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MASS SCHEDULE

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 2	6:00 P.M.	Joe Barcak & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	Aug. 3	9:30 A.M.	Ervin & Irene Mendel	St. John

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 9	6:00 P.M.	Special Intention for Gene Marie Bohuslav Surgery	St. John
Sunday	Aug. 10	9:30 A.M.	Joe N. Steffek	Moravia

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday	August 15	7:00 P.M.	Millie Berger	Moravia
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 16	6:00 P.M.	Carolyn & Frank Okruhlik	Moravia
Sunday	Aug. 17	9:30 A.M.	Deceased Members of Brossmann Family	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-3 Psalm 145:8-9, 15-18 Romans 8:35,37-39 Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus has pity on the crowd and miraculously feeds them. In his compassion, the Lord answers all our needs, thus renewing his covenant of love with us. Nothing can ever separate us from the love of Christ.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a Psalm 85:9-14 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends his hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through his quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation)

Readings: Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab Psalm 45:10-12,16 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56

Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son.

The *Natale or Dormitio* ("Falling-asleep") of Mary came to be celebrated as early as the 5th century in the East and in Rome.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 56:1,6-7 Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8 Romans 11:13-15,29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

All peoples are invited to worship the Lord and to know his ways. God's gifts and his call are to Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus comes to recognize the universality of God's call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

Thank you once again to all who helped make our parish picnics a great success.

Our building project at Sacred Heart School is moving along well. The classrooms should be ready in time for the beginning of school. The other phase of the project will continue to be worked on as the school year begins. It will not interfere with classes.

We have reached our original goal of the capital campaign for the project. As in any construction project, there are unforeseen expenses; therefore, our campaign will continue until the project is finished. If you have not yet contributed to the campaign, please consider making a donation.

Our church directories have been put together and are about ready to go to print. They should be ready in a few weeks.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 15 - Holyday of Obligation

August 14 (Vigil): St. Mary's, 7:00 pm

August 15: Sacred Heart, 6:45 am, 8:05 am, 12:05 pm. Ascension Church, Moravia, 7:00 pm.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Called to give life, spouses share in the creative power and fatherhood of God. "Married couples should regard it as their proper mission to transmit human life and to educate their children; they should realize that they are thereby **cooperating with** the love of God **the Creator** and are, in a certain sense, its interpreters. They will fulfill this duty with a sense of human and Christian responsibility." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2367)



Safe Environment Training for new employees and volunteers 6:45 pm, Tuesday, August 12, Family Center.

A Message from Fr. Barnabas

Oh! We have a new Associate pastor and who is he? I am Rev. Barnabas Kyeah. I come from Ghana and I belong to the Catholic Diocese of Wiawso in the western region of Ghana. I was born in a city called Sefwi-Boako in the Western region of Ghana. I have two brothers and two sisters, and have one of my parents living, my mother.

I have been a priest for nineteen years. I attended both St. Paul's (Accra) and St. Peter's (Pedu-Cape Coast) major seminaries in Ghana. I have some degrees also in both Sociology and studies in religions from the University of Ghana, and Business Administration. My grandparents and parents are all Catholics, so I was born into a very Catholic family. Two of my uncles are priests and another one is a Brother of the Holy Cross congregation. Fortunately, one of my uncles was my classmate so we were all ordained on the same day. That is why I am saying that I was born into a very Catholic family.

When I first came to the United States I worked in Wisconsin for twelve years. Most Rev. Raymond L. Burke (now Raymond Cardinal Burke) invited me to come and help in his Diocese in Wisconsin because of the shortage of priests. After some time I heard about the Diocese of Victoria from a friend and also read about it and that is how I came to the Diocese of Victoria. I am really happy to be here, because I heard about the south and I have been praying all along that one day I will have the opportunity to serve God's people in this part of the Church. God has entrusted His ministry to our care to build His Kingdom both on earth and in Heaven. I believe if we work together we can fulfill this ministry. I will try and do my best in this parish, so you also try and do your part so that we can establish God's love and peaceful Kingdom on earth. Let's pray for one another on this mission.

Thank you. May God bless you all.

