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Permanent Diaconate Formation .....	Deacon Charles J. Glynn, Director
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# The Diocese of Victoria — A Brief History

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## *The Founding of the Diocese*

The Diocese of Victoria was established on May 29, 1982, with the Most Reverend Charles V. Grahmann installed as the first bishop of the newly created diocese. The first diocesan offices were known as The Catholic Center and were located at 2007-A N. De Leon Street in Victoria, Texas. In March of 1984, the bishop's office was moved to the Central Park Plaza Building on Commerce Street, joining the offices of the business manager, chancellor and tribunal, catechetical ministry and youth ministry.

All personnel moved into the new chancery building on Aug. 15, 1985. The building, located at 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, was dedicated on Sept. 8, 1985. The office of the bishop, chancellor, business, catechetical ministry, vocations, *The Catholic Lighthouse* newspaper, Victoria Catholic Cemetery, tribunal and youth and family ministry are housed at the chancery. A chapel and library are also part of the building.

Bishop Grahmann was appointed coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Dallas on Dec. 18, 1989, and was installed as coadjutor Bishop of Dallas on Feb. 21, 1990. From Feb. 21, 1990, the Reverend Monsignor Thomas C. McLaughlin served as administrator of the Diocese of Victoria. The Reverend David E. Fellhauer was appointed bishop on April 7, 1990. He was ordained and installed as bishop of the Diocese of Victoria on May 28, 1990. Bishop Fellhauer came to Victoria from the Diocese of Dallas where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1965 and had served most recently as judicial vicar of the Diocese of Dallas.

On April 23, 2015, Pope Francis accepted Bishop David E. Fellhauer's resignation as bishop of the diocese. On that same day, the pope appointed as the new bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, the Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, a priest of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. From April 23, 2015, the Reverend Gary W. Janak served as administrator of the Diocese of Victoria. Reverend Cahill was ordained and installed as the third bishop of the Diocese of Victoria on June 29, 2015.

## *Geographic Makeup*

The Diocese of Victoria is comprised of the counties of Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Victoria, Wharton, Colorado and Fayette county west of the Colorado River, which is a total of 9,609 square miles. The San Antonio Archdiocese contributed all the parishes of the El Campo, Schulenburg and Victoria deaneries to make up the Diocese of Victoria. The former Hallettsville deanery is included in the diocese with the exception of St. James Parish, Gonzales; Sacred Heart Mission, Gonzales; and St. Patrick Mission, Waelder.

The Galveston-Houston Diocese gave the following parishes and missions to Victoria: Holy Cross Parish, Bay City, and its mission, Sacred Heart, Wadsworth; Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Bay City; Holy Cross Parish, East Bernard; St. John the Baptist Parish, Hungerford; Holy Family Parish, Wharton and its mission St. Joseph, Boling; and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wharton.

The Corpus Christi Diocese added Immaculate Conception Parish, Goliad, and the missions of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Berclair; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Charco; Our Lady of Assumption, Fannin (all three no longer open); and the old Franciscan Presidio La Bahia, Our Lady of Loreto, Goliad.

In December of 1989 the following parishes entered our diocese from the Diocese of Austin: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Eagle Lake; Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Freelsburg; and St. Roch Parish, Mentz. On March 1, 1995, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Guadalupe were joined and merged. The parish was named The Parish of the Nativity.

There are six deaneries in the Diocese of Victoria: Cuero, Edna, El Campo, Hallettsville, Schulenburg and Victoria.

# BISHOP BRENDAN JOHN CAHILL, S.T.D.



Bishop Brendan John Cahill, was born in Coral Gables, Florida, on November 28, 1963. He is the son of Joe and Joan Cahill and the fourth of five children. His family moved to Houston in 1971, and his parents, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews all live in Houston today. He attended St. Cecilia



Catholic School and in 1981 he graduated from St. Thomas High School. After a year at Rice University he entered St. Mary's Seminary in Houston in 1982. He has degrees from the University of St. Thomas in Houston – a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master of Divinity degree.

Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Galveston-Houston on May 19, 1990, he served as parochial vicar of St. Frances Cabrini Church, Houston from 1990 to 1992 and at Christ the Good

Shepherd Church, Spring from 1992 to 1994. In 1994, he earned a Master of Theology degree with a specialization in African-American Catholic Studies from Xavier University, New Orleans, LA. Later that year he moved to the Casa Santa Maria (North American College) in Rome to pursue further academic studies. These studies developed his knowledge and appreciation of the richness of culture in the expression of faith, and the depth of thought of the theologians and bishops involved in the Second Vatican Council. He earned a Licentiate degree in Dogmatic Theology in 1996 and a Doctorate in Fundamental Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1999. He speaks English, Spanish, and Italian, with a working knowledge of the Latin, French, and German languages. Upon his return from Rome, he moved to St. Mary's Seminary in Houston where he served as formation director from 1998 to 2001, and as Rector from 2001 to 2010. During this time he taught at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology and ministered at the Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart. He was the Director of the Secretariat for Clergy Formation and Chaplaincy Services and Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston from 2010-2015. From September 2014 to June 2015 he was the Administrator of St. Joseph Church, Houston.

Throughout his years of service in Houston he was involved with several boards and organizations, which included the National Federation of Priests' Councils; University of St. Thomas; William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies; Paradisus Dei; Anti-Defamation League Coalition of Mutual Respect; Adore Ministries; and Gratia Plena Counseling. He is a Magistral Chaplain of the Order of Malta. He is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. He was the spiritual director of the Houston Senatus of the Legion of Mary, chaplain to the Houston Serra Club and chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Galveston-Houston Chapter. In addition, he was a monthly co-host on A Show of Faith radio show with a Baptist minister and a Rabbi on KNTH 1070 in Houston, a weekly celebrant of Mass for the Missionaries of Charity and a monthly celebrant for Casa Juan Diego during his ministry in Galveston-Houston.

On June 29, 2015, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo ordained Bishop Brendan as the third Bishop of Victoria. Bishop David Fellhauer and Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza were Co-Consecrators. Since becoming the Bishop of Victoria, Bishop Brendan has served as a member of the U. S. Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) Sub-committee on African-American Affairs and as a Consultor for the USCCB's Pro-Life Committee. He joined the Communities of Faith in Victoria with other Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders and has been an active supporter of the Gulf Bend Center Coalition for Mental Health. He serves on the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops' Accreditation Commission (of Catholic schools) and is a Member of the Advisory Board of Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas. He joined the Board of Directors of Catholic Rural Life and accepted to be the Associate

State Chaplain for the Texas Knights of Columbus in 2016. Effective July 1, 2017, he began to serve as the Bishop Promoter for the Apostleship of the Sea in the United States.



## Diocese of Victoria Coat of Arms

The coat of arms of the Diocese of Victoria displays a blue field with a silver cross on which is blazoned a green lighthouse with a gold beacon. In chief, the upper division, on the bearer's right is a gold crescent and on the bearer's left, a red rose.

The gold crescent designates the geographic area of the Gulf Coast, sometimes called the Golden Crescent or the Crescent Valley, in which the Diocese of Victoria is located. The red rose honors Our Lady of Guadalupe, naming her special patroness of the diocese. In displaying these two charges together, the shield recalls the traditional image of Our Lady, in which she is seen standing on a crescent moon, hereby acknowledging her gentle dominion over the people of the crescent diocese.

The field is blue, the color of sky and water, to speak of peace and unity, qualities already attributed to the people, and herein established for the diocese. The cross points to the rich tradition of faith brought to the region by European settlers who landed at Indianola, where the historic lighthouse still stands. The early Germans, Czechs, Polish, Irish and others joined the Mexican people in making faith and love of family life, attributes that abound even today.

Green, the color of hope, designates the lighthouse as a symbol of hope, while the golden beacon of light stands for Jesus, the Light of the World, calling the people to Himself and illuminating their paths through the darkness. Historically, the families of this diocese have produced numerous vocations to the religious and priestly life, including five bishops; the beacon represents this call to the service of Christ in the Church, through religious life and through family life as well. Just as the city of Victoria, the center of the diocese and the episcopal seat, has been called "The Crossroads," so too the cross can be read as a convergence of paths on which the pilgrim people of God travel to meet Christ, their center.



## Bishop Cahill's Coat of Arms

The episcopal heraldic achievement, or bishop's coat of arms (right side), is composed of a shield, that is the central and most important part of the design and tells to whom the design belongs, the external ornamentation, that tells the owner's position or rank, and a motto, placed upon a scroll. By heraldic tradition the design is described (blazoned) as if being done by the bearer with the shield being worn on the arm. Thus, where it applies the terms "sinister" and "dexter" are reversed as the design is viewed from the front. For the bishop of a diocese, known as an Ordinary, his personal arms are joined (impaled) with the arms of his jurisdiction; in this case the Diocese of Victoria.

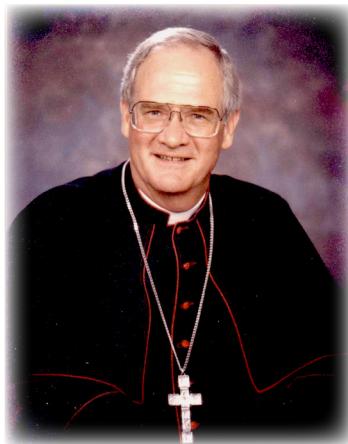
For his personal arms, seen in the dexter impalement (right side) of the design, Bishop Cahill has opted to recognize the heritage of his family, now joined to the Diocese of Victoria.

The upper half of the design is divided into two halves to represent the two branches of the Cahill family. The upper quarter is blue and displays a silver (white) whale and the lower quarter is composed of six triangles in the two alternating colors of green and silver (white). The lower half of the Bishop's design is red and displays a lion rampant, reared up on his hind legs, between two swords, all in silver (white). This represents the Bishop's mother's side of the family, the Dempseys.

For his motto, His Excellency, Bishop Cahill, has adopted the Latin phrase: COR MUNDUM CREA IN ME, DEUS. This phrase, from the 51st Psalm, expresses Bishop Cahill's deep confidence in the mercy of God. St. Augustine wrote that this penitential psalm reminds us that no sin is too great for God to forgive and God's desire is to continually create anew. The phrase prayed every Friday morning in the Liturgy of the Hours, translates in English as "Create in me a clean heart, Oh God."

The achievement is completed with the external ornaments that are a gold (yellow) processional cross, that extends above and below the shield, and a pontifical hat, called a galero, with its six tassels, in three rows, on either side of the shield, all in green. These are the heraldic insignia of a prelate of the rank of bishop by instruction of the Holy See, of March 1969.

## **Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer, Ph.D., J.C.D. Bishop Emeritus**



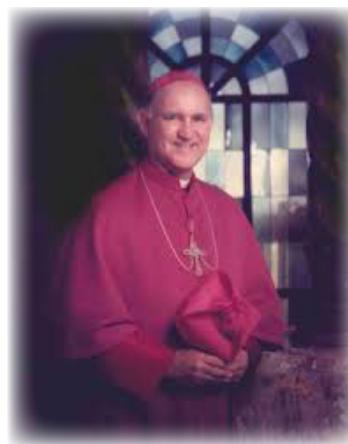
Bishop David E. Fellhauer, Ph.D., J.C.D., was born August 19, 1939, in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Harold E. and Helen R. Frances Fellhauer. Bishop Fellhauer received his early education at St. Agnes School in Kansas City, Kansas and his high school, college and seminary training at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio. Post-ordination studies were at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada where he earned doctorates in canon law and philosophy.

He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Dallas on May 29, 1965. On April 19, 1990, Bishop Fellhauer was named the second bishop for the Diocese of Victoria, at that time he was serving the Diocese of Dallas. He was ordained and installed as bishop on May 28, 1990, at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral.

On April 23, 2015, Pope Francis accepted his resignation.



## **Most Rev. Charles V. Grahmann First Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas**

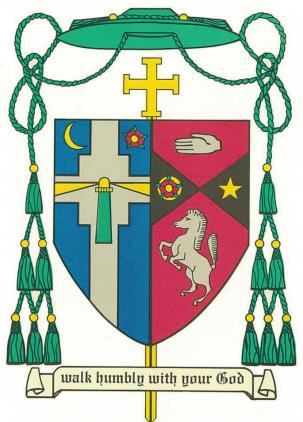


Bishop Charles V. Grahmann, was born on July 15, 1931, in Hallettsville, Texas to the late Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas A. Grahmann. Bishop Grahmann was the fourth child in a family of eleven children. He spent the early years on his life on the farm where his family lived, trying to make a living by cultivating and harvesting the usual crops of cotton and corn.

After graduation from Sacred Heart Elementary School in Hallettsville, he enrolled in St. John's Seminary in San Antonio in 1945. He completed his philosophical and theological studies at Assumption Seminary. On March 17, 1956, he was ordained to the priesthood in San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio. In June 1981, Bishop Grahmann was appointed Titular Bishop of Equilio, Auxiliary to the Arch-bishop of San Antonio.

Bishop Grahmann was consecrated first bishop for the Diocese of Victoria on May 29, 1982 and then on December 19, 1989, Pope John Paul II named Bishop Grahmann as co-adjutor to the bishop of the Diocese of Dallas.

In 2006, Bishop Grahmann celebrated his Triple Jubilee, 25 years as a bishop, 50 years as a priest and his 75th birthday. On his birthday July 15, the bishop submitted his resignation as Bishop of Dallas. Bishop Charles V. Grahmann died on August 14, 2018. Services were held in Dallas, San Antonio and in Hallettsville. He was buried at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Hallettsville.



## About the Chancery Building and Grounds

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The chancery is the administrative seat of diocesan services for the ten-county area that comprises the Diocese of Victoria in Texas. The architecture is meant to speak to us about our roots. Because this area is known as the Cradle of Texas Immigration, the chancery building and grounds are designed to illustrate this fact.

The round form in front, originally an operating fountain, represents the Gulf of Mexico and Pass Cavallo, through which the ships passed to shore. A short distance farther is a lighthouse symbolizing the lighthouse built in 1852, which stands on Matagorda Island. It alerted the ships of the correct passage to the harbor.

The building itself is designed in an architectural style known as Texana, embracing something of every ethnic group.

The principal value that the immigrants brought with them was their faith. The circular chapel behind the building and rising above with its domed, copper roof represents this. Inside the chapel are seven stained glass windows, on which are depicted the stories of this area of Texas, beginning with the presence of the Native Americans, the coming of the missionaries, the wave of European immigration, and the life of the church throughout, to the present moment of people on their journey to the Kingdom.



## **Diocesan Statistics**

Bishop	1
Retired Bishop	1
Diocesan Priests Active in Diocese	46
Diocesan Priests Active Outside the Diocese	1
Religious Priests	0
Retired, Sick or Absent Priests	7
Extern Priests Serving in Diocese	14
Total Permanent Deacons	48
Total Sisters	94
Total Brothers	0
Number of Parishes	51
Number of Missions	15
Diocesan Seminarians	7
Diocesan and Parochial High Schools	2
Total Students	183
Private High Schools	1
Total Students	314
Diocesan, Private and Parochial Elementary Schools	11
Total Students	1,984
CCD High School Students	1,799
CCD Elementary Students	3,908
Baptisms - Infants	795
Baptisms - Adults & Minors	156
Received into Full Communion	97
First Communions	1,077
Confirmations	937
Marriages, Catholic and Interfaith	272
Total Catholics	70,675
Total Population	283,930

As of March 2024

## **Parishes Listed by Deanery**

### **Cuero Deanery**

#### **Very Reverend Roger Hawes, VF**

St. Michael - Cuero  
Our Lady of Guadalupe - Cuero  
Immaculate Conception - Goliad  
Sts. Peter and Paul - Meyersville  
Holy Cross - Yorktown

### **Edna Deanery**

#### **Very Rev. Gregory Korenek, VF**

Holy Cross - Bay City  
Our Lady of Guadalupe - Bay City  
St. Peter - Blessing  
St. Agnes - Edna  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Ganado  
St. Anthony - Palacios  
Our Lady of the Gulf - Port Lavaca  
St. John Bosco - Vanderbilt

### **El Campo Deanery**

#### **Very Reverend Samuel Appiasi, VF**

Holy Cross - East Bernard  
St. Philip the Apostle - El Campo  
St. Robert Bellarmine - El Campo  
St. Andrew - Hillje  
St. John the Baptist - Hungerford  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Nada  
St. John Nepomucene - New Taiton  
Holy Family - Wharton  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Wharton

### **Hallettsville Deanery**

#### **Very Reverend Michael Rother, VF**

Sacred Heart - Hallettsville  
St. John the Baptist - Koerth  
St. Joseph - Moulton  
St. Mary - St. Mary  
Sts. Cyril and Methodius - Shiner  
Queen of Peace - Sweet Home  
St. Joseph - Yoakum

### **Schulenburg Deanery**

#### **Very Reverend Bob Knippenberg, VF**

St. John the Baptist - Ammannsville  
Sts. Cyril and Methodius - Cistern  
St. Anthony - Columbus  
Parish of the Nativity - Eagle Lake  
Sacred Heart - Flatonia  
Sts. Peter and Paul - Frelsburg  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - High Hill  
Holy Rosary - Hostyn  
St. Roch - Mentz  
Sts. Peter and Paul - Plum  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Praha  
St. Rose of Lima - Schulenburg  
St. Michael - Weimar

### **Victoria Deanery**

#### **Very Reverend Gabriel Bentil, VF**

St. Patrick's - Bloomington  
St. Joseph - Inez  
The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory - Victoria  
Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus - Victoria  
Our Lady of Lourdes - Victoria  
Our Lady of Sorrows - Victoria  
St. Mary - Victoria

## **Vicars Forane (Deans)**

### **Cuero Deanery**

Very Reverend Roger Hawes, VF  
Holy Cross Church  
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Yorktown, TX 78164  
361-275-3554

### **Edna Deanery**

Very Reverend Greg Korenek, VF  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
P.O. Box 369  
Ganado, TX 77962  
361-771-3425

### **El Campo Deanery**

Very Reverend Samuel Appiasi, VF  
Holy Family Church  
2011 Briar Lane  
Wharton, TX 77488  
979-532-3593

### **Schulenburg Deanery**

Very Reverend Bob Knippenberg, VF  
Sts. Peter & Paul Church  
1031 Church Lane  
New Ulm, TX 78950  
979-732-3430

### **Hallettsville Deanery**

Very Reverend Michael Rother, VF  
Sacred Heart Church  
PO Box H  
Hallettsville, TX 77964  
361-798-5888

### **Victoria Deanery**

Very Reverend Gabriel Bentil, VF  
Holy Family of Joseph, Mary & Jesus  
Church  
704 Mallette Dr.  
Victoria, TX 77904  
361-573-5304

## **Presbyteral Council**

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“A presbyteral council is to be established in each diocese, that is, a body of priests who are to be like a senate of the bishop, representing the presbyterate; this council is to aid the bishop in the governance of the diocese according to the norm of law, in order that the pastoral welfare of the portion of the people of God entrusted to him may be promoted as effectively as possible.” (Canon 495 §1 of the Code of Canon Law)

### **Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, S.T.D., Bishop**

Very Reverend Jasper Liggio, Vicar General, Ex Officio .....	Consultor
Very Reverend Matthew H. Huehlefeld, J.C.L., Chancellor, Ex Officio .....	Consultor
Very Reverend Charles E. Otsiwah, EV, Ex Officio .....	Episcopal Vicar of Clergy
Very Reverend Jacob Koether.....	Episcopal Vicar of Evangelization/Catechesis
Very Reverend Roger Hawes, VF.....	Dean, Cuero Deanery
Very Reverend Greg Korenek, VF.....	Dean, Edna Deanery
Very Reverend Samuel Appiasi, VF .....	Dean, El Campo Deanery
Very Reverend Michael Rother, VF.....	Dean, Hallettsville Deanery
Very Reverend Robert Knippenberg, VF .....	Dean, Schulenburg Deanery
Very Reverend Gabriel Bentil, VF.....	Dean, Victoria Deanery
Reverend Michael Odartery-Lamptey .....	Cuero Deanery Representative
Reverend Tommy Chen .....	Edna Deanery Representative
Reverend Dalton Ervin .....	El Campo Deanery Representative
Reverend Jacob Mendoza .....	Hallettsville Deanery Representative
Reverend Luke Prihoda .....	Schulenburg Deanery Representative
Reverend Patrick Knippenberg.....	Victoria Deanery Representative
Reverend Kristopher Fuchs .....	Episcopal Appointee
Reverend Nelson Gonzalez .....	Episcopal Appointee

## **College of Consultors**

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“Some priests are to be freely selected by the diocesan bishop from among the members of the Presbyteral Council to constitute a college of consultors; their number is to be not less than six nor more than twelve; the college is established for a five-year term, and is responsible for the functions determined in the law; when the five-year term is over, the college continues to exercise its proper functions until a new college is established.” (Canon 502 §1 of the Code of Canon Law)

### **Very Reverend Jasper Liggio, VG**

### **Very Reverend Charles E. Otsiwah, EV**

Very Reverend Samuel Appiasi, VF  
Very Reverend Gabriel Bentil, VF  
Very Reverend Roger Hawes, VF

### **Very Reverend Matthew H. Huehlefeld, J.C.L., Chancellor**

Very Reverend Michael Rother, VF  
Very Rev. Robert Knippenberg, VF  
Very Reverend Greg Korenek, VF

## **Consultors for Pastors**

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These priests, proposed by the bishop and selected by the Presbyteral Council, following Canon 1742 § 1, sometimes take part in the process of removal or transfer of a pastor, according to the norms of canons 1740 -1752.

Very Reverend Samuel Appiasi, VF  
Reverend Wayne N. Flagg  
Very Reverend Kirby F. Hlavaty

Very Reverend Gregory Korenek, VF  
Reverend Clement M. Quainoo  
Reverend Edward J. Winkler

## **Priests' Personnel Board**

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The bishop alone has the authority to appoint priests to various office and assignments. In carrying out this duty, the bishop is assisted by the diocesan Priests' Personnel Board. This board is made up of ex-officio members and six priests recommended and elected by their brother priests. The board assists the bishop in determining the specific priestly needs of the diocese and its ministers. It also recommends to him the names of these priests most suitable for a particular office. The board oversees the terms of office of priests and works to provide an effective and meaningful priestly ministry to the entire diocese.

