

November 22, 2015

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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 Friday..... 8:00 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.

EWTVN Cable Channel 71

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

Dana Daughtry 713-822-3019-cell or 979-562-2381

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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HALL RENTAL

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Lorene Kubenka..... 979-562-2347

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MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday	November 21	6:00 p.m.	Joe Barcak & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	November 22	9:30 a.m.	Alfons, Celestie & Robert Schwartz	Moravia

Thanksgiving

Thursday	November 26	8:00 a.m.	Dyrel Holmes	Moravia
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First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	November 28	6:00 p.m.	Sylvia Bartosch	St. John
Sunday	November 29	9:30 a.m.	George Kunetka	St. John

First Friday

Friday	December 4	8:00 a.m.	Peace	St. John
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Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 5	6:00 p.m.	Joe N. Steffek	Moravia
Sunday	December 6	9:30 a.m.	Liz Mendel	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings: Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

To Jesus Christ be glory and power for ever and ever! His are majesty and splendor, and his kingdom is everlasting, a kingdom of cosmic dimensions.

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing his covenant and decrees.

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

The Lord has done great things, leading his people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem. Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in love and in works of justice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. We honor Jesus as our King, as King of Heaven and Earth. Let us remember to always give Him special honor and recognition.

Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. Let us take time to stop and give thanks to Almighty God for all our blessings, especially for the gift of life and the gift of family. Even if we think we don't have any blessings, if we just stop and think for a while, we will discover that all of us have some blessings.

The Diocese of Victoria has opened up a **Counseling Center** in Victoria. It is called the **Emmaus Center** at 1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140, Victoria, Texas 77901. For an appointment, go to: www.emmauscounselingcenter.com or call 361-212-0830.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 21 – 6:00 p.m. –Moravia –Caleb Kruschke, Dylan Goldberg

Sunday, November 22 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – James Lofland

Saturday, November 28 -- 6:00 p.m. –St. John – Alex Lozano, April Brossmann

Sunday, November 29 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Rylie Lux, Regan Lux

Saturday, December 5 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Caitlin Deem

Sunday, December 6 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Goldberg, April Brossmann

PRO LIFE CORNER

“Jesus begins his miracles at a wedding feast. And so Jesus teaches us that the masterpiece of society is the family—the man and woman who love each other. This is the Masterpiece!”

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NOVEMBER: Judy Grones and Mary Kendall

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER: Roxanne Deem, Colleen Deem, Caitlin Deem, Lorraine Deem

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR NOVEMBER: Aubrey Shanks and Ervin Neskora

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR DECEMBER: J. G. Hrcir and Allen Becan

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NOVEMBER: Carol Siegel and Donna Lux

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR NOVEMBER: Jim Duffin and Frank Forestier

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER: Sharon Bujnoch, Vicky Kainer

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR DECEMBER: Scotty Brossmann and Nathan Redman

St. John Altar Society Fund Raiser Report for 2015

Harlan's Food Market and now Arlan's Market, donate 1% of all cash receipts to your church or charity of your choice.

Parishioners turned in sales receipts totaling \$58,566.69, resulting in two checks received for a total of \$585.66.

Please continue to save your Arlan's receipts and drop them in the cloth envelope in back of the Church. **THE ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

Practice for St. John's Christmas Morning Music will be after Mass on Saturday, December 12. Let us fill the balcony with folks making “*Joyful Music to the Lord.*”

Ascension of Our Lord Church Altar Society will hold their Meeting on Monday, November 30, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Moravia Dining Hall. Members please attend.

Donations toward Ascension of Our Lord Church Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones can be given to Dorothy Olsovsky or into the donation basket.

Please include family members to be remembered at that time.

