

April 9, 2017

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.
(on 2nd and 4th)
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
(on 1st, 3rd, and 5th)
First Friday8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Hour

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.
(on 1st, 3rd, and 5th)
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
(on 2nd and 4th)

MARRIAGES

Consult the Pastor six (6) months in advance before making any plans or decisions.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish family. Please stop by the rectory or call to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday Evening—5:30 p.m.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

Dana Daughtry 713-822-3019-cell or 979-562-2381
EWTN..... Cable Channel 71 or Dish Channel 261

WEBSITES

Cemetery: www.victoriadiocese.org
(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)
Safe Environment: www.victoriadiocese.org
(Click on “Safe Environment Program,” then on “eAppsDB”)

PARISH CONTACTS

St. John the Baptist Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday	April 8	6:00 p.m.	Anton & Josephine Orsak	St. John
Sunday	April 9	9:30 a.m.	Delaine Dittrich	Moravia

Holy Thursday

Thursday	April 13	7:00 p.m.	Priests & Seminarians	St. John
		Adoration after Mass until 8:30 p.m.		

Good Friday Services

Friday	April 14	11:45 am–12:30 pm.	Confessions	St. John
Friday	April 14	1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Services	St. John

Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

Saturday	April 15	6:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	Moravia
Sunday	April 16	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	St. John

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Saturday	April 22	6:00 p.m.	Ludwig & Adela Dittrich	St. John
Sunday	April 23	9:30 a.m.	James & Evelyn Vornsand.	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

April 9, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings: 37: Mt 21:1-11; 38: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—2:6 or 27:11-54

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.

April 15, Easter Vigil

Alleluia! The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone! If we have died with Christ, we shall also rise with him and pass from death to life.

April 16, Easter Sunday

Readings: 42: Acts 10:34a, 337-43; Ps 118:11-2, 16-17, 22, 23; Col; 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or 41: Mt 28:1-10

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.

April 23, Sunday of Divine Mercy

Readings: 43: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe in him. We give thanks to the Lord for this gift of faith, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 8 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Laura James, Kate James, Mary Beth Krischke

Sunday, April 9 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson, Dylan Orsak

Saturday, April 15 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Wade Shimek, Dylan Orsak

Sunday, April 16– 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Alex Lozano, Mary Beth Krischke, Dylan Goldberg

Saturday, April 22 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Alex Lozano and Dylan Goldberg, Dylan Orsak

Sunday, April 23 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Laura James, Kate James, Wade Shimek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today is Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week with a remembrance of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The Gospels tell us that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted Him by waving palm branches and covering His path with them. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, He begins His journey to the cross.

Palms can be dried and displayed throughout your home all year long—standing tall in a vase, tucked behind a crucifix, or even pressed in your Bible. Palm branches remind us that Jesus is our light and salvation—and that is something to celebrate.

We are reminded that the Triduum (Holy Week) is the foundation of our Catholic Faith. Triduum means three. For three days – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday – we suffer with Jesus and await His rising from the dead. The Second Vatican Council restored the Triduum as the holiest days in the Church year.

On Holy Thursday, we recall the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples, and the powerful lesson He taught about service when He washed their feet. Attend Holy Thursday Mass, which recalls the Last Supper. Give thanks for the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Good Friday is the somber remembrance of the day Jesus died on the cross. Attend the Good Friday services.

Holy Saturday is traditionally the final day of preparation for the great feast of Easter. The Easter Vigil that takes place on Holy Saturday night is the high point of the Church calendar. The Paschal candle that is lit at the Easter Vigil will remain in the Church as a sign of Christ's death and resurrection. Attend the Easter Vigil and savor the symbols—fire represents Christ's light in the world, and the color white reminds us of Christ's victory over death. At the Easter Vigil, we welcome new members into the Faith.

Wednesday, April 12 – Moravia Confessions – 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR APRIL: Richard Schaefer & Wilma Schaefer

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR APRIL: Dwayne Burton & Phil Guenther

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR APRIL: Elsie Farek & Joyce Janda

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR APRIL: Darrell Demel & Forrest Dittrich

THE EMMAUS CENTER—*Counseling in the Catholic Tradition*—Sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria—1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140, Victoria, Texas 77901. For an appointment, go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com or call 361-212-0830. *Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need.*

Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Please pray for the Veterans who have served Our Country and have sacrificed and given so much for our freedom.

PRO-LIFE CORNER—

Life is the gift of God, created by God Himself, to love and to be loved and so we have no right to destroy what belongs to God Himself.

By destroying life, you are destroying love ... destroying the presence of God ... destroying everything that is beautiful.

[St. Theresa of Calcutta in "Where There is Love, There is God" – Page 91]

Divine Mercy Sunday Procession and Adoration—Sunday, April 23, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Donations are now being accepted for the St. John Picnic Raffle. We will accept donations through April 16 2017. We appreciate everyone's continued generosity in making this a successful raffle.

Please contact Ann McBride at 979-561-6261 or mcbride@cvctx.com, or Theresa Eckhardt at 979-743-4435.

Thank you!

There will be a Picnic Meeting for St. John's on Monday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. John Hall. Everyone should try to attend.

St. John Easter Flower Offerings: Donations towards Easter Flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones can be put in the flower donation envelope or mailed to Pam Besetsny at 5325 W. County Line Road, Schulenburg.

St. John Altar Society will host the Annual Spring Brunch on May 7, 2017, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Rectory. Members, please bring food for everyone to enjoy. Coffee and juice will be provided. Everyone is invited. Dues will be collected. For more information, please call Evelyn at 979-562-2364 or Peggy at 979-562-2246.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Area Events

St. Wenceslaus Church 55th Annual Bazaar, Beasley, Texas, Sunday, April 23, BBQ Beef, Chicken, Sausage & all the trimmings, \$10 per plate. 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Plates to go drive thru). Live auction, games, raffle, music, & entertainment for all ages.

Thirty-Sixth Annual Holy Family Festival, Victoria Community Center, Sunday, May 7, Pit Bar-B-Q Beef & Sausage (11 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) \$9 per plate \$6 Children under 10; Auction, Country Store, Cake Wheel, Entertainment and more.



Next Bulletin: Sunday, April 23, 2017

All announcements can be sent by email to the Rectory at rectory@shcatholicchurch.org

Or can be called in to the Rectory to 361-798-5888.

Any announcements after the due date and time, will be published in the next bulletin, if applicable.

Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2017