**Very Reverend Japser Liggio, Vicar General, Ex Officio**

**Very Reverend Matthew H. Huelefeld, J.C.L., Chancellor**

**Very Reverend Charles Elvis Otsiawah, EV, Vicar for Clergy**

Very Reverend Michael Rother, VF

Very Reverend Roger Hawes, VF

Very Reverend Robert (Bob) Knippenberg, VF

Very Reverend Gabriel Bentil, VF

Very Reverend Greg Korenek, VF

Very Reverend Samuel Appiasi, VF

## **Priests' Pension Board**

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The following are members of the Priests' Pension Board:

Very Reverend Jasper Liggio, VG

Very Reverend Greg Korenek, VF

Very Reverend Robert Knippenberg, VF

Reverend Jacob Mendoza

Reverend Michael Rother

## **Lay Pension Board**

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The following are members of the Lay Employees' Pension Board:

Mr. Billy Macha, Chairman

Mr. Robert Coffey

Mr. Kenny French

Mrs. Lynn Miori

Mrs. Michelle Polasek

# **Diocesan Offices**

## ***Office of the Bishop***

“Through the Holy Spirit who has been given to them, bishops are the successors of the apostles by divine institution; they are constituted pastors within the church so that they are teachers of doctrine, priests of sacred worship and ministers of governance. Bishops are called diocesan when the care of a diocese has been entrusted to them ....” (Canons 375 §1 and 376)

Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, S.T.D., Bishop

Sister Rosario Resendez, OVISS, Executive Assistant  
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## ***Office of Vicar General***

The Office of the Vicar General “assists the diocesan bishop in the governance of the entire diocese and is endowed with ordinary power according to the canons. As a general rule, only one vicar general is appointed unless the size of the diocese, the number of its inhabitants or other pastoral reasons warrant otherwise. In virtue of his office, the vicar general possesses the executive power in the entire diocese which belongs to the diocesan bishop in law, that is, he possesses the power to place all administrative acts with the exception of those which the bishop has reserved to himself or which in law require the special mandate of the bishop.” (Canons 475 §1 and §2 and 479 §1)

Very Reverend Jasper Liggio, Vicar General  
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979-743-3117  
(Rectory - St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg)

## ***Office of the Chancellor***

The Office of the Chancellor is the chief archivist of the diocese, according to the Code of Canon Law. It has traditionally, in the United States, been the principal administrative assistant to the bishop. In virtue of delegated power he carries out much of the canonical and administrative business of the diocese; keeps official records and acts; arranges clergy days, retreats, etc.; issues permissions and dispensations in the name of the bishop.

Very Reverend Matthew H. Huehlefeld, J.C.L., Chancellor  
chancellor@victoriadiocese.org  
Extension 2262

Reverend Ty J. Bazar, Director of Archives

Ms. Brenda Ortmann, Administrative Assistant  
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Extension 2215

## ***Office of the Tribunal***

The Office of the Tribunal is the local court in every diocese set up to hear cases which involve the violation of church law or the rights of the faithful. The judicial vicar is the presiding officer in charge of the diocesan tribunal. The work of all church courts is done under sworn confidentiality and with respect for the privacy of all people.

Very Reverend Matthew H. Huehlefeld, J.C.L.,  
Judicial Vicar – *Officialis*  
361-573-0760 (direct line with voicemail)  
361-827-7176 (Fax)

Very Reverend Greg Korenek, VF  
Associate Judge

Reverend Philip Brune, Auditor

Very Rev. Robert Knippenberg, VF  
Defender of the Bond

Reverend Gabriel Maison, J.C.D.  
Promoter of Justice

Very Reverend Samuel Appiasi, VF  
Advocate  
Reverend Michael Rother  
Advocate

Ms. Brenda Ortmann, Notary

## **Office of Business and Finance (Human Resources and Disaster Relief)**

The Office of Business and Finance administers the temporal goods at the diocese under the authority of the bishop and is responsible for business affairs, accounting, taxes, property insurance, and computer control. It also handles building projects, purchasing and supplies, the annual Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA), legal matters, property management, and diocesan financial planning and records. It is responsible for all aspects of Human Resources for the diocesan level entities. The mission of the Office of Human Resources is to provide assistance to the employees and pastors of the parishes and schools with staffing and employment issues that may arise.

The Facilities / Disaster Relief Services office plays a critical role in both facility management and disaster relief efforts. The role involves handling routine duties for the Chancery office but shifts focus to assisting disaster survivors when necessary. In disaster relief, the office provides support services, acting as an intermediary to connect survivors with necessary resources, offering advocacy, information, and recovery services to help them navigate their situations.

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Extension 2218

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Extension 2210

## **Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)**

The Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) is an annual fundraising campaign that provides virtually all the funds needed for the operation of the diocese.

Chancery Business Office (Coordinators)  
1505 E. Mesquite Lane (P.O. Box 4070)  
Victoria, TX 77901 (77903)  
361-573-0828

## **Building Board**

The Building Board advises the bishop whenever his approval is needed for building projects, renovations and repairs affecting all parish and diocesan properties.

Mr. Edward Martinka, Chairman

### **Members:**

Mr. Anthony Martinez	Mr. John Gehrke
Mr. Mark Miori	Mr. Adam Achttien
Mr. Brad Kocurek	Mr. James Rath

## **Finance Board**

The Diocesan Finance Board has various responsibilities assigned to it by the Code of Canon Law. Depending on the circumstances, the bishop needs its consent or advice as he conducts the financial affairs of the diocese.

### **Members:**

Most Reverend Brendan Cahill	Mr. John Hall
Very Reverend Jasper Liggio, Vicar General	Mr. John Stevenson
Very Rev. Matthew H. Huehlefeld, Chancellor	Mr. Hal Redmon
Mr. Anthony Martinez, Chief Financial Officer	Mr. John Zacek
Mrs. Beatriz Gonzalez	Mr. Glenn Villafranca
Mr. Tim Griffith	
Mr. Mark Westerman	
Mrs. Becky Arriazola	
Deacon Dennis Kutach	

## **Endowment Fund**

Since its founding in 1982, the Catholic Diocese of Victoria has become a vital religious presence. Our diocese consists of people with strong faith, long tradition and cultural pride. Endowment preserves this heritage and ensures our future. Investments made through this fund enable us to anticipate needs and to keep our Catholic schools open. It is managed by the bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas through a seven-member board of advisors composed of professional lay people.

### **Board of Advisors:**

Mr. Robert Easterling	Mrs. Janie Rubio
Mr. John Stevenson	Mr. Mark Westerman
Mr. Tim Michalski	Mrs. Becky Arriazola
Mrs. Martha Sawyers	

## ***Office of Catechetical Ministry, Pastoral Institute, Library and Media Center***

The Office of Catechetical Ministry provides parish catechetical leaders, catechists and others involved in catechetical ministry an opportunity for training, continued formation and assistance through various services listed below.

### ***The Office of Catechetical Ministry offers:***

Organization of Catechetical Leadership, which includes retreats, worships, in-service and a means for networking with other PCLs in the diocese, catechist rallies, The Pastoral Institute (extended, short-term and continuing education programs), the Annual Catholic Conference and numerous workshops and programs that provide opportunities for continuing adult faith enrichment, the diocesan library and media center that houses books and videos on various topics, i.e., scripture, sacraments, liturgy, prayer, etc. The resources are available for checkout and the Catholic Knowledge Bowl, which provides all Catholics a chance to learn more about the faith by offering study questions and an opportunity to form teams to compete in a friendly competition of adults, teens and families.

More information about all the services provided through the catechetical office can be found at:

[www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)

Mrs. Christella (Chris) Alvarez, Director  
[calvarez@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:calvarez@victoriadiocese.org)  
Extension 2225

## ***Victoria Catholic Cemeteries***

The Catholic Cemeteries office provides and maintains a place of burial (ground or mausoleum) under the auspices of the Catholic Church.

To search family genealogy in the Catholic cemeteries in the Diocese of Victoria visit [www.vccms.org](http://www.vccms.org).

Mrs. Debbie Escalante, Manager  
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Mrs. Julie Galvan, Administrative Assistant  
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Extension 2243  
Extension 2210

Cemetery Field Staff: [resurrection1505@gmail.com](mailto:resurrection1505@gmail.com)

## ***Office of Catholic Schools***

The Office of Catholic Schools, directed by the superintendent of schools, is responsible for the general administrative supervision of Catholic schools. The superintendent of schools coordinates the educational programs of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas to provide the highest quality of education according to Catholic tradition and within the framework of diocesan policy.

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Extension 2213



## ***Office of Communications and The Catholic Lighthouse***

The Office of Communications is responsible for internal and external communications; this includes working with local and national media regarding stories or issues involving diocesan entities. The Director of Communications serves as a spokesperson for the diocese, as directed by the bishop. Some responsibilities of the Office of Communications include: the diocesan website, managing social media accounts, publishing the diocesan newspaper (*The Catholic Lighthouse*), the "Weekly Flash" (a weekly newsletter for internal communication) and more.

*The Catholic Lighthouse* is the official newspaper of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas, and is a monthly publication. It contains news covering local, state, national and international Catholic topics. The newspaper is published at:  
Chancery Office  
1505 E. Mesquite Lane  
Victoria, TX 77901

Please send articles or photos for the *Lighthouse* newspaper to: [lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org)

Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill, S.T.D., Publisher

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## ***Office of Evangelization and Catechesis***

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis supports parishes in their efforts to encourage, strengthen, and form families as missionary disciples, so they may be the domestic church they are called to be. The primary support our office provides is in the area of marriage preparation and enrichment. Next, we aim to help mothers and fathers grow in their faith through supporting men's and women's ministries. Lastly, we help stimulate family-based ministries, through which the whole family can grow in faith together.

Very Reverend Jacob Koether  
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Extension 2224

## ***Office of Safe Environment***

The Office of Safe Environment develops and implements programs that strive to create an environment free of abuse, harassment and immoral conduct for all children, youth, and vulnerable persons as they participate in activities and ministries within the church and Catholic School system of the Diocese of Victoria. In addition, the Office of Safe Environment continues to provide training and education to all adults who work with children, youth and vulnerable persons on the recognition, prevention and reporting of abuse as mandated by Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Office of Safe Environment also assists all schools and parishes in ensuring compliance with the diocesan Transportation Policy. As an extension of the Office of Safe Environment, the Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach who aids in the immediate pastoral care of persons who allege to have been sexually abused as minors by clergy or other church personnel is housed within this department.

Mrs. Stephanie Morales, Director  
smorales@victoriadiocese.org  
Extension 2249

Mrs. Valerie Buentello, Exec. Program Assistant  
vbuentello@victoriadiocese.org  
Extension 2270

## ***Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach***

Mrs. Sloane Dolezal  
pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org

To Report Sexual Abuse by Clergy **ONLY**:  
361-827-7186 (direct line)



## ***Office of Hispanic Ministry***

The Office of Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Victoria was created to help Hispanic families grow in holiness by understanding their needs and supporting the development of evangelistic activities that promote a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. The Office of Hispanic Ministry listens and responds to the pastoral needs of the community, working in conjunction with pastors and parish leaders, with the goal of greater participation of the Hispanic community in the life of the Church.

Mr. Aldo Camacho, M.A., Director  
acamacho@victoriadiocese.org  
Extension 2227

## ***Office of Vocations***

The Vocation Office serves as a resource for schools, catechetical programs and pastors within the diocese to aid in vocation awareness and promotion. An appointed group, consisting of clergy, religious and laity, work together as a committee to help in this need for our diocese. The chair of the committee, a diocesan priest, serves as coordinator for meetings as well as organizes and facilitates the office. This approach to vocation awareness and promotion is relatively new to the diocese. Appreciating that vocation work is every priest's responsibility, the office serves as a point of reference for information and direction, as well as a place where a person considering vocation discernment may have one-on-one contact and receive encouragement from the diocesan level.

The office also organizes diocesan activities intended as events to nurture and promote vocation discernment.

Reverend Kristopher Fuchs, Director  
Extension 2228

Ms. Brenda Ortmann, Administrative Assistant  
[bortmann@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:bortmann@victoriadiocese.org)  
Extension 2215

[vocations@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:vocations@victoriadiocese.org)  
361-573-4328

Website: [www.victoriavocations.org](http://www.victoriavocations.org)

## ***Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry***

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to serve parishes and adult parish leaders who foster ministry to, with, by, and for youth within their parishes by providing leadership, advocacy, support, information, sharing and resources; to continue to develop and implement a vision for ministry as outlined in the document from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Renewing the Vision, A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry; to provide opportunities for formation and training of adults who work with youth, and opportunities for formation and development of youth leaders; and to serve as a resource for parishes in the areas of youth and young adult ministry. These goals are accomplished in a variety of ways, such as training youth and adults for work in home parishes; offering the nationally recognized Youth Ministry Certification Program in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Antonio offering training and formation opportunities for young people; and offering collaborative ministry opportunities with other pastoral office of the diocese. Some of the on-going programs of this office include: Abbey Youth Fest, Youth Spectacular, Rocky Mountain High Retreat, Youth Leadership Training, Basic Youth Ministry/Methodology Classes, nationally recognized Youth Ministry Certification Program, Camp David: Junior High Camp and Elementary Camp, Region X Youth Conference, National Catholic Youth Conference, N.E.T. (National Evangelization Team), Discipleship Week, and Parish Level National Evangelization Team Retreats.

Ms. Lydia Whitten, Director  
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Extension 2232



## **Offices not located at the Chancery**

### ***Liturgical Commission***

The Liturgical Commission assists the bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in advancing the liturgical renewal set by the Second Vatican Council. It provides leadership in liturgical preparation and education and works closely with the Pastoral Institute to set training expectations for liturgical ministers.

Mr. Greg Bentz, Director  
gregbentzmusic@gmail.com  
361-275-3554

### ***The Emmaus Center***

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### ***Presidio La Bahia***

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### ***Spiritual Renewal Center***

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### ***Permanent Diaconate Formation***

This office provides information on ministry as a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Victoria. It handles all inquiries, sets curriculum for the formation program, interviews candidates and makes recommendations for ordination.

Deacon Charles J. Glynn,  
Director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate  
2668 Zimmerscheidt Road  
Alleton, TX 78935

cglynn@victoriadiocese.org  
979-253-9616

### ***Permanent Deacons***

The Order of Deacons is the third and lowest degree of the ordained clergy of the Roman Catholic Church. The Order of Bishops and the Order of Priests constitute the other degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Deacons are ordained by the laying on of hands, a tradition handed down from the Apostles, so that through sacramental grace they may effectively fulfill their ministry. Therefore, even from early Apostolic times, the Catholic Church has held the Holy Order of the Diaconate in high honor.

Deacon Eddie Huse, Director of Life and Ministry of the Permanent Diaconate

Holy Family Catholic Church  
704 Mallette Drive  
Victoria, 77904

ehuse@hfccvicrog  
361-573-5304

## ***Spiritual Renewal Center***

718 Gussie Schmidt Road  
Victoria, TX 77905-4303

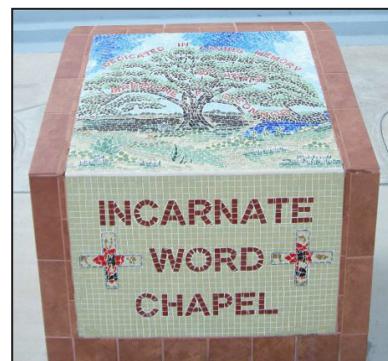
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Mr. Matthew Boyle, Director  
[mboyle@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:mboyle@victoriadiocese.org)  
[src@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:src@victoriadiocese.org)

The Spiritual Renewal Center for the Diocese of Victoria in Texas opened its doors in the fall of 1988. It is located on San Antonio River Road (off Highway 77), approximately 20 miles southwest of Victoria.

The cluster of cedar log buildings includes residence cabins, meeting rooms, a dining room and a chapel. There are 36 private rooms that each has a private bath, and 12 separate dorm rooms with a large common bath.

The facility can accommodate up to 140 people at one time if all beds are used. Many diocesan offices and groups sponsor regularly scheduled retreats Spiritual Renewal Center. When scheduling permits, the center and its staff are also open to specialized retreats and days of recollection, individual retreats and spiritual direction, and meetings for other ecumenical or not-for-profit groups and organizations.



## **“Where Texas history comes alive”**

**<https://www.thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/presidio-la-bahia-state-historic-site>**

Presidio La Bahia, designated a National Historic Landmark, is considered the world's finest example of a Spanish frontier fort. This was the most fought over fort in Texas history, having seen participation in six National Revolutions/Wars for Independence. Spanish, Mexican and Texan soldiers all garrisoned its fortified walls. Here, at the Crossroads of Revolution, was felt almost every attempt to forcibly change the governmental order of Texas.

The fort is the site where Goliad history began. The location of the fort had been an occupied site long before the Spanish arrived in the New World. Strategically located on an elevation overlooking the surrounding area, the Spanish arrived here in 1749 and found evidence of an Indian village in the area they named Santa Dorotea. As permanent settlement by Spain began, the town of La Bahia, (The Bay) grew up around the protection of the fort. This town was the original Goliad.

The presidio was restored in the 1960s through the dedicated generosity of Mrs. Kathryn O'Connor to stand as a lasting memorial alongside its sister shrines the Alamo and San Jacinto. Local artisans supplied the labor for the project and the noted restoration architect, Raiford L. Stripling, directed the project to its completion.

Today it is considered one of the most authentic restoration projects in the United States. A National Historic Landmark, Presidio La Bahia is the only Spanish fort remaining in possession of the Catholic Church in North America. The presidio compound is a self-sustaining private institution, owned by the Diocese of Victoria in Texas and managed by the Texas Historic Commission.

Located 1 mile south of Goliad

For information:

Scott McMahon, Director

217 Loop 71 Highway 183 (P.O. Box 57)

Goliad, TX 77963

361-645-3752

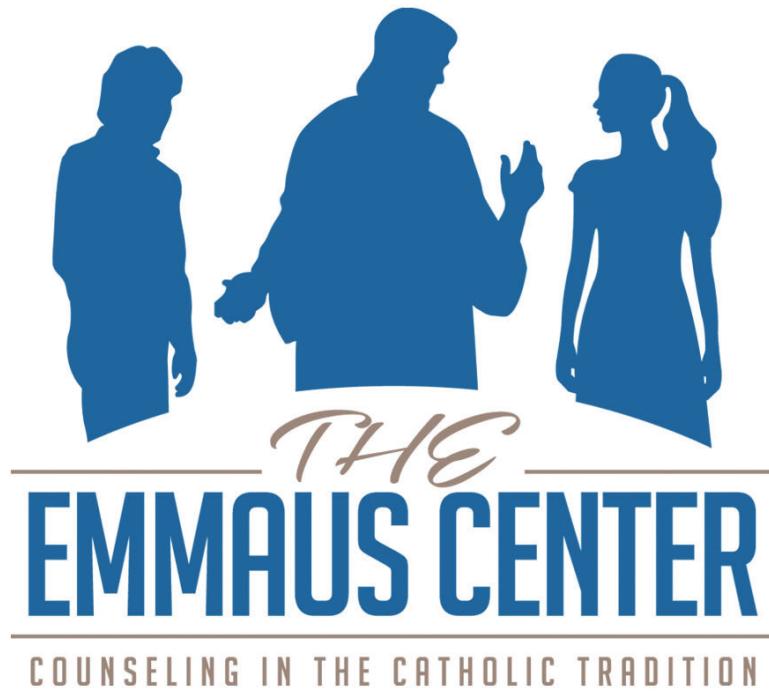
General Information:

[presidiolabahainfo@gmail.com](mailto:presidiolabahainfo@gmail.com)



## ***The Emmaus Center***

*Counseling and spiritual direction in the Catholic tradition*



[www.emmauscounselingcenter.com](http://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com)

Located at 1508 E. Airline Road

Victoria, TX 77901

361-212-0830

Very Rev. Kirby Hlavaty, Executive Director

### ***Counseling:***

The Emmaus Center provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective. The staff includes Licensed Professional Counselors and Registered Interns who devote themselves to assisting those in need regardless of their religious affiliation, gender, race or age. The staff at The Emmaus Center empowers individuals, couples and families, struggling with emotional or relationship issues, to seek a more healthy and Christ-centered place in their lives. They consider it a privilege to be invited into your lives and entrusted with the opportunity to provide professional counseling services to you.

The Emmaus Center offers counseling services including:

- Individual Therapy
- Couples/Marital Therapy
- Family Therapy
- Music Therapy
- Play Therapy

### ***Spiritual Direction:***

Spiritual Direction is a privileged time and place to reflect with another about one's relationship with God. The focus is one's personal life with God, as it is lived out in all of life's experiences. Spiritual Direction is the process of coming home to one's deepest self.

## Chancery Staff Extension

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Alvarez, Christella .....2225  
Buentello, Valerie .....2270  
Cahill, Bishop Brendan .....2216  
Camacho, Aldo .....2227  
Cemeteries.....2233/2243  
Chancellor's Office .....2215  
Cheramie, Ledia.....2252  
Escalante, Debbie.....2233  
Estrada, Bianca .....2246  
Front Desk .....2210  
Fuchs, Reverend Kristopher.....2228  
Galvan, Julie .....2243  
Huehlefeld, Very Reverend Matthew.....2214  
Janak, Regina .....2230  
Jones, Janet .....2231  
Joseph, Jeri .....2219  
Koether, Very Reverend Jacob.....2265  
Martinez, Tony.....2268  
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Resendez, Sr. Rosario.....2216  
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Smalley, Sherry .....2210  
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Whitten, Lydia .....2232  
Whitworth, Robert.....2221

## *Toll free from Victoria*

The following towns in our diocese  
are toll free from Victoria:

Bloomington  
Cuero (277)  
Edna  
Goliad  
Hallettsville  
Inez  
La Salle  
La Ward  
Lolita  
Nordheim  
Palacios  
Shiner  
Sweet Home (741)  
Vanderbilt  
Yorktown

## Chancery Holidays

The chancery building is closed on  
the following holidays/holy days:

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Holy Thursday  
Good Friday  
Easter Monday  
Memorial Day  
Juneteenth  
Fourth of July  
Feast of the Assumption  
Labor Day  
All Saints Day  
Pre-Thanksgiving Day (close at noon)  
Thanksgiving Day  
Friday after Thanksgiving Day  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Christmas through New Year's

Please call the Chancery Office at 361-573-0828  
for exact dates.

## Website

Visit the Diocese of Victoria in Texas Website for more information  
[www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)



Additions and Corrections can be submitted to:  
Office of the Chancellor  
Diocesan Directory  
P.O. Box 4070  
Victoria, TX 77903

Or by email to: Brenda Ortmann  
[bortmann@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:bortmann@victoriadiocese.org)



Oficina de  
Ambiente Seguro      **Office of  
Safe Environment**      Văn phòng Môi  
trường an toàn

### **Child and Vulnerable Adult Reporting Procedures**

If you witness, suspect, or know of child and/or vulnerable adult abuse, **YOU MUST FILE A REPORT WITHIN 48 HOURS!** Contact Civil Authorities: Department of Family and Protective Services, 1-800-252-5400 or [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org)

**If the person is in immediate danger, call 911.**

If an Agent of the Church Is Involved In Alleged Sexual Abuse:

**Step One**— Contact Civil Authorities.

**Step Two**— Contact one of the following:

- Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach, at 361-827-7186 or email [pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org);
- Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria at 361-573-0828; and Written Allegations Should Be Sent To: Office of the Bishop; P. O. Box 4070; Victoria, Texas 77903; **Mark as “Personal and Confidential.”**



PLEDGE TO  
HEAL

### **Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults Is Everyone's RESPONSIBILITY!**

Failure to report is a Class B criminal offense, punishable by a \$2,000 fine, and/or imprisonment up to 180 days.

Failure to report could also subject you to considerable monetary liability in a civil rights action.

