

MARCH 21, 2010

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
MORAVIA, TEXAS

DIocese of Victoria in Texas



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MASS SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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| Saturday | Mar. 20 | 6:00 P.M. | John & Angeline Trlica | Moravia |
| Sunday | Mar. 21 | 9:30 A.M. | Delaine Dittrich | St. John |

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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| Saturday | Mar. 27 | 6:00 P.M. | Steve Kubenka | St. John |
| Sunday | Mar. 28 | 9:30 A.M. | Alex Hrcncir | Moravia |

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

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| Thursday | April 1 | 7:00 P.M. | Past & Present Priests | St. John |
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Good Friday Services

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| Friday | April 2 | 1:00 P.M. | | St. John |
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Easter Sunday

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| Saturday | April 3 | 6:00 P.M. | Joe & Larry Zatopek | Moravia |
| Sunday | April 4 | 9:30 A.M. | Parishioners of Both Parishes | St. John |

Area Penance Services: **March 22** – St. Joseph's, Moulton, 5:30 pm. **March 23** – Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, 5:30 pm.

March 25 – St. Joseph's, Yoakum, 5:30 pm. **March 26** – Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner, 5:30 pm.

Confessions: St. John – April 1, 6:00 – 6:55 p.m. and April 2, 12:00 – 12:55 p.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21/ Psalm 126:1-6/ Philippians 3:8-14/ John 8:1-11)

To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus, when the Lord will lead his people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law. It is he who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.

The Annunciation of the Lord (Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14;8-10/Psalm 40:7-11/Hebrews 10:4-10/Luke 1:26-38)

The Lord will give a sign: a child, who has come to do God's will, shall be conceived by the Spirit.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Rdgs: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56)

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.

Holy Thursday Evening (Readings: Ex 12:1-8,11-14/Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15)

Before the feast of the Passover, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper in which he gives us his body and blood.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (Rdgs: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25/Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19,42)

Entrusting his life to the Father, Jesus bore our infirmities, and obedient unto death, won for us eternal salvation.

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord (Rdgs: Acts 10:34a,37-43/Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9/

Lk 24:13-35) On this day of days, we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us. Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

All pastors in our diocese received this letter this week from our bishop. I want to share it with you.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Through God's grace, our diocese has eight seminarians. A young man may spend seven to nine years in the seminary. The offering you make goes directly to help pay for the seminarian's education and formation. Our diocese will hold the first of its annual collections on Holy Thursday to help fund the education of our future priests. Please consider being a part of our work. 100% of every dollar collected for this collection goes toward supporting the education of men studying for the priesthood. Our parishes and schools continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconal service in our diocese. We ask for your continued prayers and support for those who are being called and for those already in formation. We need your help.

Sincerely and gratefully, The Most Reverend David E. Fellhauer, Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria

What more can you do to help? Donate generously to the annual Holy Thursday collections. Include the Diocesan Seminarian Fund in your estate planning. Consider your own vocation and ask your pastor about supporting vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated life. Encourage our youth to pray and to be open to God's will.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held after Holy Thursday Mass at St. John until 8:30 p.m.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND will be taken up at all Good Friday Services.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF):

Our next GOF will be Sunday, March 21, 2010 after Mass at the Rectory/Religious Education Center and should last until about 1:30PM. All generations are encouraged to attend. We will continue our discussion of Catholic Social Teachings with "Solidarity". "As the U.S. Catholic Bishops explain, 'Our culture is tempted to turn inward, becoming indifferent and sometimes isolationist in the face of international responsibilities. Catholic social teaching proclaims that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that 'loving our neighbor' has global dimensions in an interdependent world.'" (Sharing Catholic Social Teaching, USCCB, 1998, 5-6). One of the concepts that GOF participants will learn about this month is "Living Simply So Others May Simply Live" as Jesus tells his disciples to do in Matthew 6:19. Won't both parishes join GOF in our ministry by placing a "Solidarity Box" in your home where you might collect money, fold, books, toys, videos, clothes, shoes, linens, etc. that can be donated?

Please be sure to bring your snack or lunch and drink. There will be a brief Confirmation Meeting immediately after GOF. We look forward to seeing you for another fun-filled learning experience about your faith.

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL (DSA) for 2009

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| St. John: Our parish goal was | \$3,775.34 | Moravia: Our parish goal was | \$4,264.59 |
| Total pledges & paid was | \$1,605.00 | Total pledges & paid was | \$2,395.00 |
| Amount paid by parish | \$2,170.34 | Amount paid by parish | \$1,869.59 |

A reminder about our DSA for **2010**: St. John Parish goal is \$4,526.00. Moravia Parish goal is \$4,743.00.

MORAVIA KJZT #44

Moravia KJZT Society #44 will be hosting the District 2 meeting on March 21st at the Moravia Dining Hall. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with a meeting to follow at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

PRO LIFE

"Ash Wednesday" started the "40 DAYS FOR LIFE!" Pray for all the people involved in standing up to DEFEND LIFE. (Action Box- March 2010 Life and Family Advocates News)

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Easter flower donations in memory of loved ones for St. John's Church, call Joyce Janda at 562-2682.

Easter flower donations in memory of loved ones for Moravia Church, call Kathy Guenther at 562-2124.

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St. John - March 26 & April 6

WASHINGTON D.C. YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

Please help support Dylan, Kyle, and Katie Jahn of St Rose as they travel with Sacred Heart to Washington DC this June by purchasing tickets for their spring Washington D.C. Youth Group fundraiser dinner. Each student is required to sell 70 tickets. The meal is on Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Time: 4:30-6:30 pick up at Schulenburg or Hallettsville K.C. Hall Chicken Fried Chicken Breast w/ white sauce, rice, green beans & homemade peach cobbler - \$7.00 each. Please call Ann McBride 561-6261 mother of Dylan, Kyle, and Katie Jahn

MEMORIALS

St. John Seminary Burse

In memory of Patrick Hrcir: Willie E. Barborak - \$10

Ascension Cemetery Fund

In memory of Patrick Hrcir: Dyrel & Arlene Holmes - \$15

Ascension Bldg. Fund

In memory of Patrick Hrcir:

Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky \$10

David & Dorothy Young \$25

Phil & Kathy Guenther \$15

In honor of Sylvester & Delores Janak's 50th Wedding Anniversary:

A.W. Spies Jr. \$20

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 20 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - James Lofland, Caitlyn Deem & Joshua Becan

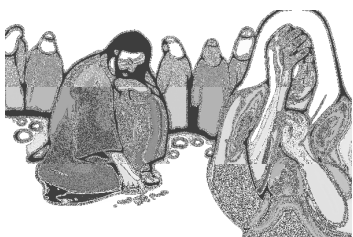
Sunday, March 21 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Caleb & Jared Krischke, Blaine Besetzny

Saturday, March 27 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Joshua & Ashley Becan

Sunday, March 28 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Hayden & Blaine Besetzny, & Seth Eckhart

Saturday, April 3 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia -Caitlyn Deem, Joshua & Ashley Becan

Sunday, April 4 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Clayton & April Brossman, Caleb Krischke



Next Bulletin: April 4th, 2010
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1st, 2010

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." — Jn 8:6-7

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