

December 16, 2018

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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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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St. John the Baptist Church

Dorothy Berger.....979-562-2187

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MASS SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 15	6:00 p.m.	Julius Drozd & Annie Holub Drozd	Moravia
Sunday	December 16	9:30 p.m.	Anna Kutac	St. John

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 22	6:00 p.m.	Agnes Schramek	St. John
Sunday	December 23	9:30 a.m.	Guthrie Stepanek	Moravia

The Nativity of the Lord--Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

Monday	December 24	5:00 p.m.	Leroy & Dominic Loth	Moravia
Tuesday	December 25	9:30 a.m.	Larry Berger	St. John

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday	December 29	6:00 p.m.	Jerome Kristek	Moravia
Sunday	December 30	9:30 p.m.	David Kubenka	St. John

New Year's Eve/New Year's Day

Monday	December 31	5:00 p.m.	Edwin Vaculik	Moravia
Tuesday	January 1	10:00 a.m.	Albert Berckenhoff	St. John

December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Phil4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 118-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, he will protect and save us, offering himself once and for all in doing the Father's will.

December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Readings: 14: 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.

December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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 15 - 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Heather Wilson, Harley Wilson

Sunday, December 16 - 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek,

Saturday, December 22– 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Carson Pustka, Carter Pustka

Sunday, December 23 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia– Bryce Machicek, Dylan Orsak

Monday, December 24 – 5:00 p.m. – Moravia– Will be assigned.

Tuesday, December 25 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John– Dylan Orsak, Other Altar Servers will be assigned.

Saturday, December 29 - 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Heather Wilson, Harley Wilson

Sunday, December 30 - 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek

Monday, December 31 – 5:00 p.m. – Moravia - Will be assigned.

Tuesday, January 1 – 10:00 a.m. – St. John - Will be assigned.

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!

L.A.M.B. Thrift Shop has opened at its new location. The hours are Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The location is 1429 U.S. Hwy. 90A East. (361-217-0119)



FRIENDLY REMINDER TO PARISHIONERS

If you have information for the Bulletin, please be reminded that the Deadline for Bulletin entries is Tuesday at Noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Every traveler has had the experience while still far from home on a cold night. Along the road, we pass a home where light streams forth. A party must be going on, for cars surround the house and people fill it. We feel a certain pang in passing, because we long especially at that time for warmth, friendship, festivity. We look forward with heightened anticipation towards our own destinations, tables and families at the end of the journey.

The “O Antiphons,” an ancient, liturgical Advent prayer from Scripture, evoke similarly deep yearnings for a home of eternal peace, a person we can barely imagine. Ask most people what they long for at this season of the year and they are quick to reply, “More time. More money. Great gift for self and others. Feasting, beauty, rest.” All are good goals, but somewhat shallow. Most folks could easily survive Christmas with one less gift, one less glass of egg nog. The quick answer fails to tap the deeper longings, to name a happiness beyond trinkets, to be loved in a way for which we ache at a level beyond words. The “O Antiphons” call from this level, filled with a human longing that transcends countries and centuries.

PRO-LIFE CORNER—

As we see in readings and the Gospels, the details of Jesus birth are carefully planned by God and foretold by His prophets. His birth is all about hope fulfilled and hope inspired. That hope outlasts His birth, and extends to us today as we work to build a world in harmony with the vision of peace, life, and love that Christmas inspires.

Abortion is diametrically opposed to this vision of peace, life and love. May all believers and their clergy, take renewed strength and courage to speak out against abortion, consistent with the vision of Christmas and the proclamation of the Gospel.

AREA NEWS

- ✦ **Stevens Nursing & Rehab** 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.
- ✦ The Annual Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents at Raphael's Refuge will be celebrated by Bishop Cahill on December 28. A Rosary will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by Christmas carols, with Mass at 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will follow. For more information, phone 361-258-1514, or visit www.raphaelsrefuge.org.
- ✦ **Vysehrad School Stew Dinner & Raffle**—St. Mary's Parish Hall, Sunday, January 13, 2019, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$9 per plate, Raffle



ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER: Roxanne Collen, Caitlyn Deem

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

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

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

THE EMMAUS CENTER—*Counseling in the Catholic Tradition*—Sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria—1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140, Victoria, Texas 77901. For an appointment, go to

www.emmauscounselingcenter.com or call 361-212-0830. *Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need.*

THE EMMAUS CENTER has a change of address and information.

For appointments call – 361-212-0830

Now offering some services in Spanish: Mrs. Valeria Dubourdieu has joined the staff on a part-time basis.

For personal counseling and family counseling from a Catholic perspective.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE

Once again, Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring the Catholic School Sweepstakes Raffle that will benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School (SHCS). Tickets are only **\$5.00** each and all money collected stays at SHCS. Prizes as follows:

2019 Ford F-150 Truck or 2019 Ford Focus Sedan or

\$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card

Participating School Prize:

Each participating school will have a \$1,000 prepaid Visa Credit Card Individual Winner drawn from tickets sold at their school.

Tickets are available at the school, the rectory, or any SHCS student. Drawing to be held Thursday, February 14, 2019

RAFFLE

SHCS 2019 EXTRAVAGANZA "Winter Woods,"

Saturday, February 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m. at the Hallettsville Knights of Columbus Hall, Hallettsville, Texas. Social – 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Dinner 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; Dance 8:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Tickets are \$65 for one person or \$125 per couple (includes Social with hors d'oeuvres, refreshments all evening, steak dinner and dance with live music by *Los Kolaches*. There will be amazing Silent Auction items. Enjoy an elegant fun-filled evening of great company, great food and great music. Tickets can be purchased at Sacred Heart Catholic School, Sacred Heart Credit Union, the Church Rectory, Peoples State Bank, Hoffer's Drive-In, or Morton's Drive-In.



