

OCTOBER 18, 2009

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
ST. JOHN, TEXAS

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
MORAVIA, TEXAS

DIocese of Victoria in Texas



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MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Mission Sunday

Saturday	Oct. 17	6:00 P.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	Oct. 18	9:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of St. John KJZT Society #9	St. John

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Oct. 24	6:00 P.M.	Adolph B. & Adella Kutac	St. John
Sunday	Oct. 25	9:30 A.M.	August & Rosie Konvicka	Moravia

All Saints Day

Saturday	Oct. 31	6:00 P.M.	Henry & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia
Sunday	Nov. 1	9:30 A.M.	Deceased Members of Both Parishes	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20,22 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 or *nos.* 872-876

True greatness (holiness) is found in serving one another and by giving ourselves as did Jesus who suffered that we might be justified. He is our compassionate high priest in whom we have placed our hope.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126:1-6 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

An "oracle of consolation" regarding the restoration of Israel finds its fulfillment in the person of Jesus, our merciful high priest. His healing of the blind man witnesses to the inauguration of the kingdom.

All Saints Day

Readings: Revelations 7:2-4,9-14 Psalm 24:1-4ab,5-6 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a

Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in God's holy place and sing of the love of the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Moravia - Saturday October 31st - 5:30 p.m.

St. John - Sunday, November 1st - After the 9:30 Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We recognize that, to be disciples of Christ, we must accept a call to serve others as He served.

At times the disciples of Jesus had a basic misunderstanding of His mission and message. While Jesus was preaching a gospel of suffering, death and service, the disciples were looking for power, fame and glory.

Have you noticed how often the word *service* is used in our society? When we dine out, a major element of our enjoyment of the meal is a result of the "service" we are given. For those of us who can remember, the places where we fuel our cars were once known as "service stations." When we call to get help with our computers, to order cable TV or even make a doctor's appointment, we are likely to talk with a "customer service representative."

What we do in church is known as a "service" and the work performed by military personnel is known as "service" to their country. We are told that our economy is no longer based on the manufacture and sale of goods but is now a "service-based" economy. And, of course, government employees who bring our mail, forecast our weather, protect our elected officials or collect our taxes are members of the "Postal Service," the "National Weather Service," the "Secret Service" or the "Internal Revenue Service."

"Service" has many meanings and, on this Mission Sunday, it includes the efforts of men and women and children who work to spread the gospel and offer Christ's healing and forgiveness to those who have never known Him.

Service to others is an essential component of Christianity. Believing in God and acknowledging Jesus as Lord are important as are study, prayer and meditation, but the true mark of our faith is how we treat others.

DAY OF PRAYER

The IWBS Sisters will offer a day of prayer, reflection, solitude & support focusing on the theme **Gratitude** on November 7, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, Amor Meus Spirituality Center, 1101 NE Water St., Victoria. A box lunch will be provided for \$5. Pre-register by Nov. 2nd, 575-7111.

SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Sisters of Incarnate Word & Blessed Sacrament are hosting "Come & See" weekends for single Catholic women up to 50 years of age on Oct. 31-Nov. 1 & Nov. 28-29 at Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. If you are interested in learning more about the life of a Sister or in discovering if God might be calling you to consecrated life, please call 575-7111, email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com or check www.iwbsvictoria.org for more information about the sisters.

DONATION: One picnic table was donated to the Moravia parish by an anonymous donor.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Our next GOF will be Sunday, October 18, 2009 at St. John's Rectory/Religious Education Center immediately after the 9:30 AM Mass and should last until about 1:30PM. All generations are encouraged to attend. We will continue our discussion on Catholic Social Teachings with Rights and Responsibilities. Adults will also see a film on St. Paul. Remember to bring your lunch and drink or a snack and a drink. Don't forget to continue your God Sightings! For questions or more information, please call Dana Daughtry 979-562-2381, Kim Lofland 979-562-2267, or Janis Hrcncir 361-596-7525.

"The Catholic Principle of Rights and Responsibilities: Human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if we protect human rights and meet our responsibilities. Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency--starting with food, shelter and clothing, and employment, health care and education. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities--to one another, to our families, and to the larger society."--"Take Out," November, 2009.

We ask that you continue your prayers for the respect for all life, both born and unborn and that you pray especially for the children and youth of our parishes that are preparing for First Reconciliation/First Communion or Confirmation. We are blessed to have three children, Tristan Meisetschleager, Olivia Tesch, and Trevor Freytag, who are preparing for First Reconciliation/First Communion and three youth, Garrett Kutac, Nolan Besetzny, and Elizabeth Stepanek, who are preparing for Confirmation.

MEMORIALS

Ascension Building Fund

In memory of Judith Ohnheiser by Sylvester & Delores Janak \$10
In memory of Herbert Schaefer by Sylvester & Delores Janak \$10

St. John Building Fund

In memory of Marie Thompson by Larry & Carol Pavlicek \$20
In memory of Marie Thompson by Gene & Angie Pavlicek \$30

MORAVIA KJZT #44 MEETING

The Moravia KJZT Society #44 will have their annual meeting and social on November 1, 2009. Meal will be served at 12 noon. Please bring a dessert. RSVP to Dorothy Olsovsky by October 25, 2009 at 979-562-2169.

MORAVIA OCTOBER BINGO REPORT

Kitchen	\$153.80
Paper Cards	\$ 78.00
Pull Tabs	\$ 31.50
Total	\$263.30

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY FUND RAISER REPORT

Harlans Food Market will donate 1 % of all cash register receipts to your church or charity. [St. John's Altar Society continues to use this project as its Fund Raiser.](#)

Harlans Sales Receipts turned it to Harlan's this year: Totaled \$63,299.84. Check received: \$633.00. WE THANK YOU for your support and ask you to continue to save your Harlan's cash register receipts and drop them in the envelope in back of church as we continue our fund raiser. Money received is used to purchase candles and other items for the altar and church.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CLEANING LIST

St. John's Church cleaning list for November: Carol Siegel & Joyce Janda.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

During the month of October, Respect Life Month, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Rose #1597 is collecting Pennies for Life. Parishioners are asked to donate one penny for each year of their lives in thanksgiving to God for the life He has given them. Proceeds will be sent to the Diocese of Victoria Respect Life Office at the end of October. You may place your donation in the container in the back of the Church.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 17 - 6:00 p.m. -Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Ashley & Joshua Becan
Sunday, Oct. 18 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Hayden Besetzny, Jared Krischke & Logan Eckhardt

Saturday, Oct. 24 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Clayton & April Brossmann, James Lofland
Sunday, Oct. 25 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Ashley & Joshua Becan

Saturday, Oct. 31 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - James Lofland & Caitlyn Deem
Sunday, Nov. 1 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Hayden Besetzny, Jared Krischke & Logan Eckhardt

PRO LIFE CORNER

2274 "Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being."2275 "It is immoral to produce human embryos intended for exploitation as disposable biological material." 83 (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

The Youth ConneXion

October 20: Mandatory NCYC student/parent meeting, Youth House, 7:00 p.m.

October 21: CCD Firefall.

October 24: NCYC Bake Sale at Morton's Drive-In Grocery & Hoffer's Drive-In Grocery

October 31: "Trunk or Treat" & Jr. High Parish Youth Dance.

Music Practice: Mondays, 4:00-5:30 pm, Youth House.