### **Procedimientos de reportar abuso para niños y adultos vulnerables**

Si usted nota, sospecha o sabe de abuso de niños o adultos vulnerables, **USTED LO DEBE REPORTAR DENTRO DE 48 HORAS!**  
Contacte las Autoridades Civiles. Departamento de Familia y Servicios de Protección; 1-800-252-5400 o [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org)



**Si la persona está en peligro inmediato, llame al 911.**

Si un Agente de la Iglesia está implicado en abuso sexual alegado:

**Primero**— Contacte a las autoridades civiles.

**Segundo**— Contacte uno de los siguientes:

- La Coordinadora de Cuidado Pastoral Social, al (361) 827-7186 o correo electrónico [pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org);
- Obispo o el Canciller de la Diócesis de Victoria al (361) 573-0828; y Las Alegaciones Escritas Se Pueden Enviar a: Oficina del Obispo; P. O. Box 4070; Victoria, Texas 77903; **Marca “Personal y Confidencial.”**

### **La protección de los niños y adultos vulnerables, es la responsabilidad de todos!**

Fallando a reportar es una ofensa de clase B castigable por una multa de \$2000 y/o el encarcelamiento de hasta 180 días. El fallar a reportar también le podría sujetar a la obligación monetaria considerable en una acción civil de derechos.

### **Thủ tục báo cáo trẻ em và người lớn bị tổn thương**

Nếu bạn chứng kiến, nghi ngờ, hoặc biết trẻ em và / hoặc người lớn bị lạm dụng và tổn thương, **BẠN PHẢI BÁO CÁO TRONG VÒNG 48 GIỜ! ĐỂ TỐ CÁO TRƯỜNG HỢP LẠM DỤNG.** Liên lạc với chính quyền dân sự Bộ về gia đình và dịch vụ bảo vệ 1-800-252-5400 Hoặc [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org)



**Nếu cá nhân đó đang trong tình trạng nguy hiểm: Gọi số 911**

Nếu là nhân viên làm việc cho Giáo Xứ bị cáo buộc lạm dụng:

**Bước Một**— Liên lạc với nhà chức trách dân sự.

**Bước Hai**— Liên lạc với một trong các nơi sau đây

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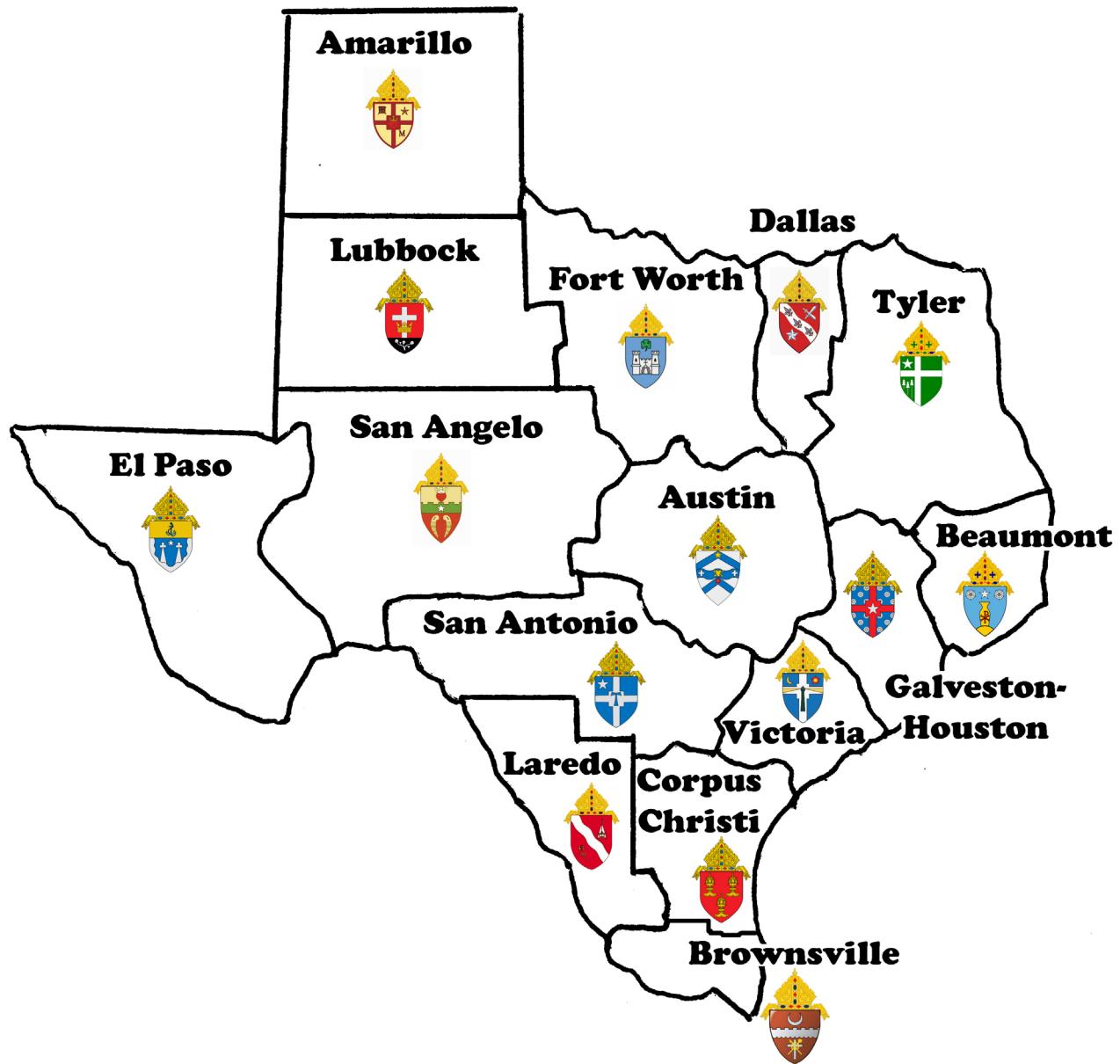
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## Ammannsville (Fayette County)

### *St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*

(FM 1383 off U.S. Hwy. 77)  
7745 Mensik Road  
Schulenburg, TX 78956  
979-743-3117



**Pastor:** Very Reverend Jasper Liggio, VG  
**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Luke Priboda and Reverend Anthony Augustine Owusu-Peprah  
**Secretary:** Mr. Kevin Kana

**Mass Schedule:** *(Subject to change)*  
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

**Confessions:**  
30 minutes before Mass

**Parish Organizations:**  
Parish Council; KJT; KJZT; Altar Society; and Christian Mothers

**Mission:** St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Holman  
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## Early Beginnings: 1870



## Bay City (Matagorda County)

### *Holy Cross Catholic Church*

2001 Katy Avenue  
Bay City, TX 77414  
979-245-6379  
979 464 7761 (FAX)  
hc3\_office@holycrossbaycity.org  
www.holycrossbaycity.org  
Facebook: Holy Cross Catholic Church

#### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday-Thursday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.);  
Friday: 9 a.m. to noon

**Pastor:** Reverend Stephen Vacek  
**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Kevin Knox  
**Receptionist:** Ms. Martha Hurta

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: 5 p.m.  
Wednesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.  
Thursday: 8:15 a.m.  
First Friday and Saturday: Mass and Rosary, 8:15 a.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1850s



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#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday - Tuesday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Wednesday - Friday: 8:45 a.m.-noon

**Parish Organizations:** Altar Society; Altar Servers; CCD; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Resurrection No. 2054; Choir; EOMHC; Fall Festival Committee; Finance Council; Home and School Association; KJZT; KJT; Knights of Columbus Council #3070; Lectors; Men's Ministry; Prayer Groups; RCIA; Sacristans; School Advisory Council; School Foundation; St. Vincent de Paul; Gabriel Project; That Man Is You; Ushers; Women's Ministry

**School:** Holy Cross Elementary, See Page 86

**Mission:** Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wadsworth  
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## Bay City (Matagorda County)

### *Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church*

1412 12th St.

Bay City, TX 77414

979-245-2010

979-245-1038 (FAX)

olg2003@sbcglobal.net

Facebook:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church - Bay City, TX

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; (closed 12:30-1:30 p.m.); Friday: 9:30 a.m.-noon

**Pastor:** Reverend Gabriel Espinosa

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Luan Tran,

Deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez and Deacon Joe Ramos

**DRE:** Reverend Gabriel Espinosa

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m. (English)

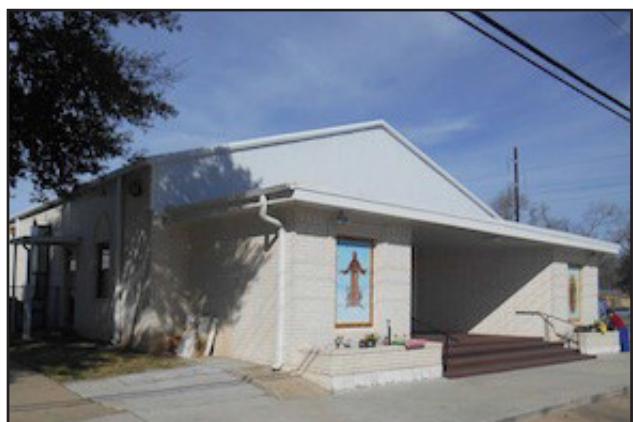
Sunday: 8 a.m. (Spanish); 10 a.m. (English);

12 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday: Tuesday-Friday: 8 a.m.

NOTE: Spanish/English preached at all Masses

## Early Beginnings: 1930s



## Blessing (Matagorda County)

### *St. Peter Catholic Church*

(206 Hickory)

P.O. Box 395

Blessing, TX 77419

361-588-6241 (Office)

361-588-1156 (Rectory)

361-588-1421 (FAX)

stpeterblessing@tisd.net

www.stpeterblessing.org

Facebook: St. Peter's & St. Robert's Catholic Churches,

Blessing & Markham, Texas

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

(closed for lunch)

**Pastor:** Reverend Gabriel J. Mensah

**Secretary:** Mrs. Annette Havel

**DRE:** Mr. Lonnie Bullard

**Assistant DRE:** Mrs. Christine Naiser

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday: 8 a.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1912



#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday 4:30 - 5:50 p.m. or by appointment

#### **Adoration:**

Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

CCD; Guadalupanas; Knights of Columbus Council #4307; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of the Blessings No. 2546; Altar Servers

#### **Mission:**

St. Robert Church, Markham, See Page 49

## Bloomington (Victoria County)

### *St. Patrick's Catholic Church*

(13316 State Hwy. 185)

P.O. Box 2122

Bloomington, TX 77951

361-897-1155

361-897-1064 (FAX)

361-897-1398 (Hall)

(toll free from Victoria)

saintpatricks@triplejreal.com

www.saintpatrickschurch.net

Facebook: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bloomington TX

**Pastor:** Reverend Tran Dinh

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Fred Soto

**Secretary:** Mrs. Jeanne Lange

### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. (Spanish); 10 a.m. (English)

Tuesday-Friday: 8 a.m.

### Early Beginnings: 1949



### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

### **Adoration:**

First Friday 9 a.m.-noon

### **Parish Organizations:**

Guadalupanas Society; Knights of Columbus St. Patrick Council 10751; and Finance Council

## Boling (Wharton County)

### **Mission**

### *St. Joseph Catholic Church*

(Located on 106 Lalla Rookh at FM 442)

Mailing Address:

c/o Holy Family Church

2011 Briar Lane

Wharton, TX 77488

979-532-3593

979-532-2781 (FAX)

**Pastor:** Reverend Samuel Appiasi

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon David Valdez and

Deacon Bruce Turner

**Mission Catechetical Leader:** Mrs. Henrietta Kolar

### Early Beginnings: 1940s



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### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 8 a.m.

### **Confession Schedule:**

Sunday: 7:30-7:50 a.m.

### **Parish Organizations:**

Parish Council

St. Joseph Catholic Church is the Mission Church of Holy Family Catholic Church, Wharton – See Page 67

## Cistern (Fayette County)

### *Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church*

(Located at 113 Manchester St., Cistern, TX 78941)  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 186, Flatonia, TX 78941  
361-865-3568 (Sacred Heart, Flatonia)

Facebook: Sacred Heart Catholic Flatonia Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Cistern

#### **Parochial Administrator:**

Reverend Samuel Kwabena-Owusu

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Frank J. Vocolka and Deacon Timothy Kozelsky

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 8 a.m.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.

#### **Confessions:**

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. or by appointment

#### **Parish Organizations:**

St. Ann Altar Society; Finance Council

#### **Lay Associations:**

KJZT Society No. 20

## Columbus (Colorado County)

### *St. Anthony Catholic Church*

(1602 Bowie Street)  
635 Bonham St. (Parish Office)  
P.O. Box 669  
Columbus, TX 78934  
979-732-2562  
sec.stanthony@gmail.com  
www.stanthonycolumbustx.net  
Facebook: St. Anthony Catholic Church

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Pastor:** Reverend James Dvorak

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Nelson Gonzales

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Bennie Holesovsky, Deacon John Glueck and Deacon Rusty Theut

**Secretaries:** Ms. Tracey Lanham and Mrs. Betty Barton

**Youth Minister:** Ms. Kathryn (Kat) Robinson

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 6 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon (Spanish)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 7:30 a.m. (in Chapel)

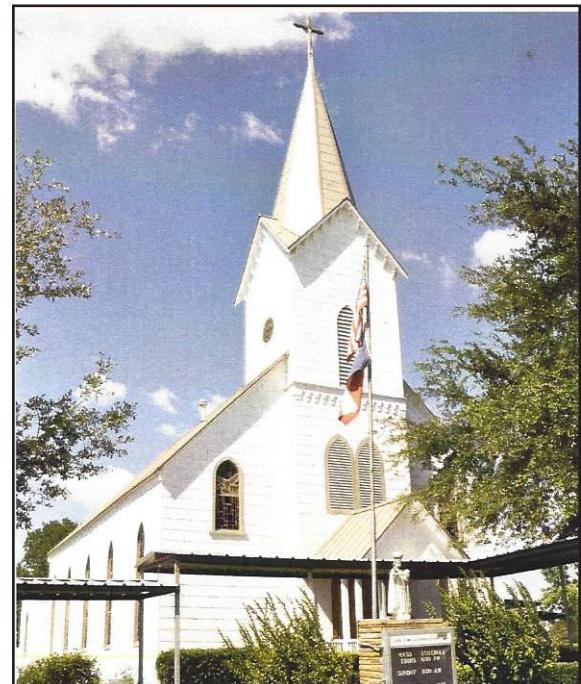
During the school year - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

(15 minutes before weekday Mass)

## Early Beginnings: 1890s



## Early Beginnings: 1854



#### **Adoration:**

24 Hour Adoration begins at 6 p.m. on the Thursday evening before the first Friday of the month.

#### **School:**

St. Anthony's Elementary, See Page 86

## Cuero (De Witt County)

### *Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church*

(707 W. Broadway)  
309 E. Church St. (Mailing address)  
Cuero, TX 77954  
361-275-3554 (Church Office)  
361-275-3135 (Rectory)  
[www.catholiccuero.org](http://www.catholiccuero.org)  
Facebook: Catholic Community of Cuero

#### **Parochial Administrator:**

Reverend Michael Odartey-Lampsey

#### **Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Caleb Krischke

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Leo Sharron and  
Deacon Jimmy Gips

**Business Manager:** Mrs. Teresa Hiles

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Peggy Smith

**Youth Minister/DRE:** Mrs. Tracy Trevino

#### **Mass Times:**

Sunday: 8 a.m., 5 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 8 a.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1920s



#### **Confessions:**

Sunday: 7:15-7:50 a.m., 4:15-4:50 p.m.

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Thursday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

## Cuero (De Witt County)

### *St. Michael Catholic Church*

309 E. Church St.  
Cuero, TX 77954-2906  
361-275-3554 (Church Office)  
361-277-3924 (FAX)  
[stmchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stmchurch@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.catholiccuero.org](http://www.catholiccuero.org)  
Facebook: Catholic Community of Cuero

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - noon

#### **Parochial Administrator:**

Reverend Michael Odartey-Lampsey

#### **Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Caleb Krischke

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Leo Sharron and  
Deacon Jimmy Gips

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Peggy Smith

**Business Administrator:** Mrs. Teresa Hiles

**CCD Coordinator:** Mrs. Tracy Trevino

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m.

Monday: 12:05 p.m.; Tuesday: 6:30 a.m.;

Wednesday: 8:05 a.m.; Thursday: 6:30 a.m.;

First Friday: 8:05 a.m.; Third Tuesday: 3 p.m. at  
Whispering Oaks; Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. at Cuero  
Nursing & Rehab

## Early Beginnings: 1872



#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:45-5:00 p.m.; Wednesday: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Knights of Columbus Council #1682; St. Michael's Altar  
Society; St. Michael's School HSA; and Catholic Daughters  
of the Americas Court St. Michael No. 347

#### **School:**

St. Michael's Elementary, See Page 86

## Dubina (Fayette County) Mission

### *Sts. Cyril and Methodius Diocesan Shrine*

Located at:

4148 FM 1383

Schulenburg, TX 78956

**Pastor:** Reverend Chase Goodman



#### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 9 a.m.

Church is open for tours Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sts. Cyril and Methodius is the mission church of St. Michael Church in Weimar, See Page 64

*Bishop Brendan Cahill formally dedicated Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church as a shrine in the Diocese of Victoria, in Dubina during a on Mass Feb. 14, 2022, on the saints' feast day in the United States.*

## Early Beginnings: 1870s

### Diocesan Shrine



## Eagle Lake (Colorado County)

### *Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church*

(545 South Austin Road)

P.O. Box 307

Eagle Lake, TX 77434

979-234-2842

979-234-5828 (FAX)

nativity1@sbcglobal.net

www.parishofthenativity.org

Facebook (English):

Parish of the Nativity

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.);

Friday, closed

**Pastor:** Reverend Peter Oscar Kofi-Amo

**Secretary:** Mrs. Elida R. Salazar

**Pastoral Musician:** Mrs. Cynthia Sunderman

**Parish Catechetical Leader:** Mrs. Elida R. Salazar,  
elida.salazar@gmail.com

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. (Spanish) and 10 a.m. (English)

Tuesday - Friday: 8 a.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 5-5:45 p.m.

Before weekday Masses or by appointment

## Early Beginnings: 1861



#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Friday, 8:30-10 a.m.

**Parish Organizations:** Knights of Columbus Council Our Lady of Perpetual Help #4843; and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of the Fields No. 2465

#### **Children and Youth Classes:**

1st Communion Classes (every other Wednesday) 5 p.m.

1st and 2nd Year Confirmation Class: Sunday after the 10 a.m. Mass

## East Bernard (Wharton County)

### *Holy Cross Catholic Church*

(839 Church St.)  
P.O. Box 1325  
East Bernard, TX 77435  
979-335-7551, Ext. 2  
979-335-7038 (FAX)  
[office@eastbernardcatholic.org](mailto:office@eastbernardcatholic.org)  
[www.eastbernardcatholic.org](http://www.eastbernardcatholic.org)  
Facebook: Holy Cross Catholic Church

#### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.)

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Charles E. Otsiwhah, EV

#### **Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeping:**

Mrs. Denise Tovar

**Cemetery Administrator:** Mrs. Tammy Triplett  
979-335-7551, Ext. 5

[cemetery@eastbernardcatholic.org](mailto:cemetery@eastbernardcatholic.org)

**Parish Catechetical Leader:** Mrs. Valerie Munoz and  
Mrs. Pamala Youngblood 979-335-7551, Ext. 4  
[faithformation@eastbernardcatholic.org](mailto:faithformation@eastbernardcatholic.org)

## Early Beginnings: 1840



#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. (Spanish)

Tuesday: 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:30 a.m.

#### **Confessions:**

Saturday: 4-4:30 p.m.

#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Thursday: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## Edna (Jackson County)

### *St. Agnes Catholic Church*

506 North Allen St.  
Edna, TX 77957  
361-782-3588 (Rectory)  
361-782-6171 (CCD Office)  
361-782-8827 (FAX)  
(toll free from Victoria)  
[stagnesedna@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stagnesedna@sbcglobal.net)  
[stagnesccd1954@gmail.com](mailto:stagnesccd1954@gmail.com) (CCD Office)  
[www.stagnesedna.org](http://www.stagnesedna.org)

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.)  
Friday: 9 a.m.- noon

**Pastor:** Reverend Michael Petering

**Secretary:** Mrs. Mary Dean Maresh

**CCD Coordinator:** Mrs. Pat Kromka

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 7 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:30 -5:30 p.m. or by appointment

## Early Beginnings: 1880



#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Every third Tuesday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Parish/Finance Committee; CCD Program grades K-12; RCIA; Knights of Columbus Council 3421; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Theresa the Little Flower No. 1350; KJZT Society No. 111; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Liturgical Environment Committee; Youth Group; and Prayer Blanket Ministry

## El Campo (Wharton County)

### *St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church*

304 West Church St.  
El Campo, TX 77437-3317  
979-543-3770  
979-578-8831 (FAX)  
apostle@stphilipapostle.org  
www.stphilipapostle.org  
Facebook: Saint Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.)

**Pastor:** Reverend Dalton Ervin

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Collins Yaw A. Twum

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Jerome Grahmann and  
Deacon Lawrence Hoelscher

**Pastoral Associate:** Mrs. Gwen Edwards

**Receptionist:** Miss Ariana Rodriguez

**Financial Administrator:** Mrs. Leslie Farquhar

**Music Director:** Mrs. Janice Cox

**CCE Coordinator:** Mrs. Allison Van Antwerp

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m.;

Friday School Year: 8:15 a.m.; Friday during summer: 8 a.m.; Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday: 1:30 p.m. at  
Garden Villa Nursing Home

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Wednesday: 4:45 p.m. Also before each weekday Mass, by  
appointment, and seasonal schedule

## Early Beginnings: 1897



#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Perpetual Adoration from Monday morning after 8 a.m.  
Mass to Friday 5 p.m. with Benediction.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Administrative Board; Cemetery Board; Knights of Columbus Council 2490; St. Philip School Advisory Council; PTC; Booster Club; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady Queen of Peace No. 1374; KJT Society No. 84; KJZT Society No. 72; and School Endowment Board

#### **School:** St. Philip Elementary. See Page 86

## El Campo (Wharton County)

### *St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church*

*(Iglesia de San Roberto Belarmino)*

512 Tegner St.

El Campo, TX 77437

979-543-4298

979-541-5399 (FAX)

churchoffice@sanrobertochurch.org

www.sanrobertochurch.org

Facebook: St. Robert's Catholic Church

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
(closed noon-1 p.m.); Friday: 8 am.-noon

**Pastor:** Reverend Philip L. Brune

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Parmenio Florez-Garcia

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Margarito Cervantez, Jr.,  
Deacon Adrian W. Canales and Deacon Franciso Rosas

**Administrative Assistant:** Miss Ana L. Gutierrez

**Shepherdess:** Mrs. Samira Villeda

**Music Director:** Mr. Joseph M. Holik

**Communication:** Mrs. Brandy Flores

**Maintenance:** Mr. Frank Flores

### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. (English)

Sunday: 7 a.m. (Spanish); 9 a.m. (English);

11 a.m. (Spanish); 1 p.m. (Bilingual)

Tuesday: (Spanish) 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: (English) 6 p.m.

Thursday: (Spanish) 6:30 p.m.; Friday: (English) 12:05 p.m.

First Friday: (Spanish) 7 p.m.

### **Confession Schedule:**

Tuesday: 5:30-6:25 p.m.; Friday: 8-9 p.m.

