

February 1, 2015

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
ST. JOHN, TEXAS

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Jan. 31	6:00 P.M.	Jerry Novosad	Moravia
Sunday	Feb. 1	9:30 A.M.	Erwin & Irene Mendel	St. John

First Friday

Friday	Feb. 6	8:00 A.M.	Sick & Suffering	St. John
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Feb. 7	8:00 A.M.	Vocations	St. John
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Saturday	Feb. 7	6:00 P.M.	Daniel Spies, Dominic Loth, Ann Spies Marie Linson	Moravia
Sunday	Feb. 8	9:30 A.M.	Eddie Pilat	Moravia

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Feb. 14	6:00 P.M.	Evelyn Novosad	St. John
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Sunday	Feb. 15	9:30 A.M.	Adolph B. & Adella Kutac	St. John
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Ash Wednesday

Wednesday	Feb. 18	7:30 P.M.	Deceased Priests Who Have Served at St. John & Moravia	Moravia
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THE WORD OF GOD

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

Jesus came as one who spoke in the names of the Lord, teaching with authority. Let us listen to his voice and adhere to him above anything else.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 147:1-6 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1:29-39

Job's cry of hopelessness stands in marked contrast to the hope of those who put their trust in Jesus, who "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds". Such are the blessings of the good news.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 Psalm 32:1-2,5,11 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1 Mark 1:40-45

Jesus manifests the powerful, healing love of God by curing the leper who was forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation. He turned to Jesus in his need and was filled with joy. We are called to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil..."

These are the words of the special blessing of the throats customarily given on the Feast of St. Blaise.

St. Blaise was bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, in the early years of the fourth century. Legend takes over from there, and tells the story of an anxious mother who hurried to Blaise with her little boy who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. The saint called for two candles, lit them, held them in the form of a cross under the child's chin, recited prayers and blessed the boy. Immediately the bone loosened and was removed. Devotion to St. Blaise was very popular during the Middle Ages, and continues to this day.

We all want relief and protection from physical troubles and ailments of the throat - hoarseness, choking, colds and cancer. But there are also spiritual diseases of the throat, more harmful often than the physical. We ask protection from these as well as when we ask for deliverance "from ailments of the throat and *from every other evil.*" These are spiritual troubles which are beyond the cure of the greatest throat specialists. They are the evils of unkind speech, choking curses and gagging lies.

The Apostle Paul had these in mind when he wrote to the Romans (3:13), quoting Psalm 5, vs. 11:"Their throat is an open sepulchre. With their tongues they have dealt deceitfully. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." Such spiritual illnesses are truly most harmful, and these, too, we want to be cured of through the intercession of St. Blaise.

As you receive the blessing of St. Blaise this weekend, ask through his intercession for deliverance from physical and spiritual evils of the throat and tongue.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Serra Club Mass for Vocations, St. John the Baptist Church, St. John, 8:30 a.m. (Rosary 8:00 a.m.)

YOUTH SPECTACULAR!! Sunday, February 15, Holy Family Church, **Wharton**. Door open at 11:00 am with the event concluding with Mass at 5:30 pm. To guarantee a group rate of \$15 forms will be **due by Monday, Feb. 9th**. We will provide transportation if enough youth are interested in going. So grab your friends and sign up! Keynote Speaker will be the assistant director of Campus ministry at Texas A&M. Also, now is the time to show your interest in our summer trip to Steubenville on the Bayou! We will be circulating interest forms and accepting emails at troy@splashwaywaterpark.com if your child is interested in attending. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FEBRUARY: Arlene Becan and Janis Hrcncir

ASCENSION USHERS FOR FEBRUARY: Dale Janak and Hilbert Henke Jr.

ST JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FEBRUARY: Grace Sumbera & Josie Hermis

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR FEBRUARY: Daryl Kutac & Leo Janda

ASCENSION PARISH HALL MANAGER STILL NEEDED.

GOD’S EMBRACE RENEWAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION

God’s Embrace Renewal Centers and their Music Ministry are hosting a twelve week spiritual formation program in Sacred Heart Parish. The next session is Feb. 12 in the Family Center. For information, please contact Sandy Reese 979-541-6881 or sandy.reese@godsembrace.org.

AREA FESTIVALS AND EVENTS:

Feb. 8: St. Mary Parish Festival, Victoria Community Center. Roast Beef Lunch 11am-1:30pm. Auction, booths, music

Feb. 8: St. Roch Church, Mentz. Catholic Daughters/K.C. Turkey & Dressing Lunch 11am. Silent Auction, Raffle

MEMORIALS

Ascension of our Lord Building Fund

In memory of Bill Gertner

Phil & Kathy Guenther \$15

DONATIONS

For Religious Education

St. Augustine KJT Society #129 sent by James Prihoda \$50

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR MORAVIA

Arlene Holmes \$20

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 31 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Kenna Kubenka, Joshua Becan

Sunday, Feb. 1 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Goldberg, Rylie & Regan Lux

Saturday, Feb. 7 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Joshua Becan, James Lofland

Sunday, Feb. 8 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Kenna Kubenka, Caleb Krischke, Seth Eckhardt

Saturday, Feb. 14 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Alex Lozano, Rylie & Regan Lux

Sunday, Feb. 15 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Goldberg, April Brossmann, Caitlin Deem

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Marriage is far from being the effect of chance or the result of the blind evolution of natural forces. It is in reality the wise and provident institution of God the creator, whose purpose was to effect in man His loving design. As a consequence, husband and wife, through that mutual gift of themselves, which is specific and exclusive to them alone, develop that union of two persons in which they perfect one another, cooperating with God in the generation and rearing of new life.

The marriage of those who have been baptized is, in addition, invested with the dignity of a sacramental sign of grace, for it represents the union of Christ and His Church. [Pope Paul VI – *Humanae Vitae*: “God’s Loving Design”]