MEMORIALS

St. John Building Fund

In Memory of Rita Brossman: Perry & Roxanne Deem and Girls-\$20

In Memory of Debbie 'Haurda' Bujnoch: Scotty, Cheryl, Clayton & April Brossman-\$20

In Memory of Anna M. Kutac: Jessi & Barbara Mendel-\$20; A.J. & Gladys Kutac-\$20

St. John Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Debbie "Haurda" Bujnoch: Caroline Mazoch-\$40; Marcus & Sharon Bujnoch-\$15

In Memory of Anna M. Kutac: Alvin & Irene Miksch-\$20; Tom & Margaret Cunningham-\$20; Albert & Rita Kozel & Family-\$20; Jim Bob Hrcir-\$10; Patricia A. Berger-\$10; Diane Kutac-\$40; Evelyn Kusy-\$10; Lorine Machicek & Family-\$10; Gary & Sandra Mendel-\$30

St. John Church

In Memory of Debbie 'Haurda' Bujnoch: Dennis & Susan Dornak-\$50; Larry "Bear" Kana-\$20

Msgr. John Peters Seminary Burse

In Memory of Anna M. Kutac: Billy & Annette Beiersdorffer-\$10; Andrew & Nancy Srubar-\$20; Bryant & Megan Kutac and Family-\$20; Marc, Hailey Escamilla & Family-\$20; Sherry Hale-\$15; Robert & Mary Poppe-\$10; Leo & Joyce Janda-\$20; Dennis & Patricia Otto-\$20

St. John C.C.D. Program

In Memory of Anna M. Kutac: Agnes J. Berckenhoff-\$10

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, December 18

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19

5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 21

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 22

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 22

10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

St. John-Saturday, December 22

5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Moravia-Sunday, December 23

10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas Eve (Monday)

4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas Eve (Monday)

12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday)

9:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas Eve (Monday)

Moravia: 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday)

St. John: 9:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

New Year's Eve (Monday)

6:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

New Year's Day (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE (Tuesday)

New Year's Day

9:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve (Monday)

Moravia: 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Tuesday)

St. John: 10:00 a.m.

Come let us
Adore
Him



Third Sunday of Advent

In the same sentence where he reminds his listeners that he has cured the blind, the lame, the deaf, the sick, and even raised the dead, Jesus concludes by adding, "The poor have the good news proclaimed to them." How did that make the list of supernatural cures? What's so miraculous about good news? The poor are not just those in physical poverty, but those whose sins have impoverished their souls. This of course applies to us. The poverty of our own sinfulness can be overcome by the forgiveness offered to us in Christ. Because of this, we have cause to rejoice!

And on this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are encouraged to rejoice. Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. We pause in this season of anticipation to remember that, in truth, our hopes have already been fulfilled. He is among us, saving us even now!

St. John the Baptist Flower Donations

The Christmas flower envelope is in your Offering Box for December 9. (It has a space for "memory/honor of your loved ones.") Please place the envelope in the Collection Basket give your donation to Patricia Berger or Dianne Roeder.



St. John Christmas Decorating

The St. John Christmas Crib and decorations will be put up on December 16 after the Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass. Do stay to help make our Church more beautiful for Jesus!

Ascension of Our Lord/Moravia Church Flower Donations

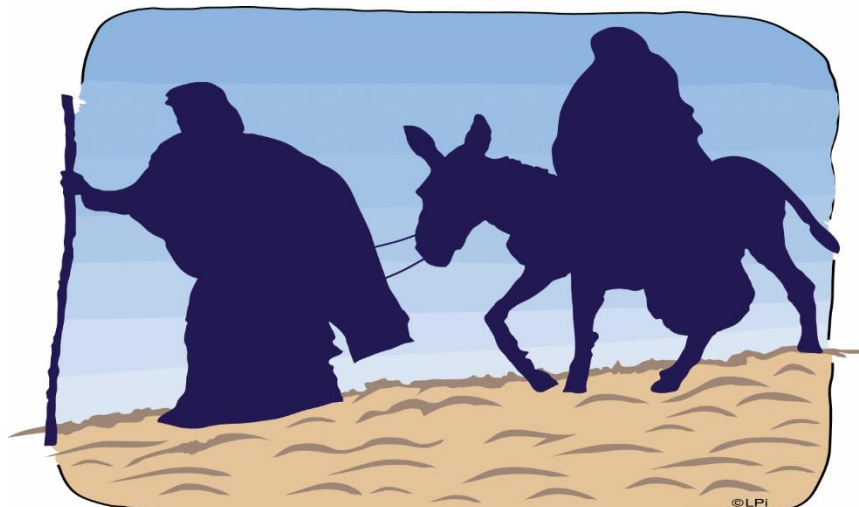
Persons wishing to make monetary donations towards the Christmas poinsettias at Moravia Church in memory of loved ones may do so by putting envelope in collection basket or seeing Dorothy Olsovsky.



Please make sure and note who the donation is in memory of.

Ascension of Our Lord/Moravia Choir

Ascension of Our Lord/Moravia Choir will rehearse the Christmas Eve Mass Czech hymns on Sunday, December 23, 2018, after Mass. We welcome all singers!





Merry Christmas

Next Bulletin: Sunday, December 30, 2018

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, December 24, 2018