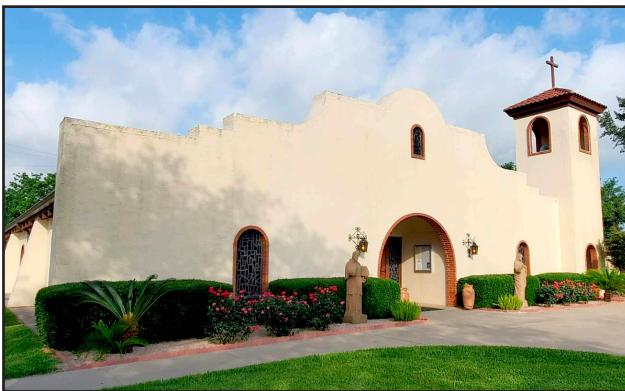
Saturday: 4-5 p.m. or by appointment

### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6:20 p.m.

Friday: 8 p.m. - Saturday 8 a.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1928



### **Parish Ministries:**

Altar Servers; Altar Society; Bereavement Ministry; Bible Family Groups; Discipleship Formation; Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Faith Formation; Grupo de Oración; Homebound Ministry; La Guardia de Honor del Sagrado Corazon; Lectors; Music Ministry; Sacristans; Ministers of Hospitality; Missionaries to the Family; Serra Club; SRB Youth Ministry; That Man Is You; Welcome Home; Witness to Love; Women's Bible Study

### **Parish Organizations:**

Bellarmine Leadership Team; Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #2275; Development Committee; Diaconate Program; Disaster Preparedness Team; English Speaking Ministry; Festival Committee; Festival Raffle Committee; Finance Council; Guadalupanas; Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas; Knights of Columbus, Council #9393; Manna Meals Team; Ministerio Hispano; Parish Endowment Board; Pastoral Council; Santo Nombre de Cristo; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Special Projects; SRB Youth Group; Strategic Planning Team

## Flatonia (Fayette County)

### *Sacred Heart Catholic Church*

(516 South Faires)  
P.O. Box 186  
Flatonia, TX 78941  
361-865-3568  
361-865-2518 (FAX)  
sacredheart186@sbcglobal.net  
www.shscm.org  
Facebook: Sacred Heart Catholic Flatonia Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Cistern

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
(closed noon-1 p.m.)

**Parochial Administrator:**

Reverend Samuel Kwabena-Owusu

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Frank Jay Vocelka and  
Deacon Timothy Kozelsky

**Secretary:** Mrs. Kathy Mladenka

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m.; Wednesday: 6 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m.;

Friday: 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. at Flatonia Health Care Center

## Early Beginnings: 1912



**Confession Schedule:**

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.; Saturday: 3:50-4:50 p.m. or  
by appointment

**Parish Organizations:**

Continuing Catholic Formation (CCF)-Youth and Adults;  
Finance Council; Liturgy Committee; Pastoral Council;  
Sacred Heart Cemetery Association

**Lay Associations:**

Flatonia Knights of Columbus Council #3295; Catholic  
Daughters of the Americas Court Sacred Heart of Mother

## **Frelsburg (Colorado County)**

### ***Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church***

1031 Church Lane (FM Road 109 at Church Lane)  
New Ulm, TX 78950-5127  
979-732-3430  
office@peterandpaulparish.com  
www.peterandpaulparish.com  
Facebook: StsPeterAndPaulFrelsburg

**Office Hours:** Tuesday & Wednesday: 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.;  
Thursday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Robert E. (Bob) Knippenberg, VF  
**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Dwain Dungen  
**Office Manager/Bookkeeper:** Mrs. Nancy Nelson  
**Youth Minister:** Ms. Katherine Robinson  
**PCL:** Mrs. Sandra Dusek

### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 6 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 p.m. (*Missale Romanum* of 1962)  
Tuesday & Thursday: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday & Friday: 8 a.m.  
First Saturday: 8 a.m.

### **Confessions:**

30 minutes before each Mass

### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

First Fridays: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., with Benediction at  
6 p.m. followed by Communion Service

## **Early Beginnings: 1830s**



**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**  
**(with Chaplet of Divine Mercy)**  
Second Tuesday each month: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### **Parish Organizations:**

St. Ann Altar Society; Knights of Columbus Council #5157;  
Choir; Annual Parish Festival- 1st Sunday of August each year

## Ganado (Jackson County)

### *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

(108 S. Sixth St.)  
P.O. Box 369  
Ganado, TX 77962-0369  
361-771-3425  
361-771-3526 (FAX)  
churchoffice@abvmganado.org  
www.abvmganado.org  
Facebook: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(closed noon-1 p.m.); Friday: 8 a.m. - noon

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Greg Korenek, VF

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Anthony Hensley and Deacon Kevin Pettrash

**Secretary:** Mrs. Karen Klaus

**Youth Minister:** Mrs. Terri Sulak

**Director of Religious Education:** Mrs. Terri Sulak

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8 a.m.

Wednesday: 6 p.m.

First Monday of the Month: 10 a.m. Ganado Nursing & Rehab Center

## Early Beginnings: 1870



#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4-4:45 p.m.

Sunday: 8:45-9:15 a.m.

#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

First Monday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Alberta No. 1381; Knights of Columbus Father Francis Havel Council #3204; Guadalupana Society; KJT Society #71; KJZT Society #43; Catholic Life Insurance Branch #97; ACTS; and Matthew 25 Ministry

## Goliad (Goliad County)

### *Immaculate Conception Catholic Church*

238 N. Commercial St.  
Goliad, TX 77963  
361-645-3095  
361-645-3097 (FAX)  
(toll free from Victoria)  
office@goliadcatholic.org  
www.goliadcatholic.org

**Office Hours:** Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Pastor:** Reverend Ty Bazar

**Safe Environment:** Mr. Michael Debo

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 6 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8 a.m.; Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 5-5:45 p.m. or by appointment

## Early Beginnings: 1890s



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#### **Parish Organizations:**

St. Margaret Mary Society; Knights of Columbus Council #7512; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of Loreto No. 2386; and Crafty Quilters

#### **Chapel:**

Our Lady of Loreto Chapel, La Bahia

**Mass:** Sunday at 5 p.m.

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## Hallettsville (Lavaca County)

### **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

(400 E. Fifth St.)  
P.O. Box H  
Hallettsville, TX 77964  
361-798-5888  
361-798-4970 (FAX)  
(toll free from Victoria)  
[rectory@shcatholicchurch.org](mailto:rectory@shcatholicchurch.org)  
[www.shcatholicchurch.org](http://www.shcatholicchurch.org)  
Facebook:  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Hallettsville, Texas

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Pastor:** Reverend Michael Rother

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Christopher K. Bediako and Reverend Shane Goertz

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Linard Harper, Deacon Michael Tankersley, Deacon Joseph

“Joey” Targac and Deacon Lution (Lu) Hill

**Administrative Assistants:** Mrs. Rita Chase, Mrs. Jackie Pettus, and Mrs. Mary Ventura

**DRE:** Mrs. Stacy Goodwyne

### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Last Sunday: (Spanish) 5 p.m.

(Sunday, 8 a.m. on the radio 94.3 KYKM and Facebook)

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday: 8:05 a.m.

Monday: 10 a.m. at Hallettsville Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

Thursday: 10 a.m. at Stevens Nursing Center

### **Confession Schedule:**

Wednesdays: 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 4 - 5 p.m.

### **Early Beginnings: 1870s**



### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Sunday 6 p.m. to Friday 6 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel

First Friday: Adoration begins on Thursday 6 p.m. and continues through Friday 6 p.m. in the Church

### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society; Knights of Columbus Council #2433; KJZT No. 2; Christian Mothers; KJT; Padre Pio Vocation Club; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Sacred Heart No. 797; Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas; Pastoral Advisory Council; Finance Council; ACTS Retreat Community; Altar Servers; Youth Group; Quilting Circle; Bereavement Committee; Cemetery Committee and Patriotic Rosary Group

### **School:**

Sacred Heart Elementary, See page 86

Sacred Heart High School, See page 87

### **Missions:**

Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church, Moravia

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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, St. John

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## High Hill (Fayette County)

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
(*St. Mary Church*)  
(FM 2672 off Interstate Hwy. 10)  
2833 FM 2672  
Schulenburg, TX 78956  
979-561-8455 or 979-743-3117



**Pastor:** Very Reverend Jasper Liggio, VG  
**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Luke Priboda and Reverend Anthony Augustine Owusu-Peprah  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Joyce Dittrich

### Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.

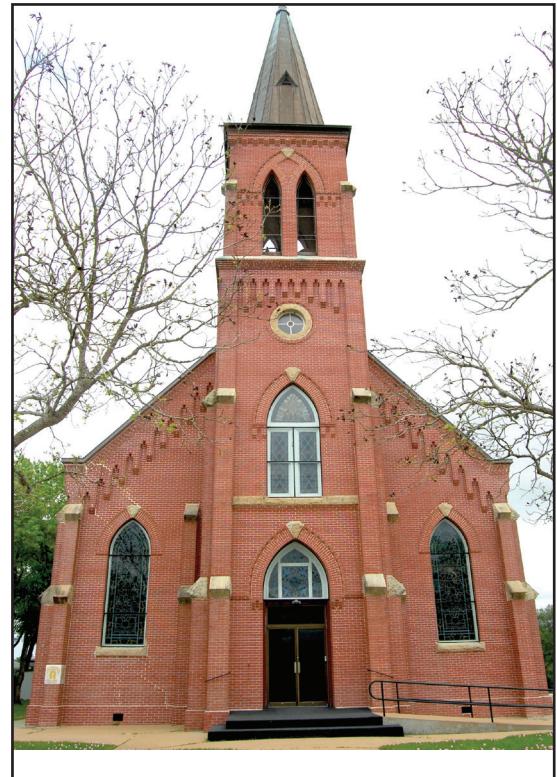
### Confession Schedule:

Before each Mass

### Parish Organizations:

Parish Council; St. Joseph Society; St. Ann's Society; Altar Society; and Catholic State League

## Early Beginnings: 1860



## Hillje (Wharton County)

*St. Andrew Catholic Church*  
(U.S. Hwy. 59)  
270 St. Andrew St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
979-648-2864  
979-648-2024 (FAX)  
office@standrewhillje.org  
www.standrewhillje.org  
Facebook: St Andrew Catholic Church

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Pastor:** Reverend Wayne Flagg

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Natalie Sabrsula

**PCL:** Mrs. Stephanie Garrett

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m.

Tuesday: 9: a.m. at the Czech Catholic Home

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8 a.m.

### Confession Schedule:

Saturday: 5-5:30 p.m. and First Saturday: 7:30 a.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1897



### Parish Organization:

Parish Council; Finance Council; Altar Society; Knights of Columbus Council #9394; CCD; Choir; KJZT; KJT; and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of Divine Clemency No. 2385

### Mission:

St. Procopius Catholic Church, Louise, See Page 48

## **Hochheim (De Witt County) Mission**

*St. Ann Catholic Church*  
(4162 State Hwy. 111 West)  
[www.stjcatholicchurch.com](http://www.stjcatholicchurch.com)

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Matthew H. Huchlefeld, J.C.L.

**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday: 7 a.m.

**Parish Organizations:**  
St. Ann KJZT Society No. 37 and St. Ann Cemetery Committee

St. Ann Catholic Church is the Mission Church of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Yoakum – See Page 68

### **Early Beginnings: 1836**



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## **Holman (Fayette County) Mission**

*St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church*  
9937 FM 155  
La Grange, TX 78945  
979-743-3117

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Jasper Liggio, VG  
**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Luke Priboda and Reverend Anthony Augustine Owusu-Peprah  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Barbara Brandt

**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

**Confession Schedule:**  
30 minutes before Mass

### **Early Beginnings: 1880s**



**Parish Organizations:**  
Altar Society; Christian Mothers; KJT; and KJZT

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church is the Mission Church of St. John Catholic Church, Ammannsville – See Page 30

## Hostyn (Fayette County)

### *Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church*

(6 miles south of La Grange)

936 FM 2436

La Grange, TX 78945

979-247-4441

979-247-5008 (FAX)

hostynch@cvctx.com

www.HostynPlumCatholic.org

Facebook:

Queen of the Holy Rosary-Hostyn / Sts. Peter & Paul-  
Plum Catholic Churches

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to noon

**Pastor:** Reverend Edward (Eddie) Winkler

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Paul Appiah-Otchere

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon John McCourt (retired)

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Roxann Redding

**PCL/SE Coordinator:** Mrs. Mary Lou Anderle

**Youth Minister:** Mrs. Lisa Muras

**K-5 Religious Ed Coordinator:** Mrs. Catilin Urban

**Parish Caretaker:** Mr. Miguel Rios

## Early Beginnings: 1831



### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m.

Monday: 7 a.m.; Wednesday: 11:30 a.m.

Friday: 11 a.m. at Monument Hill Nursing Center

**Evening Prayer:** Wednesday: 5:30 p.m., followed by  
Benediction

### **Confession Schedule:**

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

### **Parish Organizations:**

CREW; Youth Choir; Parish Choir; Knights of Columbus  
Council 2574 (La Grange); Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Court Queen of the Holy Rosary No. 2282; Confraternity  
of Christian Mothers; KJZT No. 23; and KJT No. 3

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## Hungerford (Wharton County)

### *St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*

(8014 Church St.)

P.O. Box 121

Hungerford, TX 77448

979-532-4747 (Office)

979-533-9910 (Rector)

stjohnhungerford@gmail.com

<https://pqxdxa.sites.ecatholic.com/>

Facebook: St. John Catholic Church

### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Pastor:** Reverend Charles O. Dwomoh

**Secretary:** Mrs. Karen Ryman

**Bookkeeper:** Miss Darlene Munoz

**Catechetical Coordinator:** Mrs. Jana Krenek

**Religious Ed. Coordinators:** Mrs. Jana Krenek and  
Mrs. Theresa Krenek

**Safe Environment Coordinators:** Mrs. Inez Kucera  
and Mrs. Karen Ryman

**Bereavement Coordinators:** Mr. Frank Miculka and  
Mrs. Karen Jedlicka

**Music Director:** Mrs. Nancy Strouhal Macha

**Property Manager:** Mr. Gary Ryman

## Early Beginnings: 1916



### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.

### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 3:20-3:45 p.m. or by appointment

### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Wednesday: 4:45-5:45 p.m.

### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society; Financial Council; Parish Choir; KJT Society;  
Bereavement Ministry

## Inez (Victoria County)

### **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

(33 Church St.) – shipping address  
P.O. Box 337  
Inez, TX 77968  
361-782-3181 (Office )  
361-781-0459 (Rectory)  
(toll free from Victoria)  
office@stjosephinez.org (Church e-mail)  
ccd@stjosephinez.org (CCD)  
marthan60@hotmail.com (Safe Environment)  
<http://stjosephinez.org>

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Friday: Closed

**Pastor:** Reverend Barnabas Kyeah

**Parish Catechetical Leader:** Mrs. Charlotte Bethke

**Safe Environment Coordinator:** Mrs. Martha Nichols

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Tuesday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment

#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

First Friday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Early Beginnings: 1858**



#### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Servers; Altar Society; Bible Study Group; Building Board; CCD; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Joseph Protector of Mary No. 2475; Finance Council; Knights of Columbus Council #11351; and Parish Pastoral Council

#### **Additional Address Information:**

17 Church St. – Church Physical Address

32 Church St. – CCD Education Center/Church Hall

33 Church St. – Rectory Physical Address

## Koerth (Lavaca County)

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
(13202 FM Road 531, Hallettsville, 77964)  
P.O. Box 201  
Sweet Home, TX 77987  
361-741-3206  
(toll free from Victoria)  
[www.qpcatholicchurch.com](http://www.qpcatholicchurch.com)  
Facebook:  
Queen of Peace Catholic Church/St. John the Baptist

**Pastor:** Reverend Dominic Antwi-Boasiako  
**Secretary/Safe Environment:** Mrs. Jocelyn Bolom  
**Faith Formation:** Mrs. Amanda Monk  
**Cemetery:** Mr. Mark Wick

**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday: 9 a.m.

**Parish Organizations:**  
KJZT No. 12, St. Ludmila; Knights of Columbus Council #2433 (Hallettsville)

## Early Beginnings: 1833



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## La Bahia (Goliad County) Chapel

*Our Lady of Loreto Chapel*  
(Located on U.S. Hwy. 183)

**Pastor:** Reverend Ty J. Bazar

**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday: 5 p.m.

Our Lady of Loreto is the Chapel of  
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Goliad  
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## Early Beginnings: 1700s



## **La Salle (Jackson County) Mission**

**St. Theresa Catholic Church**  
(4612 County Road 325)  
P.O. Box 337  
Vanderbilt, TX 77991  
sjbchurch@tisd.net

**Pastor:** Reverend Johnson Owusu-Boateng

### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 4 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday: 8 a.m.

### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 3:30- 3:50 p.m.

## **Early Beginnings: 1913**



### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society; Cemetery Committee; Adult Choir; CCD; Finance Council; and Altar Servers

St. Theresa Catholic Church is the Mission Church of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Vanderbilt, See Page 61

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## **Louise (Wharton County) Mission**

**St. Procopius Catholic Church**  
(Located at 814 Elm St.)

**Pastor:** Reverend Wayne Flagg

### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 8 a.m.  
Wednesday: 6 p.m.

### **Confession Schedule:**

Call the rectory or go to St. Andrew Church, Hillje on Saturday from 5-5:30 p.m.

### **Parish Organizations:**

Parish Council; Finance Council; Altar Society; Knights of Columbus Council 9394; CCD; Choir; KJZT; KJT; KJT Youth Group; and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of Divine Clemency No. 2385

St. Procopius Catholic Church is the Mission Church of St. Andrew Catholic Church, Hillje – See Page 43

## **Early Beginnings: 1944**



## **Markham (Matagorda County) Mission**

### ***St. Robert Catholic Church***

(Located on FM Road 1468 off S. Hwy. 35)

Facebook: St. Peter's & St. Robert's Catholic Churches, Blessing & Markham, Texas

**Pastor:** Reverend Gabriel J. Mensah

### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 8 a.m.

### **Confession Schedule:**

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.

St. Robert Catholic Church is the Mission Church of St. Peter Catholic Church, Blessing – See Page 31

## **Early Beginnings: 1960s**



## **Mentz (Colorado County)**

### ***St. Roch Catholic Church***

1600 Frelsburg Road  
Alleyton, TX 78935  
979-732-3460  
hannah@saintrochparish.org  
www.saintrochparish.org  
Facebook: Saint Roch Mentz

**Office Hours:** Monday and Thursday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Pastor:** Reverend James Dvorak

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Nelson Gonzalez

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Chuck Glynn, Deacon Doug Tromblee and Deacon Andrew Nummaker, III

**Office Manager:** Mrs. Hannah Pilat

**Youth Minister:** Ms. Katherine Robinson

### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m.

Thursday: 5:30 p.m.

### **Confessions:**

Thursday: 5-5:20 p.m.

Saturday: 3-3:45 p.m.

## **Early Beginnings: 1850**



### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

2nd Thursday of each month, 6-7 p.m.

### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society; Knights of Columbus Council No. 10249; and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Roch of Mentz No. 2328; Annual picnic first Sunday in October

## Meyersville (De Witt County)

### **Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church**

11220 FM 237  
Meyersville, TX 77974  
361-275-3868  
361-277-8972 (FAX)  
stspp@gvec.net  
www.stspeterpaulaloysius.org  
Facebook: Catholic Community of Cuero

**Office Hours:** Tuesday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-noon

**Parochial Administrator:** Reverend Richard Bediako  
**Secretary:** Mrs. LaVern Dentler

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 7 p.m.  
Sunday: 10 a.m.  
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. (Except during Lent 7 a.m.)  
Friday: 9:30 a.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 6:30 - 6:50 p.m.  
First Friday: 8:30 a.m. or by appointment

## Early Beginnings: 1846



#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Adoration on Friday at 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society; DeWitt County Gabriel Project; and Knights of Columbus Council 13010

#### **Mission:**

St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Westhoff  
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## Moravia (Lavaca County)

### **Mission**

#### **Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church**

(11134 FM 957, Schulenburg, TX 78956)  
P.O. Box H  
Hallettsville, TX 77964  
361-798-5888  
(toll free from Victoria)

**Pastor:** Reverend Michael Rother

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Christopher K. Bediako and Reverend Shane Goertz

**Administrative Assistants:** Mrs. Dorothy Berger, Mrs. Arlene Becan, Mrs. Mary and Mr. Robert Kendall

**DRE:** Mrs. Dana Daughtry

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 6 p.m. (on 1st, 3rd and 5th)  
Sunday: 10 a.m. (on 2nd and 4th)

#### **Confession Schedule:**

30 minutes before each Mass

## Early Beginnings: 1872



#### **Parish Organizations:**

Pastoral Advisory Council; Altar Society; KJT; KJZT; CCD; Building Committee; Cemetery Committee; and Altar Servers

Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church is the Mission Church of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hallettsville  
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## Moulton (Lavaca County)

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
(601 N. Pecan St.)  
P.O. Box 399  
Moulton, TX 77975  
361-596-4674 (Rectory/Parish Office)  
361-596-7559 (Parish Hall)  
361-596-4826(FAX)  
st\_joe@gvec.net  
www.stjosephsmoulton.org  
Facebook:  
St Joseph's & St Mary's – Moulton/Praha, TX

### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Pastor:** Reverend Gabriel Maison

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck

**Administrative Assistant:** Ms. Mary Lou Dierschke

**Office Asst./Safe Environment:** Ms. Sofia Martinez

**CCD Coordinator:** Ms. Donna Perez

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday - Friday: 8 a.m.

Thursday (at Praha): 4:30 p.m.

1st Thursdays: 10:30 a.m. at Shady Oaks Nursing Home

## Early Beginnings: 1888



### Confessions:

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha - Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.

Fridays: After the 8 a.m. Mass (Family Room, Moulton)

Thursdays: After the 4:30 p.m. Mass (Praha)

### Deanery Penance Service:

Advent and Lent

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fridays after Mass during Lent

### Parish Organizations:

Christian Mothers, Knights of Columbus Council 3244, St. Joseph's Society, Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Father Joseph Kopp No. 2018, KJZT No. 14, KJT No. 38, and St. Joseph Altar Society

### CCD:

K- 8th Grades, Sunday morning after Mass.

9th- 11th Grades, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

## Nada (Colorado County )

### *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

(*St. Mary*)

(1261 Old Nada Road)

P.O. Box 97

Nada, TX 77460

979-758-3218

stmarynadaparish@gmail.com

www.nbvmnada.org

Facebook:

St. Mary's Catholic Church Nada

**Pastor:** Reverend Peter K. Yeboah-Amanfo

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Dustin Leopold

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Susan Popp

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Tuesday-Friday: 8 a.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:30-4:50 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30-9:50 a.m.

Tuesday-Friday: 7:30-7:50 a.m.

#### **Perpetual Adoration:**

Monday: 8 a.m.-Wednesday 6 p.m.

