

MARCH 22, 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	Mar. 21	6:00 P.M.	John & Angeline Trlica	Moravia
Sunday	Mar. 22	9:30 A.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	Mar. 28	6:00 P.M.	Adela Pohl	St. John
Sunday	Mar. 29	9:30 A.M.	Edward E. Kusy	St. John

First Friday

Friday	Apr. 3	8:00 A.M.	Willie, Albina & Irene Barborak	St. John
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Palm Sunday

Saturday	Apr. 4	6:00 P.M.	Daniel S. Spies	Moravia
Sunday	Apr. 5	9:30 A.M.	Delaine Dittrich	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 Psalm 137:1-6 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

God pardons and raises up those who have been unfaithful, those who have loved the darkness rather than the light. For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to deliver the world from exile.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:3-4,12-15 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33

The grain of wheat must die to produce fruit. Such dying must be cultivated by obedience and by our covenant with God, rooted in love and forgiveness.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Readings: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 (procession) 38: Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8-9,17-18a,19-20,23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

→On **Sunday, April 5th at 3:00 p.m.**, I would like all the members of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, St. John's & Moravia parishes who have attended an ACTS Retreat to meet with Fr. Michael & me for about an hour in the Sacred Heart Family Center. We would like to share some ideas and get some feedback. Please mark this on your calendar.

→We will be preparing a class for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion in the near future. However, before we do that, we would like to have an accurate list of those who will be serving in this ministry. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and would like to retire or if you would like to become a new one, please call the rectory at Sacred Heart this week and let us know. Those who would like to become an Extraordinary Minister will need to meet with me before any action can be taken.

→Our DSA, Diocesan Services Appeal is different from the Capital Campaign for the Diocese. The DSA is done every year for the regular operation of the diocese.

For the DSA, send your DSA contribution directly to the diocese. For your Capital Campaign, you send your card & donation directly to the diocese.

St. John's DSA goal for 2008 was \$3,573.76. The total amount contributed by 15 parishioners was \$1,830.00. Therefore, in order to meet our parish goal for 2008, we have to send the diocese \$1,743.76.

St. John's DSA goal for 2009 is \$3,775.34.

Ascension of Our Lord's DSA goal for 2008 was \$4,390.80. The total amount contributed by 16 parishioners was \$2,020.00. Therefore, in order to meet our parish goal for 2008, we have to send the diocese \$2,370.80.

Ascension of Our Lord's DSA goal for 2009 is \$4,264.59.

We ask you to please be generous with your DSA contribution so that we will not have to send in a large amount from parish funds.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Moravia - March 27 St. John - April 3

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS

St. John's Church cleaning list for the month of April: Elsie Farek, Dana Daughtry & Joyce Janda.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT

Internationally renowned Christian musician John Michael Talbot will be in concert on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hallettsville. Admission to the concert is \$10.00 per person; children 12 & under \$5. No advance tickets will be sold. For information, please call 361-798-5888.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our next gathering for Generations of Faith will take place on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th, at the Moravia Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. The topic will be "Easter Season - What it is all about."

DONATIONS ST. JOHN'S EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones for St. John's Church, contact Joyce Janda at 562-2682.

MEMORIAL

St. John Building Fund

In memory of Emma Meyer by Bobby & Peggy Mendel \$20

MARCH BINGO REPORT

Cards -	\$70.25
Pull Tabs -	\$52.00
Kitchen -	\$152.40
TOTAL	\$274.65

MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY

The Moravia Altar Society will hold their annual Spring Social Sunday, March 29 starting at 11:00 A.M. A short meeting will be held at that time. A catered meal will begin at 11:30 A.M. Members are asked to bring a dessert to add to the meal. Please call Kathy Guenther at 979-562-2124 or Dorothy Olsovsky at 979-562-2169 if you plan to attend.

MORAVIA PARISH PICNIC MEETING

There will be a Moravia Parish Picnic Meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited and chairmen are encouraged to attend.

ST. JOHN KJT SOCIETY #32 MEETING

St. John KJT Society #32 meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 11:00 A.M. at the Religious Education Center at St. John. The society will sponsor a parish donut and coffee social immediately after the 9:30 mass at St. John.

KJZT #44 BAKE SALE

The KJZT #44 will hold a Bake Sale on Saturday, April 4th, 2009 starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Moravia Bingo. The money made will benefit the Hallettsville, Schulenburg and Moulton Fire Departments. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

SAUSAGE & POLKA FEST

The annual Sausage & Polka Fest will be held on March 27-29 at the KC Hall in Hallettsville. Friday: Don Peachy 7-10:30 pm. Fish Fry Dinner begins at 5 pm. Saturday: Polka mass 3 pm, featuring St. Mary's Czech Choir, Sausage Dinner begins at 4 pm. Dance 5-11 pm by Dujka Brothers & Jodie Mikula. Sunday: Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner begins 10:30 am. Shiner Hobo Band 11am-1pm. Red Ravens, Czech & Then Some & Czechaholics 1-8 pm. Entry fee \$8 per person per day. Meals \$7 each.

PRO LIFE CORNER

By signing an Executive Order President Obama lifted restrictions on federal funds for Embryonic Stem Cell Research. (ESCR kills human embryos to harvest their stem cells.) This Executive Order (signed March 9th) advances the "pro-choice" national agenda BEFORE Congress even introduces or debates FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act). There are successful morally acceptable stem cell research avenues. As Pro-Life Catholics be sure to read about some of the 73 useful therapies developed in ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH in Rev. Msgr. James C. Brunner's FAITH POINT on page 4 of March 2009 The Catholic Lighthouse.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 28 - St. John - James Lofland, Ashley & Joshua Becan
Sunday March 29 - St. John - Logan & Seth Eckhart & Caleb Krischke
Saturday, April 4 - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Clayton & April Brossmann
Sunday, April 5 - St. John - Blaine & Hayden Besetzny & Jared Krischke

If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please ask someone else to serve for you. Also, if you are at Mass, and a server is needed please come up and serve.

At the present time, these are all the servers we have on our list. If your name isn't listed above and you wish to serve please contact Fr. John or Fr. Michael.

DAILY PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord Jesus, help me take up my cross daily and follow in Your footsteps, especially during this time of Lent. Turn my heart to You above all else and my neighbor as myself. Amen.

AIM FOR SUCCESS - ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The parent program, a presentation to help parents understand sexual education for their children, will be presented on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Family Center. **All parents are welcome to attend the parent program.** The student programs will be held during the school day on Tuesday, March 24. Sponsored by the Home & School Association.

Next Bulletin: April 5th, 2009

Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2nd, 2009