Rev. Barnabas Kyeah

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 2 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - James Lofland, Joshua Becan, Alex Lozano
Sunday, August 3 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Miranda Shimek, Blaine Besetzny, Seth Eckhardt
Saturday, August 9 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Kenna Kubenka, Caitlin Deem, Alex Lozano
Sunday, August 10 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Rylie & Regan Lux, Dylan Goldberg
Friday, August 15 - 7:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlin Deem, James Lofland, Joshua Becan
Saturday, August 16 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - James Lofland, Joshua Becan, Alex Lozano
Sunday, August 17 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Miranda Shimek, Blaine Besetzny, Seth Eckhardt

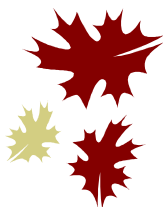


Pastoral Institute 3-Year Extended Program begins this Fall, both in person and via distance learning. Classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 2, at 9:15-11:30 am and 7-9:15 pm. Classes will be offered at the Chancery in Victoria and projected to St. Roch Church, Mentz and **Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville** - *Introduction to the Bible and the Pentateuch* followed by the *Historical and Prophetic Books in the Old Testament*. For information, contact Sherry Kainer at 573-0828 ex. 2223 or pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org.

AREA CHURCH PICNICS

Aug. 3: St. Joseph Picnic, Yoakum Community Center. Stew & Sausage Dinner 10:30 am. Auction, cake walk, country store, kiddy games, raffle

Aug. 10: St. Michael Harvest Feast, Veteran's Memorial Park, Weimar. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 11 am. Auction, bingo, booths, kiddy games, music.



FALLING LEAVES GALA

The Falling Leaves Gala featuring The Original Triumphs, Saturday, Oct. 11, 5:30-11:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, Hallettsville. Tickets on sale now! Only 400 tickets will be sold. \$100 per couple includes a rib-eye steak dinner for two, open bar, dance and give-away prizes (Grand prize \$4,000). Tickets may be purchased at the K.C. Hall or online www.kchall.com and click on the Falling Leaves tab. For more info, please call 361-798-2311.

DRAWING FOR 2014 POLARIS RANGER

Crew 570 (seating for 4) with 12 ft. Maxey Single Axle Trailer and 13 additional prizes will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Fall Picnic on August 31 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hallettsville. Tickets are \$35 each or 3 for \$100 and are available for purchase at the Sacred Heart Church Rectory. Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rain!

ASCENSION PARISH RAFFLE WINNERS

Prizes	Donated By:	Winner:
1. \$500 Cash Certificate	Anonymous	Bryan Tesch
2. \$250 Cash Certificate	Robert & Mary Kendall, Hallettsville, Texas	Phillip Geissen
3. \$250 Cash Certificate	David & Carol Bohuslav, Komensky, Texas	Mary Sklar
4. \$200 Cash Certificate	Bohuslav's Feed Mill Inc., Komensky, Texas	VT & Pat Richter
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18. \$100 Cash Certificate	Willie E. Barborak, Moravia, Texas	Kellie Haas
19. \$100 Cash Certificate	Willie E. Barborak, Moravia, Texas	Gladys Kutac
20. \$100 Gift Card	People's State Bank, Hallettsville, Texas	Henry Etzler
21. \$75 Gift Certificate to Oakridge Restaurant, Schulenburg, Texas	Robert & Pam Besetzny, Schulenburg, Texas	Leroy Loth
22. \$50 Cash Certificate	Arthur Spies, Hallettsville, Texas	Cathy Phelps
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32. \$50 Cash Certificate	Ronnie & Annette Technik, Moulton, Texas	Betty Klimitchek
33. \$50 Cash Certificate	Ronnie & Annette Technik, Moulton, Texas	Cathy Perez
34. \$50 Cash Certificate	Anders Electronics James & Patricia Anders, Moulton, Texas	V T & Pat Richter
35. \$50 Gift Certificate to Leon's Electric	Leon's Electric and Plumbing, Schulenburg, Texas	Harvey Hercik
36. Gift Basket (\$45 Value)	Lone Star Bank, Moulton, Texas	Larry Berger
37. \$30 Gift Certificate to Moravia Store	Moravia Store, Franklin & Henrietta Filip, Moravia, Texas	Wayne Janak
38. \$25 Cash Certificate	Fayette Savings Bank, Schulenburg, Texas	Dennis Walleck
39. Captain's Camping Chair Gift Package	Community Bank of Moulton, Texas	Alphonse Besetzny

