

July 3, 2016

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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ST. JOHN, TEXAS

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH**  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

Saturday ..... 6:00 p.m.  
(on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Sunday.....9:30 a.m.  
(on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>)  
First Friday..... 8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Hour

**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

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

**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](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)  
(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)  
Safe Environment: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)  
(Click on “Safe Environment Program,” then on “eAppsDB”)

**PARISH CONTACTS**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

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**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

Kathy Guenther..... 979-562-2124

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 2	6:00 p.m.	L. A. & Vera Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	July 3	9:30 a.m.	Charles & Julie Neskora	St. John

### July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day

Monday	July 4	9:00 a.m.	Peace and Our Country	St. John
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### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 9	6:00 p.m.	Albert Berckenhoff	St. John
Sunday	July 10	9:30 a.m.	Henry & Julie Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 16	6:00 p.m.	Willie, Albina & Irene Barborak	Moravia
Sunday	July 17	10:00 a.m.	Daniel S. Spies	Moravia

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### July 3, 2016, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66-1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Let us boast of nothing but the cross of Christ. Through it his grace and power are made known to his servants. Tremendous deeds shall be performed in his name (Ps): the reign of God is proclaimed, peace is given as gift, and the forces of sin are overcome.



### July 10, 2016, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

The law of the Lord, the great commandment of love is not something “mysterious” or remote.” Indeed, it is “very near” to us. Yet how difficult it is to fulfill, being neighbor to whoever is in need. But if we seek God, we must “go ahead and do the same” for we have been created in, for, and through Christ.

### July 17, 2016, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Abraham, the just and upright man, graciously hosts three visitors. As Mary and Martha host Jesus,, he speaks of only one thing as necessary for us who follow him: being open to receive the message and person of Jesus, and being receptive to the “mystery of Christ” as he comes to us through one another.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *From the Desk of Msgr. John*

We welcome everyone who is visiting us on this July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

Thank you to all who have helped with the preparations for the St. John Picnic. Everything looks great.

The Religious Education Center (the former Rectory) has had some repairs done on it and has been repainted.

The Church steeple will also be repainted soon.

Work is being done at Moravia in preparation for the July 17<sup>th</sup> Picnic.

It takes everyone from both parishes to help make these picnics a success. Thank you to everyone.

We thank Father Barnabas for his two years of service to our parishes. He will be going to Holy Family Church in Victoria as the Associate Pastor on July 5. We thank him and wish him well.

We welcome Father Max Landman, our new Associate Pastor, who will be with us beginning July 5.

**\*\*Reminder:** Mass on Saturday, July 16 will be at Moravia at 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, July 17, will be at Moravia (Ascension of Our Lord Church), at 10:00 a.m.)

**Thank You from Father Barnabas Kyeah**

I am amazed at how time flies. As you all know my time with you is coming to an end. As I reflect on the last two years, I am surprised at all the ways in which God has brought us together to share in many of life's events. With some of you I have shared some great joys and celebrations. Some I have shared great times of sorrows and grief. It has been an honor to share in these events along with other moments that we have shared in the Gospel, shared in the love of God and be the very Body of Christ together.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for responding to His grace and embracing me as one of you when I came to this parish community. Please, know that I am grateful beyond words that you have shown me what it means to exercise my priesthood for others. All of you will be in my continual prayers. Msgr. John Peters, my pastor, you will always be in my prayers too. You really made me feel at home.

To you all, I cannot say "thank you" enough for all that you have shared, given to me, and what we have done together in sharing the Gospel. Thank you for your love, prayers, encouragement and above all your willingness to go where God was calling us while I served as an associate pastor at Sacred Heart , St. Mary's, Ascension of the Blessed Mary and St. John's . Thank you for allowing me to be a part of that time with you.

Msgr. John Peters, I want to say a "Big Thank You."

God's rich blessings be upon you all.

