). This morning for families will include Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration, fun and games, and creating a giant pool noodle rosary. Here is the website for online registration: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/fiat>
3. Grief Support Retreat for Parents Who Have Lost Children (10/29-10/31). This weekend retreat at the SRC will feature speakers including clergy, licensed professional counselors (LPCs), and parents who have lost children. Here is the website for online registration: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/grief-support-retreat>

## MEMORIALS

### ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUN

**In Memory of Charles L. Christen** by Kubena Funeral Home. Inc.; Dan, Eugene, Andy, & Alison-\$25

### ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

**In Memory of Charles Christen** by Shirley Moezygamba, Bridget Venessa, and Zachary Hairell, Susan & Tanner Hoelscher-\$50

**In Memory of Charles Christen** by Rose & Wendell Chandler-\$100

**In Memory of Charles Christen** by Lowell E. & Charlene Morres-\$100

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

<b>ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE – OCTOBER, 2021</b>	
<b>Sunday, October 3 9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Grahmann, Elena Grahmann, Paige Wright
Cantor	Jake Jaks
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe
Lector	Monica Barnes
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Billy Gerke, Scott Sommerlatte, Nancy Etzler
Rosary Leader	Lucille Klekar
Church Cleaners	Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik, Ruth Rouse
<b>Sunday, October 10 9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Jake Ressler, Abby Ressler, Justin Perdziak, Brandt Trlicek
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Ushers	Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Frances Klekar, Sidney Jasek
Lector	Martha Horecka
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Dedie Dobbs, Tony Bludau, Joyce Bludau
Rosary Leader	Joyce Janak
Church Cleaners	Sharon Henricks, Lisa Matula, Laura Ulcak
<b>Sunday, October 17 9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Jules Janak, Timber Janak, Layne Gerke
Cantor	Laurence Bludau
Ushers	Russell Sciba, Robert Sciba, Richard Sommerlatte
Lector	Dedie Dobbs
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Edward Pustka, Sandra Pustka, Richard Sommerlatte
Rosary Leader	Dorothy Schneider
Church Cleaners	Vivian Mozisek, Cecilia Janak, Rita Migl, Edna Wehman
<b>Sunday, October 24 9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Rynna Orsak, Rylyn Orsak, Ava Shimek
Cantor	Pat Mladenka
Ushers	Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek, Marvin Bujnoch
Lector	Dorothy Schneider
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Leon Etzler, Nancy Etzler, Carol Rother
Rosary Leader	Janice Rother
Church Cleaners	Helen Janak, Gussie Kelnar, Martha Horecka, Pat Mladenka
<b>Sunday, October 31 9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Wyatt Mudd, Macey Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka
Cantor	Ruth Rouse
Ushers	Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish, Charles Grafe
Lector	Terry Patek
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Janice Rother, Billy Gerke, Scott Sommerlatte
Rosary Leader	Anita Steffek
Church Cleaners	Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue Cinadr
<b>Sunday, November 7 9:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Servers	Allece Mizera, Elena Grahmann, Paige Wright
Cantor	Jake Jaks
Ushers	Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar, Sidney Jasek
Lector	Monica Barnes
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Tony Bludau, Joyce Bludau, Richard Sommerlatte
Rosary Leader	Sandy Konvicka
Church Cleaners	Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik, Ruth Rouse

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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

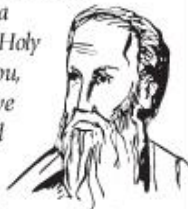
### God is Love

God is the creator of the universe, who made everything from nothing. Yet, He is not a remote, uninvolved God. Nor is He an unforgiving judge waiting for us to mess up. Rather, God is our Father who loves us more than we could ask to be loved.

### His temple

St. Paul teaches that *"your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own."* We understand it is unhealthy to overeat or abuse drugs or alcohol. Yet, we don't always acknowledge the harm of watching movies and television shows with violence or sex, or listening to music with profane lyrics. God's temple deserves respect. *"Therefore, glorify God in your body"* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

"Daily prayer is the foundation of sanctity. Some prefer it in the morning. Some late at night. However, whenever, wherever, it's a must!" Timothy Cardinal Dolan



## "Lead us not into temptation ..."

No one is exempt from temptation. Being enticed by the attractions of this world is part of our human condition, but successfully fighting it makes us stronger and holier.