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Prizes	Donated By:	Winner:
1. \$500 Cash Certificate	Walter & Josie Hermis	Josh Booker
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3. \$250 Cash Certificate	Tommy & Vicky Kainer	Gladys Besetzny
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5. \$100 Cash Certificate	Glen & Donna Lux	Calvin Welfel
6. \$100 Cash Certificate	Wenglar Pipe and Iron	Chad McGee
7. \$100 Cash Certificate	Harvey & Evelyn Hermis	Carol Pustejovsky
8. \$100 Cash Certificate	Vernon & Connie Dittrich	Gary Wojtek
9. \$100 Cash Certificate to Oakridge Restaurant	Robert & Pam Besetsny	Chris Coleman
10. \$100 Cash Certificate	Brad & Terah Lux	Lillian Besetzny
11. \$100 Cash Certificate	Eugene & Jo Marie Krupala	Jason McNeely
12. \$100 Cash Certificate	Leonard & Grace Sumbera	Joe & Patty Kallus
13. \$100 Cash Certificate	Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Chaloupka	Emily Koenig
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16. \$100 Cash Certificate	Catholic Life	Vernon Dittrich
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18. \$50 Gift Certificate to M-G Service Center	M-G Farm Service Center	Jackie Lane
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26. \$50 Cash Certificate	Andrew Besetzny	Paula Dittrich
27. \$50 Cash Certificate	Marcus & Sharon Bujnoch	Edward Richter

Winners of the Mule Raffle	Winners
Kawasaki Mule	Adolph Kutac
\$250 Cash Certificate	Tiffany Muras
\$250 Cash Certificate	Milton Mache
\$250 Cash Certificate	Tommy Adams
\$250 Cash Certificate	Sherry Adams

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Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Dominic

Journeying through France, Dominic was alarmed by the popularity of Albigensian heretics who threatened the Church. They taught that anything material was evil, rejecting the Sacraments and Incarnation. Albigensian preachers avoided material comforts while many Catholic preachers lived in luxury. Dominic became an itinerant preacher like the Apostles and in 1215 founded the Order of Preachers, "Dominicans." The ideal of Dominicans was study and prayer in all forms with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God.



Little Way of Love

St. Therese of Lisieux found large jobs intimidating, so she dedicated herself to small tasks done with love. Over a lifetime, small, loving contributions can add up to something wonderful. She called this her "Little Way of Love."

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'"

(John 8:12).



How to share your faith with anyone

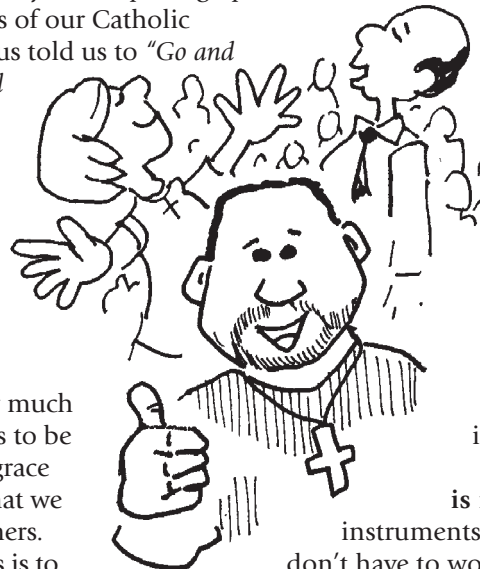
It's human nature to want to share what excites us. Yet we often find ourselves shying away from opening up about the wonders of our Catholic faith. After all, Jesus told us to *"Go and make disciples of all nations..."* (Matthew 28:19) While this command can seem daunting, the truth is that anyone can be an evangelist.

Be a vessel of God's grace. How much we allow ourselves to be filled with God's grace will determine what we can share with others. One way to do this is to frequent the Sacraments and study our faith. After all, if we don't practice our own faith how can we help someone to become excited about theirs?

Let the faith shine. Show that you are proud to be Catholic. Certainly we do that when we attend Mass weekly, without fail. We also show our Catholicity when we reverently wear Miraculous Medals and Crucifixes. But we can also speak about how Christ's love influences our lives or let someone know that he or she is in our prayers.

