The First Catholic Mass was said in Blessing, on July 12, 1912 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Roach, with Fr. Francis Palanche, assistant pastor of St. Mary's in Victoria. There were five families present. Arrangements were made to have Mass once a month. Mass was said in the homes of John Roach, Frank Cobb, and J. D. Murphy. In January 1914, local Catholics began plans to erect a church. The Blessing Townsite Company, owned by Jonathan E. Pierce, donated Lots 10, 11 & 12 of Block 15 of the Blessing Original town site for use as a church or school. As a memorial to loved ones, Alfred Fred Foisy agreed to bear the greater part of the expense. The church was a wooden frame, Mission style structure that measured thirty by fifty feet, with two towers on the west side. A Mission style altar was donated by Ples and Elizabeth Dawdy and the wooden pews were donated by John R. Rowles and his wife, Margaret J. Rowles, who were parents of Elizabeth Dawdy. The new church was dedicated on April 20, 1915, by the Most Reverend John William Shaw, Bishop of the San Antonio Diocese and later Archbishop of New Orleans, along with Reverend J. X. Heck, pastor of St. Mary's Church Victoria; Monsignor Jacobus B. Schnetzer, pastor of Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Houston, and Reverend Francis Pallanche, pastor of Port Lavaca and Blessing. The church was placed under the patronage of Saint Peter, "Prince of the Apostles." In 1929, the church was enlarged, adding a bell tower and choir loft. In 1933, a wing was added to the church due to the increase in membership.

In 1947, Lots 1-12, Block 14 of Blessing Original Town site were purchased to accommodate an Army Chapel that was purchased from Camp Hulen Army Base in Palacios and moved to Blessing and remodeled. It was dedicated by Archbishop Robert Emmet Lucey on December 19, 1948. The original church building was converted into a parish hall and later sold to Frank Hahn of El Maton. On March 28, 1963, construction of a catechetical center was begun and later dedicated under the leadership of Fr. Edward Bily at a cost of $52,000. Religious instructions were held in the center every Wednesday during the school year. It also served as a community center for meetings and social gatherings.
The Mission At Markham 12 miles from Blessing is St. Robert's mission. It was built in 1966 to accommodate about 25 families. A brick church, it seats about 150 and was built at a cost of about $21,000 on a four-acre tract donated by Mrs. Mary Ethel Cornelius and her son, Dr. W. D. Cornelius. A $10,000 grant for the original building was received from the Catholic Church Extension Society. Mass is every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.

In 1975, a new church (picture on the front cover) and rectory were built under the leadership of Father Jerome Stryk. Architect Robert E. Morskovsky of San Antonio was the architect for the project. Edna Lumber company was the general contractor. The cost of the project was $205,000. The dedication was held on April 18, 1976, with Archbishop Patrick Flores of San Antonio presiding. The previous church building was sold to Andrew Oguin and moved away. The old rectory was sold to John Hamala and moved to El Maton.

Father Peter Higgins was instrumental in expanding the existing catechetical center. He acquired donations beforehand, so that the center would be paid for upon completion. In 2000, Dawdy family descendants, Richard and Emma Dawdy bequeathed a portion of their estate to St. Peter’s Catholic Church, Blessing, Texas and Holy Cross Catholic Church in Bay City, Texas. On June 1, 2001, a new rectory was purchased (Blessing Original Townsite Block 16, Lots 17-20), the old rectory was converted into a church office with additional classrooms. In 2008, St. Peter’s Catholic Church was listed with the Texas Historical Commission as a historic site in Texas. The marker is located in front of the church.

Until 1930 Blessing was a mission being served by the following priests: Fathers Pallanche, Bauquet, Vervaeke, V. A. Raska, A. J. Morkovsky, Wm. Jansen, Booding, Smiers and Klosek from the following parishes: St. Mary’s (Victoria), St. Phillip’s (El Campo), Pert Lavaca, Edna and Hillje.


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