

MARCH 18, 2012

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	March 17	6:00 P.M.	Joe & Irene Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	March 18	9:30 A.M.	Delaine Dittrich	St. John

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 24	6:00 P.M.	Frank Berger	St. John
Sunday	March 25	9:30 A.M.	Arthur W. Spies Sr., & Lillie H. Spies	Moravia

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday	March 31	6:00 P.M.	Clarence Haas	Moravia
Sunday	April 1	9:30 A.M.	Irene Mendel	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.

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 Passion of the Lord

Readings: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 (procession) 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

I want to thank Bishop David Fellhauer for placing his confidence in me and naming me the Vicar General for the Diocese of Victoria.

On March 8, I was officially appointed to the office of Vicar General of the Diocese of Victoria by Bishop David Fellhauer. Even as I hold this new office, I will remain in my assignment as Pastor of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, St. John the Baptist, St. John and Ascension of Our Lord, Moravia.

"The appointment as Vicar General makes him second in command in the Diocese after the Bishop" according to Bishop Fellhauer in his announcement. In this position, I will represent the Diocese or Bishop at certain functions.

I will be in charge in the absence of the Bishop. As Vicar General, I am an ex officio member of the Priest Council, the College of Consultors, the Priests' Personnel Board and the Diocese Finance Board.

My official duties and responsibilities are stated in Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church.

I ask for your prayers in this additional assignment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Moravia - March 23

St. John - March 30

Sacred Heart - 6:00 p.m. - Every Friday

St. Mary's - 6:30 p.m. - Every Friday

KJZT MEETING

Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas- KJZT 2012 District II meeting will be held at St. John's Parish Hall on Sunday March 18th. Registration at 1:30 pm and meeting at 2:00 pm.

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR APRIL

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AREA PENANCE SERVICES FOR LENT

Moulton - - Monday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Yoakum - Tuesday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Hallettsville - Thursday, March 29 at 5:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for the Easter flowers for St. John Church in memory of loved ones can be placed in the collection basket using your Easter Flower Offering Envelope or mailed to Pam Besetsny at 5325 W. County Line Rd, Schulenburg, TX. 78956 or call to 979-562-2818 (home) 979-743-6119 (office) or 979-561-6994 (cell).

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 17 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Ashley & Joshua Becan

Sunday, March 18 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Clayton & April Brossmann & Dylan Goldberg

Saturday, March 24 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Ashley & Joshua Becan

Sunday, March 25 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Miranda Shimek, Rylie Lux & Dylan Goldberg

Saturday, March 31 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Clayton & April Brossmann

Sunday, April 1 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Blaine Besetzny, Caleb Krischke & Seth Eckhardt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING & REFRESHER COURSE

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion who help to distribute Communion at Masses and to the homebound **AND** all those interested in becoming commissioned to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, must attend a training course with Fr. Tommy on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 3 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church. Bishop Fellhauer has asked that all those particularly in this liturgical ministry receive a theological and practical refresher on a regular basis. A sign-in sheet will be available for current Extraordinary Ministers on the day of the course. Those who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers should contact Fr. Tommy beforehand to sign up for the course.

FIREFALL - HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Youth and all members of the parishes are invited to a special time of prayer and worship before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We will sing His praises, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the conversion of our nation, and spend some quiet reflective time with our Eucharistic Lord. Come join us! Sunday, March 18, 5-6 pm in the Sacred Heart Church. This is a great opportunity for a short one hour Lenten "retreat" for yourself. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

SOUTH TEXAS POLKA & SAUSAGE FEST

The South Texas Polka & Sausage Fest will be held on March 23-25 at the KC Hall in Hallettsville. Polka Mass at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Dance \$8 per person per day. Friday - Texas Legacy Czech Band. Saturday - Dujka Brothers. Sunday - Red Ravens, Czechaholics & Fritz Hodde.

TRUCK RAFFLE

Truck Raffle tickets are now available at the Sacred Heart Rectory for a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado LT1500 4x4 Z-71 Crew Cab (Value \$38,090) & 13 other prizes! Drawing will be held at the Spring Picnic on May 27. Tickets \$100 each.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH(GOF)

Our next Generations of Faith is on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. We will continue our study of "Responding in Prayer" by continuing our discussion of "Praying Through Lent." If you wish to participate in the \$5.00 sandwich meal, please notify Mrs. Dana, 979-562-2381 or 713-822-3019, by Sunday, March 18, 2012.

Please remember to keep your eyes on Jesus during this Lenten season and continue to try to spend more time at prayer, increase your attendance at Mass, and participate in almsgiving by filling your Rice Bowl and bringing your savings each week to Mass.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Confirmation Candidates: If you still need Church service hours, please contact me as there is an opportunity for service this Sunday. Mrs. Dana

PRO LIFE NEWS

Americans have expressed disgust that the abortion giant Planned Parenthood receives millions of their tax dollars. As a result, many states have taken measures to restrict the amount of tax dollars flowing to Planned Parenthood. Texas alone has taken away \$64.2 million from the abortion industry....(February 2012 Texas Right to Life News)

Next Bulletin: Sunday, April 1st, 2012

Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29th, 2012



The Keys to Heaven