#### **Devotions:**

Rosary devotions every Monday at 6 p.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1881



#### **Parish Organizations:**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of the Rosary No. 1595, Knights of Columbus Barnabas Held Council 3371, Christian Mothers Society, KJT No. 34, KJZT No. 17, Catholic Life Branch No. 15, CCE Program, Finance Council, Prayer Group, Pastoral Council, Liturgical Committee

## New Taiton (Wharton County)

**St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church**  
(Off of FM 961)  
1843 County Road 469  
El Campo, TX 77437  
979-543-6985  
979-543-3434 (Fax)  
[saintjohnchurch@outlook.com](mailto:saintjohnchurch@outlook.com)  
[www.newtaitoncatholic.org](http://www.newtaitoncatholic.org)  
Facebook:  
St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church - New Taiton

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; (closed noon-1 p.m.)

**Pastor:** Reverend Gabriel Oduro Tawiah

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Edward Wendel  
and Deacon Pat Kubala

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Karen Zapalac

**DRE:** Mrs. Diann Srbabar

**Music Director:** Mr. Chris Merta

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday-Friday: 7 a.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1893



## Nordheim (De Witt County) Mission

**St. Ann Catholic Church**

Located at Oak St. and 3rd Ave. (Off Hwy. 72 West)

<https://holycrossyorktown.net/mission-st-ann>

St. Ann Catholic Church is the mission church of  
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Yorktown – Page 69

## Early Beginnings: 1922



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## Palacios (Matagorda County)

### *St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church*

(1004 Magnusson)  
P.O. Box 900  
Palacios, TX 77465  
361-972-2446  
361-972-2606 (FAX)  
pasaop@yahoo.com  
www.stanthonypalacios.org  
Facebook: Saint Anthony Of Padua Catholic Church

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; (closed noon-1 p.m.)

**Parochial Administrator:** Reverend Eliecer Patino

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Michael Vieira (Retired)

**Secretary:** Mrs. Sylvia Alanis

**Religious Education Coordinator:** Ms. Brandi West

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 6 p.m. (English)

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. (English); 11 a.m. (Spanish)

Monday: 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday: 8 a.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 5-5:45 p.m. or by appointment

## Early Beginnings: 1912

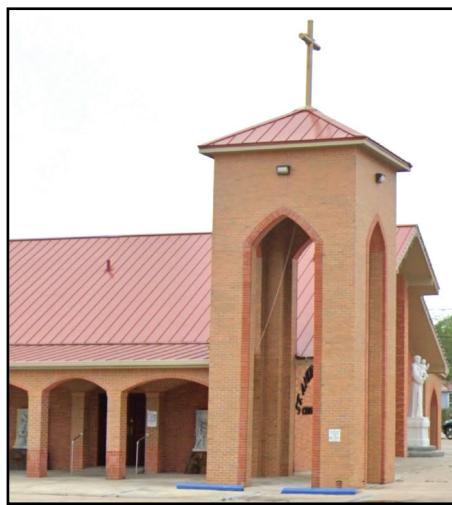


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#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Thursday: 7-8 p.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Finance Council; Religious Education; Adult Religious Education; Youth Ministry; Bereavement Ministry; Knights of Columbus Council 6889; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of the Sea No. 2133; KJZT; and Spanish Prayer Group

## Palacios (Matagorda County)

### **Our Lady of Lavang (Quasi Parish)**

(Formerly Assumption Chapel)

100 Vietnam St.

Palacios, TX 77465

361-660-8590

lavangpalacios.org

**Pastor:** Reverend Dominic Trung Nguyen

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 8 a.m. (Vietnamese)

Weekdays: 5 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. (winter); 6 p.m. (summer)

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Before Mass

## Early Beginnings : 1976



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## Plum (Fayette County )

### **Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church**

(126 Plum Church Road, La Grange, TX 78945)

Mailing Address:

c/o Holy Rosary Church

936 FM 2436

La Grange, TX 78945

979-247-4441 (Holy Rosary Church, Hostyn)

979-247-5008 (FAX)

[www.HostynPlumCatholic.org](http://www.HostynPlumCatholic.org)

Facebook:

Queen of the Holy Rosary-Hostyn / Sts. Peter & Paul-Plum Catholic Churches

**Pastor:** Reverend Edward (Eddie) Winkler

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Paul Appiah-Otchere

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Roxann Redding

**PCL/SE Coordinator:** Mrs. Mary Lou Anderle

**Youth Minister:** Mrs. Lisa Muras

**K-5 Religious Ed Coordinator:** Mrs. Catilin Urban

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 10 a.m.

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.; Thursday & Friday: 12:15 p.m.

First Saturday: 9:15 a.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1890



**Evening Prayer:** Friday: 5:30 p.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Friday: 6 - 6:30 p.m.; Saturday: 10 - 11 a.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society; CREW; Youth Choir, Parish Choir; Knights of Columbus Council 2574 (La Grange); and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court No. 1962 (La Grange)

## Point Comfort (Calhoun County)

### **Mission**

#### **St. Ann Catholic Church**

(700 Lamar St.)

361-552-6140

361-552-4300 (FAX)

Mailing Address:

415 W. Austin St.

Port Lavaca, TX 77979

[olg@olgulf.org](mailto:olg@olgulf.org)

[www.olgulf.org](http://www.olgulf.org)

**Pastor:** Reverend Tommy Chen

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Derek Acquah

**Coordinator of Religious Education:**

Mrs. Carolyn Brogger

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Friday: 5:30 p.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society

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## Early Beginnings: 1948



## Port Lavaca (Calhoun County )

### *Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church*

415 W. Austin St.  
Port Lavaca, TX 77979  
361-552-6140  
361-552-4300 (FAX)  
(toll free from Victoria)  
olg@olgulf.org  
www.olgulf.org  
Facebook: Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.  
Friday: Closed

**Pastor:** Reverend Tommy Chen

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Derek Acquah

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Nazario Hernandez and  
Deacon John Durant

**Business Manager:** Mr. Tim Dent

**Bookkeeper:** Mrs. Stella Dugan

**Secretary:** Ms. Helen Morales

#### **Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry:**

Mrs. Linda Beard - 361-552-6140, Ext. 106

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon (Spanish)  
Monday-Friday: 8:05 a.m.  
First Friday at Port Lavaca Nursing and Rehab  
Center: 10 a.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4-5 p.m. or by appointment

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

First Friday, after the 8:05 a.m. Mass until 12:30 p.m.  
Every Wednesday 3-8:30 p.m.

## Early Beginnings: Mid-1800s



#### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court No. 2267; Knights of Columbus Council No. 3253; Altar Servers; Pan de Vida Choir; Jesu Caritas; Spanish Prayer Group; RCIA; Finance Council; OLG Catholic School HSA; and Youth Ministry

#### **Missions:**

St. Ann Catholic Church, Point Comfort  
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St. Joseph Catholic Church, Port O'Connor  
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St. Patrick Catholic Church, Seadrift  
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#### **School:**

Our Lady of the Gulf School  
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#### **Convent:**

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#### **St. Jude Hall:**

300 W. Austin St.

## Port O'Connor (Calhoun County) Mission

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
(101 N. Washington St.)  
Port O'Connor, TX 77982  
Mailing Address:  
415 W. Austin St.  
Port Lavaca, TX 77979  
olg@olgulf.org  
www.olgulf.org

**Pastor:** Reverend Tommy Chen  
**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Derek Acquah

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1914



**Confession Schedule:**  
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church is a Mission Church of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Port Lavaca, See Page 56

## Praha (Fayette County)

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church*  
**(St. Mary Church)**  
(off U.S. Hwy. 90)  
821 FM 1295  
Flatonia, TX 78941-5016  
361-596-4674  
www.stmaryspraha.org  
Facebook:  
St Joseph's & St Mary's – Moulton/Praha, TX



**Parochial Admin.:** Reverend Gabriel Maison  
**Administrative Assistant:** Ms. Mary Lou Dierschke  
**Office Asst./ Safe Environment:** Ms. Sofia Martinez  
**CCD Coordinator:** Mrs. Staci MacDonald

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8 a.m.  
Thursday: 4:30 p.m.

### Confession Schedule:

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha - Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.  
Friday: After the 8 a.m. Mass (Family Room, Moulton)  
Thursday: After the 4:30 p.m. Mass (Praha)

### Penance Services:

During Advent and Lenten

### Parish Organizations:

Parish Council; Altar Society; KJT; KJZT; and KJZT Juniors

### CCD:

Sunday: After 8 a.m. Mass

## Early Beginnings: Mid-1800s



St. Mary's Church - Praha is open for visitors

### Weekdays:

Mondays-Wednesdays & Fridays: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
Thursdays: 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

### Weekends:

Saturdays: 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Sundays: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

## St. John (Fayette County) Mission

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
(7026 FM Road 957, Schulenburg, TX 78956)  
P.O. Box H  
Hallettsville, TX 77964  
361-798-5888  
(toll free from Victoria)

**Pastor:** Reverend Michael Rother  
**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Christopher K. Bediako and Reverend Shane Goertz  
**Administrative Assistants:** Mrs. Dorothy Berger, Mrs. Elsie Farek  
**DRE:** Mrs. Dana Daughtry

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6 p.m. (on 2nd and 4th)  
Sunday: 10 a.m. (on 1st, 3rd and 5th)  
First Friday: 8 a.m. followed by Holy Hour

### Confession Schedule:

30 minutes before each Mass

### Parish Organizations:

Pastoral Advisory Council; Altar Society; KJT; CCD; Building Committee; Cemetery Committee; and Altar Servers

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is the Mission Church of

## Early Beginnings: 1870



## St. Mary (Lavaca County)

### Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

(St. Mary Church)  
1648 FM 340  
Hallettsville, TX 77964  
361-798-2128  
(toll free from Victoria)  
Facebook:  
St. Mary's Catholic Church Picnic Hallettsville

**Pastor:** Reverend Michael Rother  
**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Christopher K. Bediako and Reverend Shane Goertz  
**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Pat Mladenka  
**DRE:** Mrs. Carol Rother

### Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

### Parish Organizations:

Altar Society; Finance Council; Building Committee; KJT; KJZT; Cemetery Committee; CCD; and St. Isidore Society

## Early Beginnings: 1836



## Schulenburg (Fayette County)

### *St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church*

(1010 Lyons Ave.)  
P.O. Box 310  
Schulenburg, TX 78956  
979-743-3117  
979-743-4712 (FAX)  
office@strosecatholic.org  
www.strosecatholic.org  
Facebook:  
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed 1-2 p.m.)  
Friday: 9 a.m.-noon

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Jasper Liggio, VG

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Luke Prihoda and  
Reverend Anthony Augustine Owusu-Peprah

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon F. Jay Vocolka, OblSB

**Administrative Assistant:** Ms. Wendy Eggert

**Youth Minister:** Mrs. Stacy Oeding

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. (Spanish)  
Monday - Wednesday, Friday: 7:45 a.m.;  
Thursday: 8:10 a.m.; Monday - Friday: 6 p.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4-4:45 p.m.  
Thursday: 5-5:45 p.m. or by appointment

## Seadrift (Calhoun County)

### **Mission**

#### *St. Patrick Catholic Church*

310 W. Cleveland St.  
Seadrift, TX 77983  
361-552-6140  
361-552-4300 (FAX)  
(toll free from Victoria)

Mailing Address:

415 W. Austin St.  
Port Lavaca, TX 77979  
olg@olgulf.org  
www.olgulf.org

**Pastor:** Reverend Tommy Chen

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Derek Acquah

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Thursday: 9 a.m.  
Saturday: 7 p.m. (Vietnamese)  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1889



#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Tuesday: 5 - 6 p.m.

**Children's Adoration:** Wednesday at 2 p.m. open to families with small children

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Parish Council; Altar Society; Altar Servers; Knights of Columbus Council #2902; and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Rose No. 1597

#### **School:**

St. Rose of Lima Elementary, See Page 86

## Early Beginnings: 1919



#### **Confession Schedule:**

Before Each Mass

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## Shiner (Lavaca County)

### Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church

306 South Ave. F  
Shiner, TX 77984  
361-594-3836  
361-594-2850 (FAX)  
(toll free from Victoria)  
aduke@sscmshiner.org  
www.sscmshiner.org  
Facebook: Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church

#### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Pastor:** Reverend Jacob Mendoza

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Aaron Padilla

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Joe A. Machacek and Deacon Michael Morkovsky

**Facilities Coordinator:** Deacon Michael Morkovsky

**Secretary: Mrs.** Ann Duke

**Controller/Bookkeeper:** Mrs. Kim Ulcak

**Pastoral Assistant:** Mrs. Sharon Patek

**CRE/Youth Minister:** Mr. Jeremy Rodriguez

#### Mass Schedule:

First Saturday: 8 a.m.

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.,

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m.

Monday: 10 a.m. at nursing home

## Early Beginnings: 1887



#### Confession Schedule:

Saturday: 10-11 a.m. or by appointment

#### Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:

Sunday 12 p.m. - Friday 5 p.m.

#### Parish Organizations:

Knights of Columbus Council #3081; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Paul No. 1604; Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas; Altar Society; KJT; KJZT; Gabriel Project; Sts. Cyril and Methodius Assistance; and Bereavement Ministry

#### School:

St. Ludmila Elementary, See Page 86

St. Paul High School, See Page 87

## Sweet Home (Lavaca County)

### Queen of Peace Catholic Church

(7372 FM Road 531, Hallettsville, TX 77964)

P.O. Box 201

Sweet Home, TX 77987

361-741-3206

(toll free from Victoria)

secretary@qpcatholicchurch.com

www.qpcatholicchurch.com

Facebook:

Queen of Peace Catholic Church/St. John the Baptist

#### Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - Noon

**Pastor:** Reverend Dominic Antwi-Boasiako

**Secretary/Safe Environment:** Mrs. Jocelyn Bolom

**Faith Formation:** Mrs. Amanda Monk

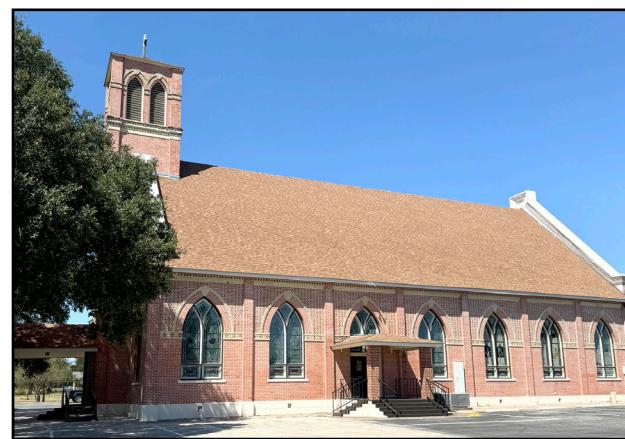
**Cemetery:** Mr. Jerome Bolom (361-293-8428)

#### Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 7 a.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1860



#### Confession Schedule:

Saturday: 4-4:40 p.m. or by appointment

#### Parish Organizations:

KJZT No. 12 St. Ludmila; Knights of Columbus Council #2433 (Hallettsville)

## Vanderbilt (Jackson County)

### *St. John Bosco Catholic Church*

(121 Garcitas St.)  
P.O. Box 337 (232 Main St. {Office})  
Vanderbilt, TX 77991-0337  
361-284-3361 (Church Office)  
361-284-3587 (CCD)  
361-284-3391 (FAX)  
(toll free from Victoria)  
sjbchurch@tisd.net  
Facebook: St. John Bosco Catholic Church

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Pastor:** Reverend Johnson Owusu-Boateng

**Administrative Assistant:** Ms. Judy Lynn DeBord  
**Parish Catechetical Leader:** Mrs. Emilia Benavides

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Monday and Friday: 8 a.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. Southbrooke Manor Nursing Home  
in Edna

## Early Beginnings: 1947



#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 3 p.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society; Finance Council; Altar Servers; CCD; Adult Choir; Liturgical Committee; and Building Board

#### **Mission:**

St. Theresa Catholic Church, La Salle, See Page 48

## Victoria (Victoria County)

### *Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus*

704 Mallette Dr.  
Victoria, TX 77904  
361-573-5304  
361-573-6053 (FAX)  
parish@hfccvic.org  
www.hfccvic.org  
Facebook: Holy Family Catholic Church

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Gabriel Bentil

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Ryan Kapavik

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Edward (Eddie) Huse

**Pastoral Associate:** Mrs. Debbie Vanelli

**Business Manager:** Mr. Jeff Williams

**Administrative Secretary:** Ms. Elizabeth Perez

#### **Records:**

**Director of Youth Ministry:** Mrs. Savannah Rab

**Director of Religious Education:** Mrs. Heather Kallus

**Parish Liturgist:** Mr. Mark Zepeda

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 6 a.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1981



#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,  
Monday and Friday: 5:30-5:55 p.m.

#### **Private Prayer in the Chapel:**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Tuesday and Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society; Catholic Daughters of the Americas #2665; Junior Catholic Daughters; Knight of Columbus #9088; The Rock Youth Ministry; St. Gianna Molle Pro-Life Ministry; Nursing Home Ministry; Bereavement Ministry; Gabriel Project; Kolbe Prison Ministry; Catholic Singles 50+; Quilters; ACTS Ministry; Outreach Ministry; Faith Formation Small Groups; Serra Club Vocation Ministry

## Victoria (Victoria County) Chapel

### *Capilla de la Santisima Trinidad*

(in the Silver City Community)

2901 Pleasant Green Dr.

Victoria, TX 77901

361-575-2293

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Jacob Koether, EV

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Joseph Blackburn

#### **Mass schedule:**

Sunday: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Spanish)

Thursday: 7 p.m. (Spanish)

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

#### **Adoration:**

First Thursdays at 6 p.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1943



#### **Chapel Organizations/Parish Ministries:**

Ushers; Altar Servers; Lectors; Choirs; Sociedad Del Altar; Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist; Via Crucis En Vivo; Legion of Mary; and Tu, yo y Cristo

## Victoria (Victoria County)

### *Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*

105 N. William St.

Victoria, TX 77901

361-575-3813

ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org

www.lourdesvictoria.org

Facebook: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Victoria TX

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.)

**Pastor:** Reverend Patrick Knippenberg

**Parish Secretary:** Sr. Valerie Janecka, OVISS

**Bookkeeper:** Ms. Cindy Doyle

**PCL/Safe Environment Coord.:** Mrs. Martha Nichols

**PCL:** Mrs. Tammy Fikac

**Music Ministry:** Mr. Thomas Santos and

Mrs. Tracie Tibiletti

## Mid-To-Late 1800s



#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Monday-Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation Vigil: 6 p.m.

Morning of Holy Day (except Christmas): 8 a.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Monday-Saturday: 7:30-7:55 a.m.

Saturday: 3:15-3:45 p.m.

#### **Project Mercy Rosary Devotion:**

First Saturday: begins at 7:45 a.m. before

Mass and resumes after the 8 a.m. Mass is completed

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Servers; Altar Society; Bereavement Committee; Disciples on the Journey; Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist; Fall Festival Committee; Finance Committee; Gabriel Project; Generations of Faith Catechetical Team;

## Victoria (Victoria County)

### *Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church*

208 W. River St.  
Victoria, TX 77901  
361-575-2293  
361-582-0405 (FAX)  
361-570-7854 (CCD Office)  
abeltran@ourladysorrows.org  
www.olsvictoria.org  
Facebook:  
Our Lady of Sorrows / Santisima Trinidad in Victoria, TX

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.)  
Friday: 8:30 a.m.-noon

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Jacob Koether, EV

**Parochial Vicar:** Reverend Joseph Blackburn

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Edwardo Molina,  
Deacon Frank Tilley, and Deacon Larry Koether

#### **Administrative Assistant:**

Ms. Maria Adela (Del) Beltran

**Ministry Coordinator:** Ms. Janie M. Rubio

**Director of Operations:** Mr. Michael Muniz

**Parish Catechetical Leader:** Mrs. Bonnie Malone

**Safe Environment Coordinator:** Mrs. Nora Molina

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: 8 a.m. (Bilingual), 10 a.m. (English), and  
2 p.m. (English)

Monday-Friday: 6 p.m. (English)

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Second Tuesday: 7-8 p.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1913



#### **Adoration:**

First Fridays: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Second Tuesday: 7-8 p.m.

#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

First Friday in the chapel after 7 a.m.

#### **Ministries:**

Altar Servers; Altar Society; Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist; Lectors; Music Ministers; Ushers; Shut-In-Ministry; Bereavement Support Group; Alpha; Bible Study; Men's Group; Intercessory Prayer Group; "Casa Loreto" Resale Shop; Tu, yo y Cristo

#### **Organizations:**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court No. 2273; Catholic War Veterans (CWV); CWV Ladies Auxiliary; Finance Committee; Guadalupanas; Knights of Columbus Council #8388

#### **Youth:**

Ballet Folklorico; Boy Scouts #915; "Alive" Youth Ministry/Faith Formation

#### **Chapel:**

Capilla de la Santisima Trinidad, See Page 62

## **Victoria (Victoria County)**

### ***The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory***

1309 E. Mesquite Lane

Victoria, TX 77901

361-575-4741 (Rectory)

361-575-8132 (CCD Office)

cmckinney@olvcathedral.org

www.olvcathedral.org

Facebook: The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory Parish

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Rector/Pastor:** Very Reverend Kirby Hlavaty

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Jonas Kuubeta and

Reverend Samuel Asantey

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Matthew Schaefer and

Deacon Roger DeLaGarza

**Pastoral Associate:** Mrs. Jennifer Vincent

**Director of Music:** Dr. Glenn Hunter

**CCD Coordinator K-12:** Ms. Monica Flores

**Office Manager:** Ms. Cynthia Salinas

**Secretary:** Mrs. Jennifer Ruiz

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. (TV Mass), 11:30 a.m. and

6 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 6 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday: 6 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Wednesday: 4 - 5:15 p.m.

Saturday: 4 - 5:15 p.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Youth Group; Altar Society; Legion of Mary; Quilters; Men's Group; Adult Education; Retrouvaille; Scouts; Choir; Altar Servers; Lectors; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; ACTS; Bereavement; St. Vincent de Paul; Mothers of Grace; TV Mass Crew; Greeters/Ushers; Children's Liturgy; Funeral Meals; Men of Victory; Women of Victory; and RCIA

## **Early Beginnings: 1957**



#### **School:**

Our Lady of Victory Elementary

Early Childhood Center, See Page 86

#### **Cathedral Center:**

3102 N. Laurent (77901)

#### **Victory Annex:**

1407 E. Mesquite Lane (77901)

## Victoria (Victoria County)

### *St. Mary Catholic Church*

(402 S. Main St., Victoria, TX 77901)  
P.O. Box 2448  
Victoria, TX 77902  
361-573-4328  
office@stmvictoria.org  
www.stmvictoria.org  
Facebook: St. Mary's Catholic Church - Victoria, Texas

**Nazareth Convent:** [www.nazarethconvent.org](http://www.nazarethconvent.org)

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,  
Friday: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Pastor:** Reverend Kristopher Fuchs

**In Residence:** Reverend Peter Nimo, Hospital Chaplain

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon Richard Evans and  
Deacon Jim Koenig

**Secretary:** Mrs. Cathy Fojtik

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Sherry Kainer

**Facilities and Development:** Sr. Ann Meletio, OVISS

**CCD Coordinator:** Mrs. Diana Starnes

**Music Director:** Mrs. Ashley Hunter

**Organ Scholar:** Ms. Elizabeth Matula

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Monday-Friday: 12:05 p.m.  
1st Saturday: 9 a.m.

