

December 17, 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
Direct TV Channel 370

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 16	6:00 p.m.	Julius Drozd & Annie Holub Drozd	Moravia
Sunday	December 17	9:30 a.m.	Eugene Pauler	St. John

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 23	6:00 p.m.	Donald & Romayne Crawford	St. John
Sunday	December 24	9:30 a.m.	Charlie Deem	Moravia

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday	December 24	5:00 p.m.	Leroy & Dominic Loth	Moravia
Monday	December 25	9:30 a.m.	Parish Families of Both Parishes	St. John

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday	December 30	6:00 p.m.	Charlene Krupala	Moravia
Sunday	December 31	9:30 a.m.	David Kubenka	St. John

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord (New Year's Day))

Sunday	December 31	5:00 p.m.	Charles & Emilie Halata	Moravia
Monday	January 1	10:00 a.m.	For Peace	St. John

December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.

December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 11:26-38

David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever.

December 25, Christmas Day

Readings: **(Night)** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13, Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Darkness is scattered for God's grace has been revealed in the birth of the Messiah.

(Dawn) Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12, Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Out of love for us, God became flesh, for our Savior has appeared. Light dawns for us all!

December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Mindful of his covenant, God blesses the faith of Abraham and Sarah in their son, Isaac. The child Jesus and his parents are blessed by Simon.

January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord (New Year's Day))

Readings: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

We seek God's blessings as did Mary. Because of her Son, we can confidently call God, "Abba"!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 16 - 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Heather Wilson, Harley Wilson

Sunday, December 17 - 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Alex Lozano

Saturday, December 23 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Carson Pustka, Carter Pustka, Dylan Goldberg

Sunday, December 24 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

Sunday, December 24 – 5:00 p.m. – Moravia – Wade Shimek, Alex Lozano, Dylan Orsak

Monday, December 25 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Carson Pustka, Carter Pustka, Dylan Goldberg

Saturday, December 30 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Heather Wilson, Harley Wilson

Sunday, December 31 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Goldberg, Alex Lozano

Sunday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m. – Moravia – Mary Beth Krischke, Dylan Orsak

Monday, January 1 – 10:00 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Goldberg, Alex Lozano, Wade Shimek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today is Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday. It is the Third Sunday of Advent. We rejoice that we are getting close to the end of Advent and we have been preparing ourselves well for the Celebration of Jesus' Birth.

On this Sunday, John the Baptist witnesses the one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.

Christmas Masses will begin next Sunday afternoon.. You are to go to Mass either Saturday evening or Sunday morning for Sunday, which is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and then go to Mass again Sunday evening or Monday for Christmas. One Mass **does not** cover both Sunday and Christmas.

May you all have a very Blessed Christmas.

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER: Roxanne Deem, Collen Deem, Caitlyn Deem

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR DECEMBER: J. G. Hrncir, Allen Becan

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

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR DECEMBER: Scotty Brossman, Nathan Redman

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PRO-LIFE CORNER—

...The Sacred Heart is a welcoming and open heart. It welcomes the unexpected. When we have Jesus' heart, we see Him in the stranger. We must not treat our children as strangers in the womb, but we must welcome them as if we were welcoming Christ...

[From "The Pro-Life Movement: In Imitation of the Sacred Heart" by Father Frank Pavone]

Merry Christmas

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

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life!

AREA NEWS

✦ **Stevens Nursing & Rehab in Hallettsville** is hosting a **Community Bingo** on the last Friday of each month. Everyone is invited, prizes will be given—2:00 p.m. in Dining Room A

✦ **Vysehrad School Annual PTO Stew Dinner**; Stew, German potatoes, Green Beans, Sauerkraut, Bread Dessert, Sunday, January 14, 2018, St. Mary's Church Parish Hall, Serving 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.--\$9 a ticket; Stew by the Pound - \$9 per pound. Also a Raffle with 100 Chances to Win! \$5 a Book. Contact: Judy Opela - 798-2738 or Jill Opela – 798-2738, Vysehrad School Or any Vysehrad Student.



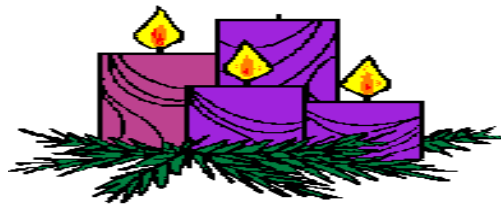
The St. John Christmas Crib and Decorations will be put up on December 17 after the Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass. Do stay to help make our Church more beautiful for Jesus.



Anyone wishing to donate toward the Christmas Flowers at Ascension Church may do so by contacting Dorothy Olsovsky, 979-562-2169 or may drop donation in collection basket. Please note who your donation is in Memory of.



Thank you, Moravia Altar Society



Third Sunday of Advent

Next Bulletin: Sunday, December 31, 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 Tuesday, December 26 2017