Fr. Barnabas Kyeah

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We are desperately in need of a Hall Manager for Moravia Hall. Please contact the Sacred Heart Rectory (798-5888) if you are interested in this position.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, July 2 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – James Lofland, Kenna Kubenka

Sunday, July 3 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John –Alex Lozano, Dylan Goldberg

Saturday, July 9 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Alex Lozano

Sunday, July 10 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Caleb Krischke, Dylan Goldberg, Caitlin Deem

Saturday, July 16 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John –Alex Lozano

Sunday, July 17 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – James Lofland, Kenna Kubenka

**ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JULY:** Diana Halata and Janet Spies

**ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR JULY:** Eugene Krupala, and Leonard Sumbera

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JULY:** Diane Kutac, Joanie Krischke

**ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR JULY:** Joanie Krischke

**Marriage Retreat**

Surrender your marriage to God's plan. Open your hearts and let the Holy Spirit lead you. Serve the Lord in all that you do.

Are you longing to better understand your spouse? Are you seeking a better understanding of God's plan for your family?

Do you need time with your spouse and God?

Join us for a weekend marriage retreat that will allow you time with your spouse and with God. A time to draw closer to God and to each other. A retreat to equip you with tools to better communicate, love, and support each other and to better serve the Lord in your marriage and family.

The marriage retreat will be held at Disciple Oaks in Gonzales on August 12-14. It will begin on Friday evening and conclude Sunday afternoon. Registration forms are in the back of church. Please contact Clayton and Chelsea Wimberly if you have any questions or would like more information (361-772-1610).

## **PRO-LIFE CORNER—The Right to Life is Fundamental**

In the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson made it very clear that all human beings “are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.” Chief and first among those he enumerated was the Right to Life.

Jefferson and our founding fathers knew that without the right to life, no other rights are possible. How can one have the right to vote or the right to free speech, for example, if one does not firstly have the right to exist?

The rights mentioned in the Declaration are no less valid than those articulated in our Constitution. In fact, they are foundational to all the rights and protections which the Constitution guarantees. This applies especially to the right to life, which is not only paramount but is also clearly protected under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment by due process of law.

We need to impress upon our children the importance of these two documents and how they already guarantee every American born or unborn, weak or strong, the blessings of life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

[Martin Reiser Respect Life Articles]

## **Area Picnics & Events**

**Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic – St. John Parish, Monday, July 4, Mass at 9:00 a.m. Dinner at 10:30 a.m.,** Stew, Fried Chicken & all the trimmings—Adults \$9.00, Children \$5.00. Auction 12:30 p.m., Dance, Raffles, Fireworks Show 9:00 p.m.

**Moravia Ascension Parish Picnic, Sunday, July 17, Mass: Sunday—10:00 a.m.,** dinner 11:00 A.M., Stew & Kettle Fried Chicken & Trimmings. All Plates - \$9.00. Drive-Thru Plates To Go from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Country Store, Plant Walk & Games, Cake Walk, Bingo. Auction sale at 1:00 p.m. Music by *Mark Halata & Texavia & The Czechaholics*.

**Holy Family K of C Council #9088 Presents the Fourteenth Annual Fishing Tournament, Port O’Connor, Texas, August 5 & 6, 2016.** Door Prizes, Live Auction, Cash Prizes, & Raffle.

### ***Moravia Picnic News***

Our Moravia Picnic is July 17. The Picnic Clean-up Day will be Tuesday, July 12, starting at 8:00 a.m. Parishioners are asked to please come for this general cleanup of our halls and grounds in preparation for the picnic. Cleanup after the picnic is Monday, July 18 starting at 7:30 a.m.

For the picnic: Items for the auction are greatly needed. Please bring them early that morning and have your items marked with your name on them.

Cash donations to the Bingo are appreciated. Cash donations toward the picnic meats are also appreciated.

Cakes for the dinner meal and cake walk are needed. Cakes for the Cake Walk need to be well wrapped.

There is a plant sale and small plants may be donated to it.

The Country Store is in need of homemade canned goods, jellies, and pickles, any type of canned good. Baked items sell well, homemade bread, rolls, cookies and items for young children, such as surprise packages and fun toys. You may bring your Country Store items on Clean-up Day, July 12, so they may be marked ahead of time.

Please check the Picnic Work List for your name and any extra help from anyone would be so appreciated.

Working together makes the Picnic the success it has been in the past.

Please mark your calendar for the ***Moravia Picnic Appreciation Dinner for August 28.***



**Next Bulletin: Sunday, July 17, 2016**

All announcements can be sent by email to the Rectory at [rectory@shcatholicchurch.org](mailto: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, July 11, 2016**