#### **Anointing of the Sick:**

Wednesday: 11:45 a.m. (in church)

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Monday-Friday: 12:35 p.m.  
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:15-10 a.m.  
or by appointment

## Wadsworth (Matagorda County) Mission

### *Sacred Heart Catholic Church*

13594 State Highway 60 S.  
Wadsworth, TX 77483

**Pastor:** Reverend Stephen Vacek

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church is the Mission Church of  
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Bay City, See Page 30

## Early Beginnings: 1824



#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (Adoration Chapel)

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Servers; Parish Choir, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Lectors; Rosary Leaders; Hospitality Ministers; Livestream Operators; Funeral Meals; Men's Group; Women's Group; CCD; Homeschool Co-op; Parish Finance Council; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Altar Society; Quilters; Troops of St. George #18; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Ann #369; Knights of Columbus Council #1329; Gabriel Project

## Early Beginnings: 1909



## Weimar (Colorado County)

### *St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church*

(410 N. Center St.)  
P.O. Box 36  
Weimar, TX 78962  
979-725-6714  
979-725-8146 (FAX)  
stmichaelwei@yahoo.com  
www.stmichaelweimar.org  
Facebook:  
St. Michael Catholic Church-Weimar, TX

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.)

**Pastor:** Reverend Chase Goodman

**Secretary:** Ms. Shirley Streckfus

**Receptionist:** Mrs. Virginia Hromadka

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Monday and Wednesday: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday: 6:30 a.m.; Friday: 8 a.m.  
Wednesday: 1:45 p.m., Parkview Nursing Home

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:45 p.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

St. Ann Altar Society; Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Michael No. 559; KJT; KJZT; Knights of Columbus Council #2153; Pastoral Council; School Advisory Council; Home and School Association; and Finance Advisory Council

## Early Beginnings: 1872



#### **Mission:**

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, Dubina,  
See Page 35

#### **School:**

St. Michael Elementary, See Page 87

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## Westhoff (De Witt County)

### **Mission**

#### *St. Aloysius Catholic Church*

(Located on U.S. Hwy. 87)

**Parochial Administrator:** Reverend Richard Bediako

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 8 a.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Sunday: 7:30-7:50 a.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Altar Society

## Early Beginnings: 1913



St. Aloysius Catholic Church is the Mission Church of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Meyersville, See Page 50

## Wharton (Wharton County)

### *Holy Family Catholic Church*

2011 Briar Lane  
Wharton, TX 77488  
979-532-3593  
979-532-3747 (Religious Education)  
979-532-2781 (FAX)  
office@hfwharton.org  
www.hfwharton.org  
Facebook: Holy Family Wharton

#### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m.-noon

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Samuel Appiasi, VF

**Permanent Deacons:** Deacon David Valdez,  
Deacon Bruce Turner, Deacon Dennis Krenek and  
Deacon Jose Ugarte, III

**Secretary:** Mrs. Verna Pettrash

**Bulletin Editor:** Mrs. Jamie Feyen

**Parish Catechetical Leader:** Mrs. Vicki Simper

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 10 a.m.  
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 7:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.; Friday: 7 a.m.

## Early Beginnings: 1830s



#### **Confessions:**

Monday-Friday: 15 minutes after Mass;  
Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m. or by appointment

#### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:**

Thursday: 8 a.m.- noon in the day chapel

#### **Mission:**

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Boling, See Page 32

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## Wharton (Wharton County )

### *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church*

506 S. East Ave.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
979-532-3492  
979-618-6890 (Religious Education)  
office@olmcwharton.org  
www.olmcwharton.org  
Facebook: OLMCWharton

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday- Friday: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
(closed noon-1 p.m.); Tuesday: 1-5 p.m.

**Parochial Administrator:** Reverend Antonio Perez

**Secretary:** Miss Imelda Garcia

**Safe Environment Coordinator:** Mr. Nick Loredo

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m. (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8 a.m. (Spanish); 11 a.m. (English)  
Tuesday and Thursday: 6 p.m. (Spanish)  
Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. (English)

## Early Beginnings: 1940s



#### **Confessions:**

Saturday: 4 - 4:45 p.m.; or by appointment

#### **Adoration:**

First Thursday: 5 p.m.

## Yoakum (Lavaca County )

### **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

(210 Schrimmacher St.)

P.O. Box 734

Yoakum, TX 77995

361-293-3518

361-293-5355 (FAX)

secretary@stjcatholicchurch.com

www.stjcatholicchurch.com

Facebook: St. Joseph Catholic Church

**Parish Office:** Pastoral Center (401 Orth St.)

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.);

Friday: 8 a.m. - noon

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Matthew H. Huehlefeld, J.C.L.

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Dennis Kutach

**Secretary:** Ms. Dawne Wendel

**Business Manager:** Ms. Jacqui Stall

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Spanish/English)

Tuesday-Friday: 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. at Yoakum Nursing & Rehabilitation

Wednesday: 8:05 a.m. (during school year)

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. (during school year)

Saturday: 4 p.m. or by appointment

## Early Beginnings: 1847



#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:**

Thursday before First Friday (24 hours)

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 206; Knights of Columbus Council #1582; PTC; KJZT Society No. 1; KJT Society No. 13; Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas; Finance Committee; Helping Hands; Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Yoakum Assembly No. 1128; St. Joseph Cemetery Committee; and Martha and Mary Bereavement Committee; St. Joseph School Endowment Fund

#### **Mission:**

St. Ann Catholic Church, Hochheim, See Page 44

#### **School:**

St. Joseph Elementary, See Page 87

## Yorktown (De Witt County )

### *Holy Cross Catholic Church*

1214 Zorn Road  
Yorktown, TX 78164  
361-564-2893  
361-564-9315 (FAX)  
(toll free from Victoria)  
holycross1214@sbcglobal.net  
www.holycrossyorktown.org  
Facebook:  
Holy Cross Catholic Church Yorktown

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.)

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Roger R. Hawes, VF

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Michael Yeretsky

**Secretary:** Mrs. Helen Mikus

**Bookkeeper:** Mrs. Christy Rohan

**Cemetery:** Parish Office

**Safe Environment/Religious Education:** Lana Brysch

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 a.m.

Thursday: 5:30 p.m.

#### **Confession Schedule:**

Saturday: 4-5 p.m.

First Friday of the month: 8:30-9:30 a.m. after 8 a.m.

Mass during Adoration

#### **Adoration:**

First Fridays: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

#### **Rosary:**

Saturday: Before Mass

Sunday: Before Mass

## Early Beginnings: 1866



#### **Divine Mercy Chaplet:**

First Fridays: 3 p.m.

#### **Parish Organizations:**

Finance/Parish Council; Knights of Columbus Council #2480; and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Holy Cross No. 1598

#### **Missions:**

St. Ann Catholic Church, Nordheim, See Page 53

San Luis Catholic Church, Yorktown, See Page 70

**Yorktown (De Witt County)  
Mission**

*San Luis Catholic Church*  
(502 E. Second St.)

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Roger R. Hawes, VF  
**San Luis Cemetery:** Parish Office

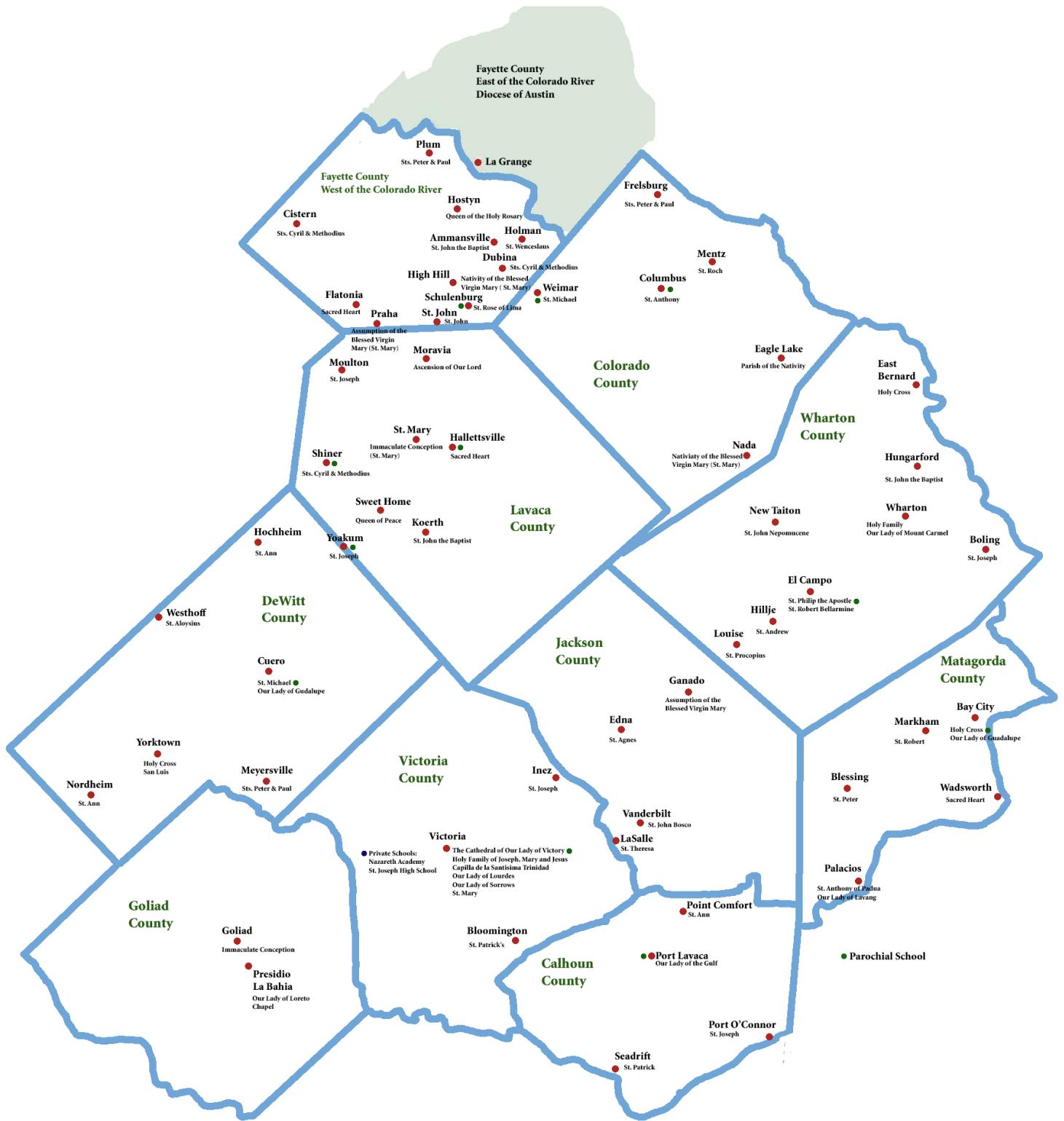
**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday: 8 a.m.

**Rosary:**  
First Saturday: 10 a.m.

San Luis Catholic Church is the Mission Church of  
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Yorktown  
See Page 67

**Early Beginnings: 1924**





## **Priests**

Cahill, S.T.D., Most Reverend Brendan J.	Bishop Diocese of Victoria P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903	361-573-0828
Fellhauer, D.D., Most Reverend David E. (Retired)	Bishop Emeritus Diocese of Victoria P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903	361-573-0828
Amo, Reverend Peter Oscar Kofi	Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church P.O. Box 307, Eagle Lake, TX 77434	979-234-2842
Antwi-Boasiako, Reverend Dominic	Queen of Peace Catholic Church P.O. Box 201, Sweet Home, TX 77987	361-741-3206
Appiah-Otchere, Reverend Paul	Queen of the Holy Rosary Church 936 FM 2436, La Grange, TX 789454	979-247-4441
Appiasi, VF, Very Reverend Samuel	Holy Family Catholic Church 2011 Briar Lane, Wharton, TX 77488	979-532-3593
Asantey, Reverend Samuel	The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory 1309 E. Mesquite Ln., Victoria, TX 77901	361-575-4741
Bazar, Reverend Ty J.	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 238 N. Commercial St., Goliad, TX 77963	361-645-3095
Bediako, Reverend Christopher K.	Sacred Heart Catholic Church P.O. Box H, Hallettsville, TX 77964	361-798-5888
Bediako, Reverend Richard	Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church 11220 FM 237, Meyersville, TX 77974	361-275-3868
Bentil, VF, Very Reverend Gabriel	Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus 704 Mallette Dr., Victoria, TX 77904	361-573-5304
Bily, Reverend Msgr. John C. (Retired)		
Blackburn, Reverend Joseph A.	Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church 208 W. River St., Victoria, TX 77901	361-575-2293
Brune, Reverend Philip L.	St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church 512 Tegner, El Campo, TX 77437	979-543-4298
Chen, Reverend Tommy	Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church 415 W. Austin St., Port Lavaca, TX 77979	361-552-6140
Dinh, Reverend Tran	St. Patrick's Catholic Church P.O. Box 2122, Bloomington, TX 77951	361-897-1155
Dvorak, Reverend James M.	St. Anthony Catholic Church P.O. Box 669, Columbus, TX 78934	979-732-2562
Dwomoh, Reverend Charles O.	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church P.O. Box 121, Hungerford, TX 77448	979-532-4747
Ervin, Reverend Dalton R.	St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church 304 W. Church St., El Campo, TX 77437	979-543-3770

Espinosa, Reverend Gabriel D.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church 1412 12th St., Bay City, TX 77414	979-245-2010
Flagg, Reverend Wayne N.	St. Andrew Catholic Church (Hillje) 270 St. Andrew St., El Campo, TX 77437	979-648-2864
Florez, Reverend Parmenio	St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church 512 Tegner, El Campo, TX 77437	979-543-4298
Fuchs, Reverend Kristopher L.	St. Mary Catholic Church P.O. Box 2448, Victoria, TX 77902	361-573-4328
Goertz, Reverend Shane	Sacred Heart Catholic Church P.O. Box H, Hallettsville, TX 77964	361-798-5888
Gonzales, Reverend Nelson	St. Anthony Catholic Church P.O. Box 669, Columbus, TX 78934	979-732-2562
Goodman, Reverend Chase R.	St. Michael Catholic Church P.O. Box 36, Weimar, TX 78962	979-725-6714
Guerra, Reverend Robert F. (Retired)		
Hawes, VF, Very Reverend Roger R.	Holy Cross Catholic Church 1214 Zorn Road, Yorktown, TX 78164	361-564-2893
Hlavaty, Very Reverend Kirby F.	The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory 1309 E. Mesquite Ln., Victoria, TX 77901	361-575-4741
Huehlefeld, J.C.L., Very Reverend Matthew H.	St. Joseph Catholic Church P.O. Box 734, Yoakum, TX 77995	361-293-3518
Hurtado, Reverend Eliecer Patiño	St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church 1004 Magnusson, Palacios, TX 77465	361-972-2446
Kahlich, Reverend Monsignor Daniel (Retired)		
Kapavik, Reverend Ryan	Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus 704 Mallette Dr., Victoria, TX 77904	361-573-5304
Knippenberg, Reverend Patrick	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 105 N. William St., Victoria, TX 77901	361-575-3813
Knippenberg, VF, Very Reverend Robert (Bob)	Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church 1031 Church Lane, New Ulm, TX 78950	979-732-3430
Koether, EV, Very Reverend Jacob	Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church 208 W. River St., Victoria, TX 77901	361-575-2293
Korenek, VF, Very Reverend Greg	Assumption Catholic Church P.O. Box 369, Ganado, TX 77962-0369	361-771-3425
Kosler, Reverend Monsignor Timothy (Retired)		
Krischke, Reverend Caleb	St. Michael Catholic Church 309 E. Church St., Cuero, TX 77954	361-275-3554

Kuubeta, Reverend Jonas	The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory 1309 E. Mesquite Ln., Victoria, TX 77901	361-575-4741
Kwabena-Owusu, Reverend Samuel	Sacred Heart Catholic Church P.O. Box 186, Flatonia, TX 78941	361-865-3568
Kyeah, Reverend Barnabas	St. Joseph Catholic Church P.O. Box 337, Inez, TX 77968	361-782-3181
Liggio, VG, Very Reverend Jasper J.	St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church 1010 Lyons Ave., Schulenburg, TX 78956	979-743-3117
Lyons, Reverend Michael (Retired)		
Maison, Reverend Gabriel	St. Joseph Catholic Church P.O. Box 399, Moulton, TX 77975	361-596-4674
Mendoza, Reverend Jacob	Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church 306 South Ave. F, Shiner, TX 77984	361-594-3836
Mensah, Reverend Gabriel J.	St. Peter Catholic Church P.O. Box 395, Blessing, TX 77419	361-588-6241
Nimo, Reverend Peter (Hospital Chaplain)	St. Mary Catholic Church P.O. Box 2448, Victoria, TX 77902	361-573-4328
Nguyen, Reverend Dominic Trung	Our Lady of La Vang 100 Vietnam St., Palacios, TX 77465	361-972-2446
Odartey-Lamptey, Reverend Michael	St. Michael Catholic Church 309 E. Church St., Cuero, TX 77954	361-275-3554
Oduro Tawiah, Reverend Gabriel	St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church 1843 CR 469, El Campo, TX 77437	979-543-6985
Otsiwah, EV, Very Reverend Charles E.	Holy Cross Catholic Church P.O. Box 1325, East Bernard, TX 77435	979-335-7551
Owusu-Boateng, Reverend Johnson	St. John Bosco Catholic Church P.O. Box 337, Vanderbilt, TX 77991	361-284-3361
Owusu-Peprah, Reverend Anthony Augustine	St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church 1010 Lyons Ave., Schulenburg, TX 78956	979-743-3117
Padilla, Reverend Aaron	Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church 306 South Ave. F, Shiner, TX 77984	361-594-3836
Perez, Reverend Antonio	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church 506 S. East Ave., Wharton, TX 77488	979-532-3492
Petering, Reverend Michael	St. Agnes Catholic Church 506 N. Allen St., Edna, TX 77957	361-782-3588
Peters, Reverend Msgr. John C. (Retired)		
Quainoo, Reverend Clement (Retired)		

Rother, Reverend Michael	Sacred Heart Catholic Church P.O. Box H, Hallettsville, TX 77964	361-798-5888
Twum, Reverend Collins Yaw A.	St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church 304 W. Church St., El Campo, TX 77437	979-543-3770
Vacek, Reverend Stephen	Holy Cross Catholic Church 2001 Katy Ave., Bay City, TX 77414	989-245-6379
Winkler, Reverend Edward (Eddie)	Queen of the Holy Rosary Church 936 FM 2436, La Grange, TX 78945	979-247-4441
Yankey, Reverend Albert	Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria, TX 77901	
Yeboah-Amanfo, Reverend Peter Oscar	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church St. Mary Catholic Church P.O. Box 97, Nada, TX 77460	979-758-3218

### **Priests outside of the diocese**

Asante, Reverend Augustine	Catholic Chaplain Corps, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Barfield, Reverend Richard	Catholic Chaplain for Robins Air Force Base in Georgia, Diocese of Savannah
Henninger, Reverend George (Retired)	St. Joseph Village 1205 E. Sandy Lake Road, Apt. 109, Coppell, TX 75019
Heyer, Reverend Bryan O.	Holy Trinity Seminary 3131 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving, TX 75062
Lenz, Reverend Frank B. (Retired)	St. Dominic Village 2407 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021

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Bily, Reverend Msgr. John C.  
 Guerra, Reverend Robert F.  
 Kahlich, Reverend Monsignor Daniel  
 Kosler, Reverend Monsignor Timothy  
 Lenz, Reverend Frank B.  
 Lyons, Reverend Michael  
 Peters, Reverend Monsignor John C.  
 Quainoo, Reverend Clement

## Priest Necrology

Rev. Godfrey F. Kuratko	(Retired 1970) Sweet Home	11/18/83
Rev. Joseph Leyva	Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Cuero	12/31/83
Rev. Marcus Valenta	St. Mary Catholic Church, Praha	09/09/84
Rev. Michael Malloy, O.Ss.T.	St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Vanderbilt	04/12/86
Rev. Emmett Kolodzie	(Retired 1970) Sweet Home	05/01/86
Rev. James Kelly	St. Andrew Catholic Church, Hillje	08/20/86
Rev. Gregory O'Connor	St. Michael Catholic Church, Weimar	11/26/86
Rev. Henry Pscencik	St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Mary	04/14/89
Rev. Sean Donohue	Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, Shiner	06/03/89
Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Schmidt	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Moulton	06/26/89
Rev. Msgr. C.J. Martin	(Retired) Bay City	12/01/89
Rev. Msgr. Vaclav J. Bily	(Retired) St. Joseph Catholic Church, Inez	02/23/90
Rev. Msgr. A.J. Morkovsky	(Retired) Hallettsville	06/11/90
Rev. Joseph Hamala	(Retired) Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, Cistern	08/21/92
Rev. Alphonse Padalecki	Holy Cross Catholic Church, Yorktown	08/24/92
Rev. Msgr. Werner Bockholt	Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Frelsburg	09/08/92
Rev. Msgr. Alex Kraus	(Retired) Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria	12/19/92
Rev. Patrick Fidgeon	St. Anthony Catholic Church, Columbus	05/14/94
Rev. Alfred Hoenig, OSB	Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria	07/12/94
Rev. Msgr. John J. Hanacek	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Ammannsville	09/14/94
Rev. Jude Belisle, O.Ss.T.	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Goliad	09/17/94
Rev. Msgr. Anthony Matula	(Retired) St. Mary Catholic Church, Praha	11/26/94
Rev. Msgr. Henry S. Herbst	(Retired) St. Michael Catholic Church, Cuero	12/07/94
Rev. Jerome Stryk	Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Plum	01/05/99
Rev. William Doran	Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Meyersville	05/25/00
Rev. William Halata	(Retired) Moravia	06/11/00
Rev. Charles Kram	Yoakum Community Hospital Chaplain	08/13/00
Rev. Msgr. Julius Petru	St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, New Taiton	10/15/01
Rev. Brian Crookes	(Retired) St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, St. John	02/23/03
Rev. Peter Kaplinski	Holy Cross Catholic Church, Yorktown	04/07/03
Rev. Eugene Janson	(Retired) St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Vanderbilt	02/17/05
Rev. Msgr. Victor Schmidtzinsky	(Retired) St. Mary Catholic Church, Nada	02/25/05
Rev. Joseph A. Koebel	St. Mary Catholic Church, Nada	12/12/05
Rev. Msgr. Gino Bernasconi	(Retired) Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Victoria	01/31/06
Rev. Daniel Giorgi (Retired)	Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Cuero	03/22/07
Rev. Joseph Pham duc Trinh	Assumption Chapel, Palacios	10/16/07
Rev. Wolfgang Mimms, O.Ss.T.	(Retired) Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Victoria	01/02/08
Rev. Daniel O'Brien	(Retired) Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, Shiner	02/07/08
Rev. Guido Quiroz	Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Victoria	05/15/08
Rev. Luke Mennella, O.Ss.T.	(Retired) Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Victoria	06/23/08
Rev. Jerome Caponi (Retired)	Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, Shiner	02/27/09
Rev. Donald Hayden, O.Ss.T.	Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria	09/19/09
Rev. Charles Carolan	(Retired) Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Flatonia	10/13/09
Rev. Msgr. Benton Thurmond	(Retired) St. Joseph Catholic Church, Inez	11/07/09
Rev. Msgr. Edward Bartsch	St. Mary Catholic Church, Praha	04/04/10
Rev. Msgr. James C. Brunner, VG	St. Mary Catholic Church, Victoria	06/04/10
Rev. Peter Higgins	(Retired) St. Peter Catholic Church, Blessing	11/20/12
Rev. Msgr. Michael O'Shaughnessy	(Retired) St. Agnes Catholic Church, Edna	03/02/13
Rev. Henry Rachunek	(Retired) St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Hungerford	04/03/13
Rev. Msgr. Stanley Petru	(Retired) Holy Rosary, Hostyn/Sts. Peter & Paul, Plum	07/25/13
Rev. Msgr. Michael Harrold	(Retired) The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria	04/02/15
Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say	(Retired) Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Victoria	08/04/15
Rev. Charles Sonnier	Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Sweet Home	04/22/16
Rev. Dan Morales	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Koerth	
	Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus Church, Victoria	09/03/16

