

DECEMBER 15, 2019

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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

Elsie Farek.....979-562-2159

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Robert & Mary Kendall.....361-217-0624

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Ascension of Our Lord Church

Kathy Guenther 979-562-2124 (home)

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CEMETERY

St. John the Baptist Church

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

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Kathy Guenther979-562-2124

..... 979-562-2328 (work)

.....979-743-0369 (cell)

MASS SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 14	6:00 p.m.	Alphonse Besetzny	St. John
Sunday	December 15	9:30 a.m.	George & Bernice Vasek	St. John

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 21	6:00 p.m.	Julius Drozd & Annie Holub Drozd	Moravia
Sunday	December 22	9:30 a.m.	Martha Orsak	Moravia

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

Tuesday	December 24	5:00 p.m.	Leroy & Dominic Loth	Moravia
Wednesday	December 25	9:30 a.m.	Adela Kubos	St. John

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday	December 28	6:00 p.m.	Eugene Pauler	St. John
Sunday	December 29	9:30 a.m.	Erwin & Irene Mendel	St. John

December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-0; Mt 11:2-11

In the person of Jesus, God has come to heal and save us. Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfillment of his advent.

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us" risen from the dead. He is the king of glory.

December 24: Christmas Eve

Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

God's covenant (gloriously shines forth in the birth of Jesus), son of David.

December 25: Christmas Day

Readings: (Night) Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3; 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14; (Dawn) Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20; (Day) Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18; or 1:1-5, 9-14

(Night) Darkness is scattered for God's grace has been revealed in the birth of the Messiah. (Dawn) Out of love for us, God became flesh, for our Savior has appeared. Light dawns for us all! (Day) God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.

December 29: 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; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 14 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

Sunday, December 15 – 9:30 p.m. – St. John – Carson Pustka, Carter Pustka, Bryce Machicek

Saturday, December 21 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson,

Sunday, December 22 – 9:30 p.m. – Moravia – Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Dylan Orsak

Saturday, December 24 – 5:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, December 25 – 9:30 p.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Dylan Orsak

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday—Rejoice—taken from the Latin. It sets a tone of joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and Second Coming, as does the use of the rose-colored vestments worn at Mass today. We still have one and a half weeks to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Christ. Let us truly be prepared.

Father Scott and I would like to wish all of you a very blessed Christmas. May it be a time of spiritual growth, peace, and harmony for you and your families.

Be sure to pick up your 2020 Church calendars and your 2020 box of envelopes.

Ascension of Our Lord/Moravia Church Flower Donations

Anyone wishing to donate toward Ascension of Our Lord Church Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones may contact Dorothy Olsovsky at 979-562-2169 or mail to her at 1721 CR 248, Schulenburg Texas 78956.

Please indicate who your memorial is for and checks can be made out to Moravia Altar Society.



Ascension of Our Lord/Moravia Choir

Ascension of Our Lord/Moravia Choir will rehearse the Christmas Eve Mass Czech hymns on Sundays, December 8, 2019, and December 22, 2019, after Mass. We welcome all singers!



St. John the Baptist Flower Donations

The Christmas flower envelope is in your Offering Box for December 8. (It has a space for "memory/honor of your loved ones.") Please place the envelope in the Collection Basket on December 9 or 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 15 after the Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass. Do stay to help make our Church more beautiful for Jesus!

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

FRIENDLY REMINDER TO PARISHIONERS

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



L.A.M.B. Thrift Shop. 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).

Youth Ministry Needs Your Help.

Please consider being on Our Team. See flyer for ways you can help. Volunteers can help as little or as often as you like. Please call and ask for more details before saying NO. (Angela McConnell-361-741-8730).

PRO-LIFE CORNER—

If you want to celebrate Christmas authentically, we need to contemplate the fragile simplicity of a small newborn, the meekness of where he lies, the tender affection of the swaddling clothes. God is there...

He does not appear in the grand hall of a royal palace, but in the simplicity of life; not in power, but in a smallness which surprises. In order to discover Him, we need to go Where He is: we need to bow down, humble ourselves, make ourselves small. The Child who is born challenges us...

Let us allow the Child in the manger to challenge us, but let us also allow ourselves to be challenged by the children of today's world, who are not lying in a crib, caressed with the affection of a mother and father... Let us allow ourselves to be challenged by the children who are not allowed to be born.