Gabriel Project Meeting

There will be a meeting every third Monday of the month from now until May. The meeting will be held at Mary's House at Sacred Heart, beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions about *The Gabriel Project*, please contact Julie Kubena at 798-3579.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center, Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX Solemn Vespers—the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church pray with people of all faith traditions - Incarnate Word Convent Chapel beginning Sunday, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20. 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. For more information, contact Sister Emilie Eilers 361 – 575 – 7111 or email: amormeus@yahoo.com. Check our website - www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org for details

Nativity Pilgrimage “Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus”—A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for 10 days—May 2-11, 2016. The Spiritual Director is **Rev. Barnabas Kyeah**, of St. John the Baptist, St. Mary's, Ascension of Our Lord, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hallettsville, Texas. Cost is \$3,099.00 per person—Round Trip From Houston, Texas (includes First class Hotels, Double Occupancy, 2 Meals a day, Breakfast and Dinner, Daily Sightseeing, Daily Mass, Airport Taxes, Fuel Surcharges). Registration Packets and Forms will be in the back of each church. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Barnabas Kyeah at Sacred Heart Church Rectory – 798-5888.

There will be a meeting about Father Barnabas trip, Sunday, November 22, @11:45AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.



Only 33 more days until Christmas? It's true! Stop by the Sacred Heart Church Rectory for that special religious item. We have added many new items, such as Children's Christmas Books, Coloring Books, ornaments and so much more. Don't forget we also have Advent Wreaths and candles. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29.



"Come and See" Discernment Weekend for single Catholic women 18 to 50 years of age on December 5-6, 2015 at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, Texas (361) 575-7111 or email iwbsvoc@ yahoo.com. See www.iwbsvictoria.org for more information.

Calendar of Events Reminders:

Community Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday, November 24, at St. James Episcopal Church, Hallettsville— 7:00 p.m.



**CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

Festival of Lights, Hallettsville, Saturday, November 28, Courthouse Square— 6:00 p.m.

Next Bulletin: Sunday, December 6

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, November 30.

Advent 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November 29</p> <p>Buy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first candle tonight and every night this week. Read Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Advent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a simple prayer of praise anytime you have to wait during Advent.</p>	<p>December 1</p> <p>The presence of Jesus reminds us to hope in God's mercy. Make a list of reasons for your hope today.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Identify your "go-to sin" and resolve to conquer it during Advent.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Add 20 minutes of daily prayer during Advent. Set an alarm to remind you to pray for 10 minutes each morning and night this month.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>In gratitude that God provides for your needs, set aside gently used clothing and give it to the poor. Add a piece you love as a special sacrifice.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Perform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>At sundown tonight, light two violet candles in the Advent wreath and read Luke 3:1-6.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>St. Nicholas was a generous man and a courageous bishop. Today, make at least one generous act of love in his honor.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>The feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's freedom from Original Sin. Attend Mass and pray a Rosary.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Today, let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego. He never gave up, placing his trust in Jesus and his Mother.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>In your Christmas cards write a note about the blessings you received this year as a witness to God's love.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Buy Christmas gifts from stores or online merchants that carry "fair trade" items to support workers in developing countries.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Guadete Sunday-Joy! Celebrate the halfway point of Advent. Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read Luke 3:10-18.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Spend time in silence today. Say "no" to unnecessary distractions. In silence and peace, you will be open to God's will.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Think of Biblical accounts of God's mercy to sinners. Ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt and forgive those who wronged you.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>In honor of Las Posadas remembering the Holy Family's trek to Bethlehem, pray for all those who have been forced from home.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Send a card to someone who lost a loved one in the last year. Offer your thoughts and prayers for healing and comfort.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pray the Angelus at 6:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00pm every day until Christmas.</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Light all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week. Read Luke 1:39-45.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>This can be a sad time for those who are alone. Include anyone in your own gatherings who might be otherwise forgotten.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>As a gift to the coming Savior, repair a relationship with a friend or family member that needs healing.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Make an effort to share God's love today. Say a kind word or listen with compassion to someone who is suffering.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Even if you live alone, put up and decorate a Christmas tree. Light it as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World.</p>	<p>Rejoice! 25</p> <p>Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20 and meditate on each miraculous detail. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.</p> 	