Rev. Joseph Vrana	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Nada	10/10/16
Rev. Raphael Baidoo, O.Ss.T.	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Goliad	11/30/16
Rev. Msgr. Eustace Hermes	(Retired) Chancery Office	12/23/16
Rev. Msgr. Thomas C. McLaughlin	(Retired) Chancery Office	04/17/17
Rev. John Kollannur	Holy Family Catholic Church, Wharton	11/18/17
Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Matula	St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, El Campo	12/25/17
Rev. Gabriel Franks	(Retired) Hospital Chaplain	03/19/18
Rev. Msgr. Casimir Jarzombek	Holy Cross Catholic Church, Bay City	02/15/19
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Hybner	(Retired) Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Flatonia	11/23/19
Rev. Msgr. Gerard Cernoch	(Retired) Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Bay City	07/23/20
Rev. Msgr. Arnold "Buzz" Anders	(Retired) Assumption Catholic Church, Ganado	04/04/21
Rev. Donald Ruppert	(Retired) Holy Cross Catholic Church, East Bernard	08/23/22

## **Permanent Deacons**

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Borowicz, Deacon Steve (Retired)

Canales, Deacon Adrian  
Spouse: Marisela

Cervantez, Jr., Deacon Margarito  
Spouse: Sylvia

DeLaGarza, Deacon Roger  
Spouse: Cindy

Dungen, Deacon Dwain  
Spouse: Joani

Durant, Deacon John  
Spouse: Laura

Evans, Deacon Richard  
Spouse: Karen

Fishbeck, Deacon Kenneth  
Spouse: Kathy

Glueck, Deacon John  
Spouse: Sandy

Glynn, Deacon Charles (Chuck)  
Spouse: Vicki

Gips, Deacon Jimmy  
Spouse: Kathy

Grahmann, Deacon Jerome  
Spouse: Evelyn

Harper, Deacon Linard

Hensley, Deacon Anthony  
Spouse: Marilynn

Hernandez, Deacon Nazario  
Spouse: Blanca

Hill, Deacon Lution (Lu)  
Spouse: Schottsie

Hoelscher, Deacon Lawrence  
Spouse: Patricia

Holesovsky, Deacon Bennie  
Spouse: Florence

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church  
512 Tegner St., El Campo, TX 77437 979-543-4298

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512 Tegner St., El Campo, TX 77437 979-543-4298

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory  
1309 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, TX 7790 361-575-4741

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
1031 Church Lane, New Ulm, TX 78950 979-732-3430

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church  
415 W. Austin St., Port Lavaca, TX 77979 361-552-6140

St. Mary Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 2448, Victoria, TX 77902 361-573-4328

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 399 Moulton, TX 77975 361-596-4674

St. Anthony Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 669, Columbus, TX 78934 979-732-2562

St. Roch Catholic Church  
1600 Frelsburg Road, Alleyton, TX 78935 979-732-3460

St. Michael Catholic Church  
309 E. Church St., Cuero, TX 77954 361-275-3554

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church  
304 W. Church St., El Campo, TX 77437 979-543-3770

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
P.O. Box H, Hallettsville, TX 77964 361-798-5888

ABVM Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 369, Ganado, 77962 361-771-3425

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415 W. Austin St., Port Lavaca, TX 77979 361-552-6140

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304 West Church St., El Campo, TX 77437 979-543-3770

St. Anthony Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 669, Columbus, TX 78934 979-732-2562

Huse, Deacon Edward (Eddie) Spouse: Janet	Holy Family Catholic Church 704 Mallette Dr., Victoria, TX 77904	361-573-5304
Key, Deacon Billy (Retired) Spouse: Maria		
Knox, Deacon Kevin Spouse: Janet	Holy Cross Catholic Church 2001 Katy Ave., Bay City, TX 77414	979-245-6379
Koenig, Deacon Jim Spouse: Laurie	St. Mary Catholic Church P.O. Box 2448, Victoria, TX 77902	361-573-4328
Koether, Deacon Larry (Retired) Spouse: Lynn	Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church 208 W. River St., Victoria, TX 77901	361-575-2293
Kozelsky, Deacon Timothy Spouse: Donna	Sacred Heart Catholic Church P.O. Box 186, Flatonia, TX 78941	361-865-3568
Krenek, Deacon Dennis Spouse: Marguerite (Rita)	Holy Family Catholic Church 2011 Briar Lane, Wharton, TX 77488	979-532-3593
Kubala, Deacon Patrick (Pat)	St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church 1843 County Road 469, El Campo, TX 77437	979-543-6985
Kutach, Deacon Dennis Spouse: Georgia	St. Joseph Catholic Church P.O. Box 734, Yoakum, TX 77995	361-293-3518
Leopold, Deacon Dustin (Dusty) Spouse: Stacey	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church P.O. Box 97, Nada, TX 77460	979-758-3218
Machacek, Deacon Joseph (Joe) Spouse: Mary	Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church 306 S. Avenue F, Shiner, TX 77984	361-594-3836
McCourt, Deacon John (Retired) Spouse: Eileen	Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church 936 FM 2436, La Grange, TX 78945	979-247-4441
Molina, Deacon Edwardo Spouse: Nora	Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church 208 W. River St., Victoria, TX 77901	361-575-2293
Morkovsky, Deacon Michael Spouse: Lindsey	Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church 306 S. Avenue F, Shiner, TX 77984	361-594-3836
Nunmaker III, Deacon Andrew Spouse: Aline	St. Roch Catholic Church 1600 Frelsburg Road., Alleyton, TX 78935	979-732-3460
Petrash, Deacon Kevin Spouse: Angela	ABVM Catholic Church P.O. Box 369, Ganado, TX 77962	361-771-3425
Ramos, Deacon Jose (Joe) Spouse: Letisia	Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church 1412 Twelfth St., Bay City, TX 77414	979-245-2010
Rodriguez, Deacon Guadalupe Spouse: Rosemary	Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church 1412 Twelfth St., Bay City, TX 77414	979-245-2010
Rosas, Deacon Francisco Spouse:	St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church 512 Tegner St., El Campo, TX 77437	979-543-4298

Schaefer, Deacon Matthew Spouse: Lupe	The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory 1309 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, TX 77901	361-575-4741
Sharron, Deacon Leo Spouse: Anne	St. Michael Catholic Church 309 E. Church St., Cuero, TX 77954	361-275-3554
Soto, Deacon Fred Spouse: Patty	St. Patrick's Catholic Church P.O. Box 2122, Bloomington, TX 77951	361-897-1155
Tankersley, Deacon Michael Spouse: Barbara	Sacred Heart Catholic Church P.O. Box H, Hallettsville, TX 77964	361-798-5888
Targac, Deacon Joseph Spouse: Mary	Sacred Heart Catholic Church P.O. Box H, Hallettsville, TX 77964	361-798-5888
Theut, Deacon Charles Spouse: Tracy	St. Anthony Catholic Church P.O. Box 669, Columbus, TX 78934	979-732-2562
Tilley, Deacon Frank	Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church 208 W. River St., Victoria, TX 77901	361-575-2293
Tran, Deacon Luan Van Spouse: Thao	Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church 1412 Twelfth St., Bay City, TX 77414	979-245-2010
Tromblee, Deacon Douglas Spouse: Mary Beth	St. Roch Catholic Church 1600 Frelsburg Road, Alleyton, TX 78935	979-732-3460
Turner, Deacon Bruce Spouse: Pamela	Holy Family Catholic Church 2011 Briar Lane, Wharton, TX 77488	979-532-3593
Ugarte, III, Deacon Jose	Holy Family Catholic Church 2011 Briar Lane, Wharton, TX 77488	979-532-3593
Valdez, Deacon David Spouse: Debra	Holy Family Catholic Church 2011 Briar Lane, Wharton, TX 77488	979-532-3593
Vieira, Deacon Michael (Retired) Spouse: Bonnie	St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church P.O. Box 900, Palacios, TX 77465	361-972-2446
Wendel, Deacon Edward (Retired) Spouse: Agnes		
Yeretsky, Deacon Michael Spouse: Myra	Holy Cross Catholic Church 1214 Zorn Road, Yorktown, TX 78164	361-564-2893

## **Permanent Deacon Necrology**

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Deacons who have died since the Diocese of Victoria in Texas was established are listed below along with their last parish assignment and date of death.

Deacon Dudley Pagel	St. Mary Church, Victoria	01/02/03
Deacon Arthur Richard "Dick" Wearden	St. Mary Church, Victoria	09/12/11
Deacon Walter "Sonny" Rogers, Jr.	Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville	08/22/14
Deacon Manuel Hernandez	St. Agnes Church, Edna	03/27/98
Deacon Alonzo Calzada	Our Lady of the Gulf Church, Port Lavaca	09/02/15
Deacon Paul Patek, Sr.	Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Shiner	01/22/17
Deacon Milburn Kram	St. Joseph Church, Moulton	11/18/18
Deacon Jesus Perez	Our Lady of Sorrows, Victoria	11/03/19
Deacon Jarrel J. Nohavitzta	St. Philip Church, El Campo	05/14/20
Deacon Jerome Kotzur	The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory	01/08/21
Deacon Anthony Warzecha	St. Michael Church, Cuero	05/01/25
Deacon Alvin Matthys	Holy Family Church, Wharton	06/23/25

## **Women Religious**

### ***Order of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament (OVISS)***

Incarnate Word Convent  
1101 E. Water St., Victoria, TX 77901  
General: 361-575-7111  
Local Superior 361-575-2266  
Health Care: 361-578-1967  
Treasurer: 361-572-9321  
FAX: 361-575-2165

Website: <https://iwbsvictoria.org>  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/iwbs.victoria](https://www.facebook.com/iwbs.victoria)  
Vocation Office: [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com)  
Amor Meus Spirituality Center:  
<https://www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org>

Sister Kathleen Goike, Local Superior  
Sister Stephana Marbach, Diocesan Vicar for Religious  
Sister Lois Marie Etzler, Associates Co-Director  
Sister Andrea Hubnik, Local Treasurer

Sister Anna Marie Popp  
Sister Geraldine Pavlik  
Sister Carola Hajdik  
Sister Mildred Truchard  
Sister Frances Cabrini Janvier  
Sister Maria Goretti Warzecha  
Sister Bernarda Bludau  
Sister Emiliana Gafe  
Sister Colette Kouba, Associates Co-Director  
Sister Charlene Machala  
Sister Clementine Henke  
Sister Paschaline Kutac, Health Care Director  
Sister Mary Juroske  
Sister Laura Toman  
Sister Marian Sturm, LCWR Committee  
Sister Digna Vela, Amor Meus Director  
Sister Leonita Barron  
Sister Edwardine Lesak  
Sister Evelyn Korenek  
Sister Valerie Janecka, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
Receptionist/Secretary  
Sister Mary Beth Cernoch, Part-time at Nazareth  
Sister Ann Francis Shimek  
Sister Rosalyn Henke  
Sister Louise Marie Jones

### **IWC - Formation Community**

Sister Donna Bonorden, Part-time at OLV  
Sister Stephanie Marie Martinez, Junior Sister Director  
Sister Lilian Janda, Librarian at Nazareth  
Sister Maria del Rosario Resendez, Executive Assistant to  
Bishop  
Sister Vanessa Esmeralda Castillo Villacorta, Junior Sister

### **Nazareth Academy – Victoria**

Nazareth Convent  
105 W. Church St.  
Victoria, TX 77901  
361-573-3661  
361-573-1829 (FAX)  
<https://nazarethacademy.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/nazarethacademytx/>

#### ***In residence:***

Sister Mary Jean Bludau, Sister-in-charge and Teacher  
Sister Magdelene Kanini Mutua, Teacher at St. Joseph  
High School, Victoria  
Sister Ann Meletio, St. Mary's Parish Director of Facilities  
and Development

### **Promise Pointe – Victoria**

(8550 Highway 59 S.)  
P.O. Box 2293  
Victoria, TX 77902  
361-571-2589

#### ***In residence:***

Sister Rebecca Janacek, Regional Councilor/Secretary  
and Director

### **St. Joseph School, Yoakum**

310 Orth St.  
Yoakum, TX 77995  
361-293-9000

#### ***In residence:***

Sister Marilyn Grace Springs, Principal at St. Joseph  
School, Yoakum

## ***Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word (CCVI)***

Sister Elizabeth Riebschlaeger  
P.O. Box 364, Cuero, TX 77954  
[elzrccvi@gmail.com](mailto:elzrccvi@gmail.com)  
361-676-2921

***Vietnamese Dominican Sisters (OP)***

St. Joseph Convent  
319 S. Nueces St., Port Lavaca, TX 77979  
361-552-6140  
olg@olgulf.org  
www.olgulf.org

***In residence:***

Sister Mary John Lam, OP, Superior  
Sister Maryanne Hoang, OP  
Sister Mary MartinTran, OP

***Missionary Catechist of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary (MCSH)***

Victoria  
**Provincial House**  
203 E. Sabine St., Victoria, TX 77901  
361-570-3332

***In residence:***

Sister Arceley Lobaton, MCSH, Superior  
Sister Edid Torres, MCSH, Administrator  
Sister Julia Valencia, MCSH

Victoria  
**Bethany House (retirement home)**  
715 Aloe Rd., Victoria, TX 77905  
361-582-4744

***In residence:***

Sister Eliazar Ramirez, MCSH, Superior  
Sister Juana Jaimes, MCSH  
Sister Rafaela Landeros, MCSH  
Sister Isabel Deloya, MCSH  
Sister Anna Maria Lozano, MCSH  
Sister Eva Sanchez, MCSH  
Sister Antonieta Salazar, MCSH  
Sister Silvia Serrano, MCSH

## **Seminarians 2025-26**



William Pettus  
*Configuration II*  
St. Mary's Seminary  
9845 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77024  
Birthday: June 15  
Home Parish: Sacred  
Heart, Hallettsville



Nelson Lagos  
*Discipleship IV*  
Holy Trinity Seminary  
3131 Vince Hagan Dr.  
Irving, TX 75062  
Birthday: May 1  
Home Parish: Our Lady  
of the Gulf, Port Lavaca  
(adopted)



Alex Woods  
*Configuration I*  
St. Mary's Seminary  
9845 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77024  
Birthday: Aug. 29  
Home Parish: St. Mary's,  
Victoria (adopted)



Christopher "Chris"  
Leshikar  
*Propaedeutic*  
Holy Trinity Seminary  
3131 Vince Hagan Dr.  
Irving, TX 75062  
Birthday: January 29  
Home Parish: Our Lady  
of Lourdes, Victoria  
(adopted)



Seth Reissig  
*Propaedeutic*  
Holy Trinity Seminary  
3131 Vince Hagan Dr.  
Irving, TX 75062  
Birthday: June 11  
Home Parish: St. Mary's,  
Victoria

## **Prayer for Vocations**

Loving God,

For almost two thousand years, the saving message of Your Son has been proclaimed by people from all walks of life. This story of hope is constantly unfolding as we seek to live as Your people rooted in love and service.

Lord, while He walked upon the earth, Jesus welcomed the children. Give Your young people the courage to continue responding to His call to share the story of faith. Give parents and grandparents the wisdom they seek in caring for Your children. Help them to be powerful examples of faith.

Lord, may we challenge ourselves and others to embrace the vocation which You have entrusted to us.

Bless the church with those willing to share the story of Christ by their lives of commitment as priests and religious.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **10 Ways You Can Promote Vocations**

1. Pray for vocations several times a week.
2. Become active in promoting vocations in your parish.
3. Invite people to consider the priesthood and religious life.
4. Correspond with the seminarians and those in religious formation from the diocese.
5. Attend Mass during the week for vocations.
6. Offer financial assistance for the education of future priests and religious.
7. Place vocations posters in your church, school and CCD program.
8. Make vocation literature available to people in your parish and community.
9. Urge others to pray for religious vocations.
10. Offer support to those ordained and consecrated to the service of the Lord.

If you think God is calling you to religious life:

Contact the Rev. Kristopher Fuchs, Vocations Director  
[vocations@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:vocations@victoriadiocese.org)  
Chancery Office  
361-573-0828 Extension 2228

Ms. Brenda Ortmann, Administrative Assistant  
[bortmann@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:bortmann@victoriadiocese.org)  
Extension 2215

## **Catholic Schools**

Diocese of Victoria Catholic Schools Office  
P.O. Box 4070 (1505 E. Mesquite Lane), Victoria, TX 77903 (77901)  
361-573-0828  
361-573-5725 (FAX)  
Robert "Rob" Whitworth, Superintendent  
Mrs. Alma Alvarado, Executive Assistant to Superintendent of Schools

### ***Parochial Elementary Catholic Schools***

Bay City — Holy Cross — Est. 1940  
2001 Katy, Bay City, TX 77414  
[www.bcholycrossschool.org](http://www.bcholycrossschool.org)  
[www.facebook.com/HolyCrossCatholicSchoolBayCityTx](http://www.facebook.com/HolyCrossCatholicSchoolBayCityTx)

Principal: Brooke Tomek  
Email: [btomek@bcholycrossschool.org](mailto:btomek@bcholycrossschool.org)  
979-245-5632; 979-245-6120 (FAX)

Columbus — St. Anthony — Est. 1956  
635 Bonham, Columbus, TX 78934  
[www.stanthonycolumbus.net](http://www.stanthonycolumbus.net)  
[www.facebook.com/StAnthonySchoolColumbusTX](http://www.facebook.com/StAnthonySchoolColumbusTX)

Principal: Mrs. Shanna Collins  
E-mail: [scollins@sascolumbus.org](mailto:scollins@sascolumbus.org)  
979-732-5505; 979-732-9758 (FAX)

Cuero — St. Michael — Est. 1877  
208 McLeod, Cuero, TX 77954  
[www.stmschoolcuero.org](http://www.stmschoolcuero.org)  
[www.facebook.com/STMCUEROTX](http://www.facebook.com/STMCUEROTX)

Principal: Mr. Sean Mooney  
E-mail: [smooney@stmschoolcuero.org](mailto:smooney@stmschoolcuero.org)  
361-277-3854; 361-275-3618 (FAX)

El Campo — St. Philip — Est. 1949  
302 W. Church St., El Campo, TX 77437  
[www.stphilipschool.org](http://www.stphilipschool.org)  
[www.facebook.com/StPhilipCatholicSchool](http://www.facebook.com/StPhilipCatholicSchool)

Principal: Mrs. Kathleen Jahn  
E-mail: [kjahn@stphilipschool.org](mailto:kjahn@stphilipschool.org)  
979-543-2901; 979-578-8835 (FAX)

Hallettsville — Sacred Heart — Est. 1882  
313 S. Texana St., Hallettsville, TX 77964  
[www.shschool.org](http://www.shschool.org)  
[www.facebook.com/sacredhearttexas](http://www.facebook.com/sacredhearttexas)

Principal: Mr. Kevin Haas  
E-mail: [kevin.haas@shschool.org](mailto:kevin.haas@shschool.org)  
361-798-4251; 361-798-4970 (FAX)

Port Lavaca — Our Lady of the Gulf — Est. 1996  
301 S. San Antonio, Port Lavaca, TX 77979  
[www.olgmariners.org](http://www.olgmariners.org)  
[www.facebook.com/OLGMariners.org](http://www.facebook.com/OLGMariners.org)

Principal: Dana Dworaczyk  
E-mail: [ddworaczyk@olgmariners.org](mailto:ddworaczyk@olgmariners.org)  
361-552-6140, Ext. 6; 361-552-7485 (FAX)

Schulenburg — St. Rose of Lima — Est. 1889  
405 Black St., Schulenburg, TX 78956  
[www.strosecardinals.org](http://www.strosecardinals.org)  
[www.facebook.com/strosecardinals](http://www.facebook.com/strosecardinals)

Principal: Mrs. Taylor Jensen  
E-mail: [t.jensen@strosecardinals.org](mailto:t.jensen@strosecardinals.org)  
979-743-3080; 979-743-4228 (FAX)

Shiner — St. Ludmila Elementary — Est. 1897  
424 St. Ludmila (P.O. Box 725), Shiner, TX 77984  
[www.shinercatholicschool.org](http://www.shinercatholicschool.org)  
[www.facebook.com/ShinerCatholicSchool](http://www.facebook.com/ShinerCatholicSchool)

Principal: Mrs. Lesley Bacak  
E-mail: [lbacak@shinercatholicschool.org](mailto:lbacak@shinercatholicschool.org)  
361-594-3843; 361-594-8599 (FAX)

Victoria — Our Lady of Victory — Est. 1957  
1311 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, TX 77901  
[www.ourladyvictory.org](http://www.ourladyvictory.org)  
[www.facebook.com/olvictoriatx](http://www.facebook.com/olvictoriatx)

Principal: Mr. Justin Matias  
E-mail: [jmatias@ourladyvictory.org](mailto:jmatias@ourladyvictory.org)  
361-575-5391

Weimar — St. Michael — Est. 1889  
103 E. North St., Weimar, TX 78962  
[www.stmichaelswords.org](http://www.stmichaelswords.org)  
[www.facebook.com/stmichaelswords](http://www.facebook.com/stmichaelswords)

Principal: Ms. Judy Roeder  
E-mail: [jroeder@stmichaelswords.org](mailto:jroeder@stmichaelswords.org)  
979-725-8461; 979-725-8344 (FAX)

Yoakum — St. Joseph — Est. 1891  
310 North St., Yoakum, TX 77995  
[www.stjcatholicschool.com](http://www.stjcatholicschool.com)  
[www.facebook.com/sjstigers](http://www.facebook.com/sjstigers)

Principal: Sr. Marilyn Springs, OVISS  
E-mail: [smgsprings@stjcatholicschool.com](mailto:smgsprings@stjcatholicschool.com)  
361-293-9000; (361) 293-3004 (FAX)

### ***Private Elementary Catholic School***

Victoria — Nazareth Academy — Est. 1867  
206 W. Convent, Victoria, TX 77901  
[www.nazarethacademy.org](http://www.nazarethacademy.org)  
[www.facebook.com/nazarethacademytx](http://www.facebook.com/nazarethacademytx)

Principal: Mrs. Leslie New  
Email: [lnew@nazarethacademy.org](mailto:lnew@nazarethacademy.org)  
361-573-6651; 361-573-1829 (FAX)

### ***Parochial Catholic High Schools***

Hallettsville — Sacred Heart — Est. 1882  
313 S. Texana St., Hallettsville, TX 77964  
[www.shschool.org](http://www.shschool.org)  
[www.facebook.com/sacredhearttexas](http://www.facebook.com/sacredhearttexas)

Principal: Mr. Kevin Haas  
Email: [mailto:shcs@shschool.org](mailto:mailto:shcs@shschool.org)  
361-798-4251; 361-798-4970 (FAX)

Shiner — St. Paul — Est. 1963  
424 St. Ludmila St. (P.O. Box 725) Shiner, TX 77984  
[www.shinercatholicschool.org](http://www.shinercatholicschool.org)  
[www.facebook.com/ShinerCatholicSchool](http://www.facebook.com/ShinerCatholicSchool)

Principal: Mrs. Lesley Bacak  
E-mail: [lbacak@shinercatholicschool.org](mailto:lbacak@shinercatholicschool.org)  
361-594-3843; 361-594-8599 (FAX)

### ***Private Catholic High School***

Victoria — St. Joseph — Est. 1868  
110 E. Red River St., Victoria, TX 77901  
[www.stjvictoria.com](http://www.stjvictoria.com)  
[www.facebook.com/StJosephHighSchoolTX](http://www.facebook.com/StJosephHighSchoolTX)

President: Mr. John Gilley  
E-mail: [jgilley@stjflyers.com](mailto:jgilley@stjflyers.com)  
361-573-2446; 361-573-4221 (FAX)

## **Marriage, Family Life and Lay Association Resources**

### ***ACTS***

The ACTS movement provides parish weekend retreats focused on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. ACTS originated in the Archdiocese of San Antonio in 1987.