Remember that God is in control. As

instruments of God's grace, we don't have to worry if we don't immediately see the fruits of our evangelization. We know God is at work. Our prayer to God can always be, "Lord, use me as you will."



Why Do Catholics Do That?

We honor Jesus' name out of respect for the Person to whom it belongs. In the Bible, a name pointed to something important about a person. The name, "Jesus" is Hebrew for "God saves," thus signifying his identity and his

Why do Catholics honor Jesus' name?



mission. *"There is no...other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved"* (Acts 4:1). There is power in Jesus' name; whatever we ask for in his name, he will grant (see John 14:13).

Turn nasty criticism into growth

Criticism can bring you down if you let it. Instead, finding a gracious way to handle criticism can be the key to improving your life, attracting new friends, and becoming a better Christian.

Stay calm. The person delivering the criticism may be having a bad day or seeking attention. Or, she may really want to help and just not be skilled in delivering criticism. Staying calm and avoiding defensiveness helps you look for the rose among the nasty thorns.

Thank the commenter, no matter what is said or how it is

delivered. People who make rude comments don't expect you to listen to them, much less be grateful for their comments.

Being appreciative is disarming. That's how to turn a critic into a friend.

Weigh the criticism. Do the comments contain something helpful you can use to become a better person? Is the person trying to help, to make things better, to keep you from repeating mistakes, to suggest positive improvements? If not, forget it and move on without anger.

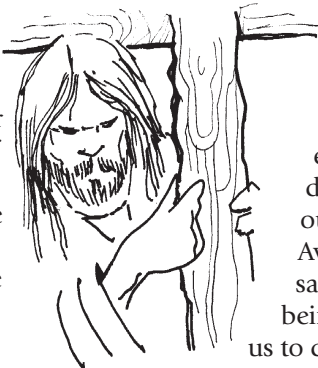


from Scripture

Matthew 16:21-27 - The secret to a happy Christian life

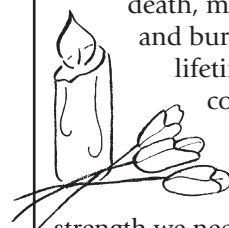
In this reading, Jesus shocked his disciples by predicting his own death. Like many Jews of the day, they had believed that the Messiah would be a triumphant and powerful warrior king who would trample the enemies of his people. All longed for retaliation after centuries of slavery and humiliation. Jesus predicted he would be put to death instead, destroying their ideas of the Messiah.

Like a good friend, Peter wanted to protect Jesus from discomfort and attempted to reassure him. But Jesus knew that unless he suffered and died, we would all die in



our sins. He couldn't turn from his purpose and he rebuked Peter for tempting him. Sometimes our most difficult temptations come from our loved ones trying to spare us pain. Saving ourselves from earthly pain might mean doing something that puts our souls in jeopardy. Avoiding the pain and sacrifice that comes with being a Christian could cause us to die spiritually and emotionally. The secret of a happy Christian life is not to avoid our personal Cross but to embrace it as Jesus did.

Q & A Why is a Catholic Funeral important?



Although no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the church funeral and just "get it over with," but our faith provides the strength we need to deal with death. The Church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death.

Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at Church (with or without Mass), and the Internment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church's special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved one.

Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees. (For specific questions, check with your local parish.)

Feasts & Celebrations

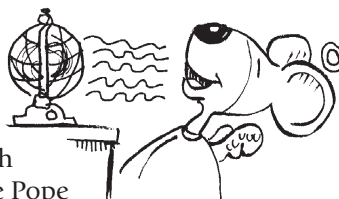
August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori (1787). St. Alphonsus gave up legal practice in Italy to become a priest and founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. Despite a life of suffering, he was able to stay aware of the loving presence of Christ.

August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord (1st century). Tradition identifies Mt. Tabor as the site where Jesus appeared radiant in the company of Moses and Elijah. A voice was heard to say, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Declared a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken to Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

August 20 - St. Bernard (1153). At the age of 20, Bernard joined the monastic community of Citeaux but was often called upon to settle disputes.

He became a defender of the faith and of the Pope in Rome.



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