**Watch for it.** Temptation strikes when we are least able to fight it. Identify what tempts you most and try to anticipate when you are weakest. Then devise a plan of action – not just a resolution – to help you resist.

**Pray through it.** When Jesus caught His disciples sleeping in the garden instead of praying, He said, "Watch

and pray that you may not undergo the test" (Matthew 26:41). Overcome temptation by being alert to it and praying instead of indulging in it.

### Run from it.

Sometimes fleeing temptation is the best way to resist it. "God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Avoid people, places or situations that give you trouble.

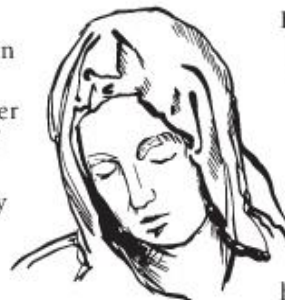
**Don't start it.** It is easier to resist temptation if you stop it when it starts. Then it won't have the force of habit. Though it is never too late to ask for God's help, the longer you live with the temptation, the harder it will be to turn to Him.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics turn to Mary?

In Old Testament kingdoms, the queen mother played a significant role in her son's governance of His kingdom. Her power and authority flowed from her position as it related to her son.



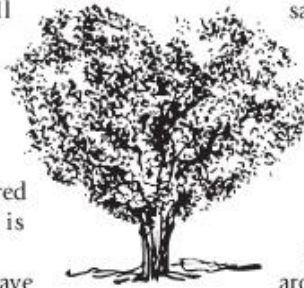
His subjects often petitioned her to speak for them. As Queen Mother of Heaven, Mary's purpose is to further her Son's kingdom. When we turn to her, she acts with her authority to bring our concerns to her Son, and He is always inclined to fulfill her wishes.

# God's love never changes

It's only human to want to be loved. Unfortunately, even the best friend or lover will let us down once in a while. That can leave us lonely or searching for the wrong kind of love. Fortunately, God will never let us down. His love is the right kind of love to have.

His love never changes. Standards set by humans change over time. Something considered "in" today, can be "out" in no time. God's love is unchanging and unending.

Friends come and go. Sooner or later, you have



to leave your friends or they leave you. But Jesus said, "... behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God never leaves.

He loves us for who we really are.

There's nothing God doesn't know about us, and He adores us anyway. If God likes you, others will, too. To please God we have to fill ourselves with love for Him and other people, and that makes us even nicer to be around. Pass it on.

## from Scripture

### Mark 12:28-34 - The first Commandment

The Jewish authorities often tried to draw Jesus out and get Him to say something counter to Jewish law. That way He could be discredited - or worse. Yet, the strategy never worked for them. In fact, one of the scribes was so impressed by Jesus' response to a challenge by the Sadducees that he posed a question of his own. He sincerely wanted to learn from Jesus' answer.

The scribe asked which of the commandments was most important. Jesus said everything starts and ends with love - love of God and love of each other. To love God is to

love one another. They are as inseparable as the beams of the cross. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult.



But true love of neighbor is measured by how we treat those who are neither family nor friends. It means including people when the natural inclination is to exclude or avoid them. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even His political enemies. This is how God loves and He calls us to do no less.

## Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary especially on the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th**. The Rosary helps us to meditate on Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

**October 6 - St. Bruno (1101)**. Bruno was born in Germany, studied in France and became a theology professor. With six other companions, Bruno founded the Carthusian Order in 1084 and helped reform the clergy in Rome.

**October 14 - St. Callistus I (222)**. A Roman slave, Callistus obtained his

freedom and was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callistus's election caused an eighteen-year schism, spawning the first anti-pope. In a time of trial and confusion, he reopened the Church to all. He was martyred in Rome.

**October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross (1775)**. Paul was inspired by a vision to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ.

He founded the Passionists in 1720, lived a penitential life, worked miracles, and cared for the poor and sick.



## Q & A Why is a Catholic Funeral important?

Although no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the church funeral and just "get it over with," but our faith



provides the strength we need to deal with death. The Church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death.

Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at Church (with or without Mass), and the Internment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church's special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved one.

Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees. (For specific questions, check with your local parish.)

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