[www.actsmissons.org](http://www.actsmissons.org)

### ***Amor Meus Spirituality Center***

Amor Meus Spirituality Center is a ministry of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament of Victoria, Texas. The Center seeks to extend the Sisters' charism of Incarnational Spirituality to individuals and groups who desire to deepen their spiritual growth and love of God. Amor Meus Spirituality Center offers a place for silent retreats, experiences of prayer, personal reflection and solitude in an atmosphere of quiet contemplation, nature's beauty and the peace of a sacred space. Amor Meus Spirituality Center also seeks to expand its community outreach ministry through educational experiences and opportunities.

Incarnate Word Convent  
1101 N.E. Water St.  
Victoria, TX 77901  
361-575-7111, Ext. 115

### ***Associates of the Incarnate Word***

They seek to focus on the Person of the Incarnate Word through adoration, witness and the extension of the Eucharist by their service to others in charity and simplicity. Thus they fulfill their call to "extend the Incarnation" in today's world by living the Gospel of Love. They meet monthly including a day of retreat in Advent and Lent.

Sister M. Emiliana Grafe, OVISS, Director  
Incarnate Word Convent  
1101 N.E. Water St.  
Victoria, TX 77901  
361-575-7111, Ext. 115

### ***The Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group***

Since the 1970s, a praise and worship prayer group has been meeting at the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament convent auditorium every Monday evening. Everyone is invited to attend the prayer group to sing, praise and worship the Lord at the Incarnate Word's Motherhouse auditorium on Mondays at 7 p.m. The convent is located at 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria.

Sister Louise Marie Jones, OVISS  
361-575-7111

### ***Catholic Committee on Girl Scouts***

The Catholic Committee on Girl Scouts promotes and carries out religious programs in the troops.

Leeann Hathaway  
361-649-0944

### ***Catholic Committee on Scouting***

The Catholic Committee on Scouting is an organization that devotes its time and energy to promoting the Catholic aspects of scouting.

Gary Rangnow  
1401 N. Vine St.  
Victoria, TX 77901  
361-578-4377

### ***Catholic Daughters of the Americas***

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) was founded in 1903 in Utica, N.Y. The motto of the order is "Unity and Charity." The purposes of the order are religious, charitable and educational. To become a member, a woman must be 18 or older and a practicing Catholic. The Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA), the State Junior Program, is for girls 6 through 18 and was founded in 1925. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas has nearly 95,000 members in 1,400 courts in the United States, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Guam, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands.

National Headquarters:  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
10 West 71st St.,  
New York, N.Y., 10023  
Phone: 212-877-3041

National Regent: Emily Guilherme  
National Chaplain: Reverend Shenan J. Boquet  
State Regent: Rebecca R. Brown  
State Chaplain: Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Reverend Msgr. John C. Peters, State Chaplain  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
P.O. Box H  
Hallettsville, TX 77964  
361-798-5888

### ***Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas (KJZT)***

The spirit of Christian love and the desire to serve each other brought individuals together in establishing this mutual aid society in Yoakum, Texas, in 1894. A similar group formed in Hallettsville. On Nov. 21, 1897, the two united to become the Union of Czech Catholic Women. Its aim is to promote the spiritual and material welfare of its members and their families. Now known as the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas (KJZT), the organization encourages the preservation and propagation of the Catholic faith by assisting the Texas bishops, priests, sisters and seminarians. The society lends money for the construction of churches, rectories, homes and religious facilities, and supports charitable projects. It also offers insurance to members. Since 1962, the organization has offered academic scholarships to young members. There are 138 parish-based societies statewide.

#### **KJZT**

4604 E. Ben White Blvd. (P.O. Box 18896)  
Austin, TX 78741 (78760)  
512-444-9586  
888-253-2338  
[www.kjzt.org](http://www.kjzt.org)

### ***Catholic Outreach Prison Ministry***

Catholic Outreach Prison Ministry offers Catholic programs to offenders at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Clarence Stevenson Unit in Cuero, Texas. Services include Mass each Saturday morning 8-10 a.m.; AA/NA meetings each Saturday at 10 a.m.; RCIA classes on the first and third Wednesday evening of each month; and faith-based counseling. Volunteers are needed, please contact the liaison for Criminal Justice Ministry.

Hermes Silva

Liaison for Criminal Justice Ministry  
[hsilva@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:hsilva@victoriadiocese.org)  
[www.victoriadiocese.org/criminal-justice-ministry](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/criminal-justice-ministry)

### ***Catholic Rural Life – Victoria***

Catholic Rural Life - Victoria is the first chapter of Catholic Rural Life (CRL) in the state of Texas and officially began its work in June 2019. Chapters of Catholic Rural Life are part of the national network of CRL members. Often using the resources of Catholic Rural Life as they work to promote, edify and celebrate the rich rural traditions of our faith in their local diocese and parishes. Catholic Rural Life is a national, Catholic nonprofit organization dedicated to the vitality of the American countryside. Since 1923, CRL has been applying the teachings of Jesus Christ for the social, economic, and spiritual development of rural America, strengthening and sustaining the Church in the countryside by educating and inspiring leaders and advocating on their behalf. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, CRL is a membership-based organization that spans 90 years. It is comprised of dedicated bishops, laity and religious joined in a common effort to

serve the rural Church, rural people and their communities. Bishop Brendan Cahill serves on the CRL Board of Directors.

Reverend Stephen Vacek, Director  
Holy Cross Catholic Church  
2001 Katy Ave.  
Bay City, TX 77414  
979-245-6379

Deacon Larry Hoelscher, Chairperson  
St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church  
304 W. Church St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
979-543-3770

### ***Catholic Union of Texas (KJT)***

This fraternal benefit society began in 1889 at the dedication of a church in Bluff (now Hostyn), Texas. The founders not only wanted to improve their living standards, but also wanted to lay the foundation for a more rewarding life for their children. Today, the organization offers membership and life insurance to all family members who are practicing Catholics. The KJT also contributes to diocesan programs and provides scholarships to men and women pursuing religious vocations. Social activities are focused on all community levels. Youth programs include annual youth camps, fishing contests and scholarships for high school graduates.

KJT  
P.O. Box 297  
La Grange, TX 78945  
979-968-5877  
[www.kjtnet.org](http://www.kjtnet.org)

### ***Courage***

Courage is a spiritual support group for Catholic men and women who experience homosexual attractions, and who desire to live chaste lives in accordance with their call as Christians and in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church. For these men and women, life is filled with struggles that many people around them, even their closest friends and family, cannot fully understand. Courage is a Catholic organization with chapters all over the United States and many other countries throughout the world. It provides the opportunity for Catholics to support one another in prayer, share their struggles, and make progress in their faith with the help of God's Grace. Confidentiality is assured.

Rev. Chase Goodman, Director  
St. Michael Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 36  
Weimar, TX 78962  
979-725-6714  
[cgoodman@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:cgoodman@victoriadiocese.org)

### ***Crisis Pregnancy Center***

The center counsels and aids women and girls in unwanted pregnancy situations and offers free pregnancy tests and adoption information. They are a sister organization to the Gabriel Project that offers material help to mom and babies.

Hours: Monday and Friday 1-4 p.m.  
1501 E. Red River, Suite C1 (P.O. Box 2484)  
Victoria, TX 77901 (77902)  
361-575-6171

### ***Diocesan Council of Catholic Women***

CCCW is united with the National Council of Catholic Women. It has commissions on Church Communities, Community Affairs, Family Affairs, International Affairs and Organization Services. Open to all women in the diocese.

Reverend Michael Petering, Moderator  
St. Agnes Catholic Church  
506 N. Allen  
Edna, TX 77957  
361-782-3588

Janice Ohrt, President

### ***Diocesan Pro-Life Concerns***

The purpose of this group is to keep the diocesan faithful, clergy and religious up to date on legislative, moral and ethical trends and circumstances related to all human life concerns and to foster movements to support respect for human life.

Very Rev. Greg Korenek, Director  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church  
P.O. Box 369  
Ganado, TX 77962  
361-771-3425

### ***Ecumenical Concerns***

Reverend Wayne Flagg, Director  
St. Andrew Catholic Church (Hillje)  
270 St. Andrew St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
979-648-2864

### ***Engaged Encounter***

The Catholic Engaged Encounter is a group of couples and priests committed to working in the Catholic Church through the apostolate to the pre-newly married. Within this ministry, Engaged Encounter offers a weekend experience during which engaged couples are called to a sacramental way of life through the vocation of marriage.

#### ***Bookings:***

Diocese of Victoria  
P.O. Box 4070  
Victoria, TX 77903  
361-573-0828

#### ***Web site:***

[www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) click on Marriage tab

### ***Fourth Degree Knights***

They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen. Members who wish to live out patriotism together can join "the Fourth Degree." Members of this degree have the special honor of holding the title "Sir Knight," participating in color and honor guards and organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship.

#### Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

Texas Second District: Our Lady of Guadalupe Province  
District Marshals:

Joe A Jimenez 1680 FM 2424 Weimar, TX 78962 (512)468-6762	Manuel Gonzales, III Victoria, TX (409) 201-1091 manuelgonzalesiii@yahoo.com dodgerdj@outlook.com
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### ***The Gabriel Project of the Crossroads***

Helps women experiencing a crisis pregnancy as an alternative to abortion. Our mission is to protect the unborn by providing spiritual and emotional support as well as supplies. We provide housing through the Bethlehem Maternity Home and have an outreach ministry that visits pregnant women in our community. Our services cover Victoria, Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda and Wharton counties.

#### Gabriel Project of the Crossroads

[www.victoriagabrielproject.org](http://www.victoriagabrielproject.org)  
Main Office: 361-541-5695  
Hotline: 361-576-1156

Main office line will give you options to reach the executive director, Victoria Gonzales or directors for Bethlehem Maternity Home and Mother/Baby Outreach ministries. The Hotline number is for mom's in need.

### ***Knights of Columbus***

This organization, which originated as a fraternal benefit society of Catholic men, was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney and chartered by the General Assembly of Connecticut on March 29, 1882. In line with their general purpose to be of service to the Church, the Knights are active in many apostolic works and community programs.

Texas State Council:  
6633 Hwy. 290 East, Suite 204  
Austin, TX 78723  
512-442-1492; 512-326-1492 (FAX)  
[www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org)

Diocesan Deputy: Kenny Trochta  
979-332-2097  
[Bigguy76@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Bigguy76@sbcglobal.net)

State Chaplain:  
Most Reverend William Michael Mulvey, STL  
Bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi  
Associate State Chaplain:  
Reverend Tommy Chen

### ***Knights of Columbus Columbian Squires***

The Columbian Squires is the junior organization of the Knights of Columbus that trains and develops leadership through active participation in a well-organized program of spiritual, service, social, cultural, and athletic activities. Membership: Catholic young men, 12-18 years old. Ask your local Knights of Columbus Council for a contact person or to start a group for young men in your parish.

### ***Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem***

The main social work of the order is the creation, support, and maintenance of an educational system for the Christian minority in the Holy Land.

Section Presidents:  
Rev. Deacon Richard and Dame Karen Evans  
[evansra@stm.victoria.org](mailto:evansra@stm.victoria.org)  
361-550-9808

### ***Knights of St. Gregory the Great***

First established by Pope Gregory XVI in 1831 to honor citizens of the Papal States, the order is conferred on persons who are distinguished for personal character and reputation, and for notable accomplishment. The order has civil and military divisions, and three classes of knights.

John Stevenson, President  
[jfsmhs@gmail.com](mailto:jfsmhs@gmail.com)

Rev. Greg Korenek, Chaplain  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 369  
Ganado, TX 77962  
361-771-3425

### ***Retrouvaille***

Retrouvaille offers hope and healing to married couples having difficulties in their relationships. Through a weekend experience and post weekend follow-ups, Retrouvaille helps couples put the pieces of their marriage back together and rebuild loving relationships.

John and Jennifer Vincent, Community Coordinators  
1309 E. Mesquite Lane  
Victoria, TX 77901  
1-800-470-2230  
[2046@retrouvaille.org](mailto:2046@retrouvaille.org)  
[www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

### ***Serra Club of Victoria***

The Serra Club is an organization whose primary purpose is to promote vocations.

Reverend Patrick Knippenberg, Chaplain  
John McQuillen, President

### ***Serra Prayer for Vocations***

O God, who will not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, St. Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

### ***Transformed in Love***

Christian marriage is a sacrament, and the Catholic Church wants couples to be well-prepared. Marriage preparation assists the couple in developing a better understanding of the sacrament; to evaluate and deepen their readiness to live married life; and to gain insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.

### **To register online go to:**

[www.victoriadiocese.org/witnesstolove](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/witnesstolove)

### ***Vietnamese Apostolate***

The Vietnamese Apostolate provides Vietnamese Masses at Palacios and Seadrift, as well as ministry, catechetical classes and sacraments to the Vietnamese people and others in the Diocese of Victoria.

Reverend Dominic Trung Nguyen  
100 Vietnam St.  
Palacios, TX 77465  
361-660-8590

## Life and Health Issues

### ***Christ's Kitchen***

Christ's Kitchen is there to feed the hungry. No questions are asked; all are welcome.

#### **Hours:**

Open 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

#### **Feeding:**

Monday to Saturday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

611 E. Warren (P.O. Box 3391)

Victoria, TX 77901 (77903)

361-578-4233

### ***Natural Family Planning (NFP)***

Natural birth control or natural family planning is used to avoid or achieve pregnancy by observing the wife's fertile and infertile times. It is the only Church approved form of family planning.

The Sympto-Thermal Method is claimed to be 99 percent effective as a method of birth regulation. This is not the old rhythm method. Qualified representatives of the Couple to Couple League give instructions on natural family planning.

Sympto-Thermal Method Representatives:

Rene and Wilma Galvan, Palacios

361-972-5030

CREIGHTON MODEL Fertility Care System (CrMS)  
featuring NaPro TECHNOLOGY

Susanne Koch

[susannekoch614@gmail.com](mailto:susannekoch614@gmail.com)

505-710-090

Ashley Rodriguez

[ashleyfay09@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyfay09@gmail.com)

361-293-0700

### ***Our Lady's Healing Center***

#### *Privately Owned*

Our Lady's Healing Center is an apostolate with the mission to bring Christ's divine healing in the Catholic Tradition. Our 12-month healing journey begins with a 5-day residential healing program at our beautiful facility in Seadrift. Inspired by the promptings of the Holy Spirit, OLHC is a response to the growing need to assist those who have been wounded and are hurting. OLHC has developed a healing program centered on the life of Christ and acceptance of His invitation to be healed and transformed through the sacraments.

Our Lady's Healing Center

163 Stella Maris Ranch Lane

Seadrift, TX 77983

361-785-2191

Email: [OLHC.contact@gmail.com](mailto:OLHC.contact@gmail.com)

[www.ourladysh healingcenter.com](http://www.ourladysh healingcenter.com)

### ***Raphael's Refuge***

Raphael's Refuge is the home of the Monument to the Innocents which honors babies who have died (from conception to one year). They are a non-profit organization located outside of Flatonia, Texas. Peer counseling is available for those suffering the loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. For more information the center

Raphael's Refuge

P.O. Box 341 (2715 W US Highway 90)

Flatonia, Texas 78941

361-258-1514 (Office)

830-788-7327 (Para español, Lupe)

E-mail: [raphaelsrefuge@att.net](mailto:raphaelsrefuge@att.net)

[www.raphaelsrefuge.org](http://www.raphaelsrefuge.org)

#### **Hours:**

April - September: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

October - March: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Or By Appointment

### ***St. Vincent de Paul Society***

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an organization of Catholic men and women founded in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam in Paris, France. Under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul and the guidance of Our Blessed Mother Mary, it seeks, in a spirit of justice and charity to help all who are suffering. Key to the society's function is the person-to-person involvement of its volunteer members because in persons who are in need, Vincentians see the face of Jesus Christ.

#### **Services:**

Parochial collections are distributed through the local conference members to those in need of food, clothing, utilities, transportation etc. Spiritual counseling and guidance is offered when possible.

Holy Cross — Bay City

Holy Family — Wharton

Our Lady of Guadalupe — Bay City

Our Lady of Lourdes — Victoria

Our Lady of Victory — Victoria

St. Agnes — Edna

St. Mary — Victoria

St. Robert — El Campo

### **Community Assistance**

#### ***Promise Pointe***

Promise Point is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to provide permanent, affordable housing and a supportive community for the chronically homeless in Victoria, Texas, and the Crossroads region. Our goal is to build a transformative residential community to serve our neighbors who have been living on the streets, while also empowering the surrounding community into a lifestyle of service with the homeless. Modeled on the Community First! Village in Austin, Texas, Promise Pointe will be a place that enables our homeless brothers and sisters to heal. It will be a place where they can rediscover hope, renew their purpose and restore their dignity. Most importantly, it will be a place they can call home.

Sister Rebecca Janacek, OVISS, Director

8550 U.S. Highway 59 S

Victoria, TX 77905

361-571-2589

[www.promisepointe.org](http://www.promisepointe.org)

### ***Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry***

#### ***(VCAM)***

VCAM is a cooperative ministry made up of Victoria County churches, whose purpose is to centralize their individual charitable efforts into one operation to assist all persons in a crisis situation on a temporary basis. Assistance may be in the form of food, clothing, utility payments, shelter, medical aid or transportation. Funds are limited. VCAM will ensure that clients are made aware of all other agencies and encourage them to take full advantage of their services.

#### **Hours:**

Monday to Friday 9 a.m.-noon

108 N. Liberty St. (P.O. Box 1786)

Victoria, TX 77901 (77902)

361-572-0048

[victoria.vcam@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.vcam@gmail.com)

## **Global Church Concerns**

### ***Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)***

In 1969, the Bishops of the United States founded CCHD to “eliminate the causes of poverty.” The CCHD, a grant-making unit of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, is the largest national funding program for self-help projects of poor and low-income groups aimed at social change. There is an annual collection in November for CCHD.

Mrs. Debbie Vanelli, Director  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
704 Mallette Dr.  
Victoria, TX 77904  
361-573-5304

### ***Catholic Relief Services (CRS)***

CRS functions as the sponsor of the Rice Bowl Collection during Lent. There is a special collection one Sunday, annually, for Catholic Relief Services. Founded in 1942 by U.S. Catholic Bishops as the official overseas aid and development agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, CRS is dedicated to responding to emergencies when disasters occur: hunger, war and weather.

Mrs. Debbie Vanelli, Director  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
704 Mallette Dr.  
Victoria, TX 77904  
361-573-5304

### ***Propagation of the Faith***

This organization works to provide the pastors and laity of this diocese with the opportunity to further the spread of the Gospel through prayers and financial support of the foreign missions and missionaries.

Very Rev. Matthew Huehlefeld, Chancellor, Director  
P.O. Box 4070  
Victoria, TX 77903  
361-573-0828

### ***Missionary Cooperative Plan:***

Very Rev. Matthew Huehlefeld, Chancellor, Director

## **Catholic Conferences/Miscellaneous**

### ***Texas Catholic Conference***

The Texas Catholic Conference is a federation of all Roman Catholic dioceses in the State of Texas. Some of its functions include, but are not limited to, fostering communication between the Catholic church and other institutions and organizations in Texas, both religious and secular, and cooperating with them in regional or state-wide programs for the common good; and providing an orderly method through which persons, broadly representative of the entire Catholic community in Texas, may actively and responsibly participate in the life and affairs of the Church. Membership consists of representatives from the dioceses in the state — bishops, clergy and lay persons in various capacities.

Texas Catholic Conference  
P.O. Box 13285  
Austin, TX 78711-3285  
512-339-9882  
512-339-8670 (FAX)  
[www.txcatholic.org](http://www.txcatholic.org)

### ***U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)***

#### **Services:**

The USCCB carries out the civic-religious work in this country.

USCCB  
3211 Fourth St., NE  
Washington, D.C., 20017-1194  
202-541-3000  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

### ***Relevant Radio***

Listen to Bishop Brendan Cahill on Relevant Radio every third Tuesday of the month.

<https://relevantradio.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/relevantradio>

- Donor/Listener Relations: 1-877-291-0123
- Prayer Line: 1-888-577-5443
- Studio Line: 1-888-914-9149

Relevant Radio is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

National Headquarters Mailing Address  
Relevant Radio, Inc.  
680 Barclay Blvd  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

### ***Catholic Archives of Texas***

The mission of the Catholic Archives of Texas is to collect, preserve and make available for research books, artifacts, records, and photographs that document the Catholic experience in Texas from the 16th century to the present. The Catholic Archives of Texas is nationally recognized as one of the most valuable resources for the history of the Catholic Church in the Southwest. Its records span nearly four centuries of development of the Catholic religion in the southwestern region of the United States and Northern Mexico. The Archives was founded in 1923 under the auspices of the Texas Knights of Columbus Historical Commission. Their goal of publishing a history of Catholicism in Texas culminated in the seven-volume work *Our Catholic Heritage in Texas, 1519-1936*, authored by Carlos E. Castañeda of the University of Texas at Austin. The Archives exists under the auspices of the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops and its Board of Directors, all bishops of Texas. The repository is the only archives in the United States servicing one religion for an entire state.

As the Catholic history center in Texas, the Archives' mission is to collect, preserve and make available for research those records of individuals and organizations engaged in work reflecting the goals of the Catholic Church in Texas. The Archives cooperates closely with the Diocese of Austin, where it is located, other dioceses in Texas, and with cultural and historical institutions in the area to achieve common goals of historical preservation and interpretation.

#### **Hours:**

Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
By Appointment Only

Texas Catholic Archives  
6225 Hwy 290 East  
Austin, TX 78723  
512-476-6296  
[www.txcatholic.org/catholic-archives-of-texas](http://www.txcatholic.org/catholic-archives-of-texas)

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