[from Pope Francis' Christmas Homily 2016]



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS #797

The Catholic Daughters will be decorating at the KC Hall, Monday, December 15, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. for the CDA/KC Christmas Party. The Catholic Daughters/Knights of Columbus Christmas Party is Monday December 16, 2019 at the KC Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. Social Hour. Please bring an appetizer for the Social Hour.

Please take note that on ***Sunday, December 29, 2019, (Fifth Sunday)***, we will gather as a body to attend ***8:00 a.m.*** Holy Mass at Sacred Heart.

Know that your participation, in Mass as a Catholic Daughter, serves as witness to the congregation of our commission to serve Christ and as an invitation to other women to join us.

☆
O holy night!
the stars
are brightly
shining: it
is the night
of our dear
Savior's birth

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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

Manna Food Pantry and L.A.M.B.

Manna Food Pantry and L.A.M.B. Thrift Shop will be closed December 22, 2019 through January 6, 2020, for the Christmas & New Year's Holidays. They will reopen on Tuesday, January 7, 2019.

Please do **NOT** drop off any items during the Closed Holiday Season. Thank you

AREA EVENTS

Columbus Community Choir presents Choplin's "The Heart of Christmas" on Sunday, December 15, 2019, 4:00 p.m. at Columbus High School Auditorium. (Honoring all First Responders).



The *Adoration Chapel* will be open through *Christmas* and *The New Year*. Please find a substitute if you cannot make your designated scheduled hour. *Thank You!*



JCDA Court Sacred Heart # 797 Meeting

The December meeting of the JCDA Court Sacred Heart # 797 will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Family Center. The Meeting is at 4:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. There will be

Christmas Caroling and Hayride around the Courthouse Square and Nursing Homes – immediately following Mass.

The Christmas Social will be at the Sacred Heart Family Center (after caroling) for the JCDA members and their families. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a \$10 gift.

Each member is asked to bring an unwrapped gift to be donated to the St. Nicholas Ministry or Deputy Santa.

Socks for Seniors - The JCDA Court Sacred Heart - Hallettsville #797 is asking for your help in providing socks to be given to the residents at the Hallettsville nursing homes. If you would like to help with this project, you can leave your sock donations in the box in church.

Anyone wishing to join the JCDA Sacred Heart Court, please contact Cheryl Pilat at 361.772.0059 or cpilat@ricecisd.org



If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Church, or if you are missing the Sacrament(s) of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation, please contact the Sacred Heart Rectory to sign up for the RCIA Classes. RCIA Classes are being taught by Father Scott Hill at Sacred Heart.



Did you know that Christmas will be here before you know it? You can get some of your early Christmas Shopping done at the Sacred Heart Church Rectory. 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.

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:

2020 Ford F-150 Truck or 2020 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 Friday, February 14, 2020

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact:

Sacred Heart Catholic School—361-798-4251



Czech Heritage Cookbook

Need a gift for someone? Buy a *Moravia Czech Heritage Cookbook*! Only \$10 each. Available at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church (Moravia) or at Found Antique (306 N. LaGrange St., Hallettsville).



SACRED HEART BOOSTER CLUB CHRISTMAS FUDGE

The Sacred Heart Booster Club is selling homemade fudge (plain or pecan) for Christmas. It makes a perfect treat to take to your family or friends Christmas gatherings or as a great gift. The fudge comes in an 8 inch x 8 inch pan wrapped with a nice bow for \$10. If you would like to order, please contact Shanna Clark at 361-772-8527 or call the Sacred Heart School Office at 361-798-4251.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AWARDS NIGHT

Date: Monday, December 16, 2019, Place: KC Hall—Hallettsville
Social: 6:00 p.m.

Meal: 7:00 p.m., Awards Presentation to follow.

The Annual Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters Christmas Party and Awards Night has been scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2019. A delicious Roast Beef meal with an irresistible dessert will be served around 7:00 p.m. KC Service Awards and Knights of the Year plaques will also be presented. There will be plenty of door prizes including gift cards, ornaments, plants and other gifts. Doors open at 6 p.m. with an Open Bar Happy Hour including snacks. Please RSVP to KC Hall by December 11, RSVP to attend -in order to get an accurate head count. KC Hall 798-2311.

Santa is scheduled to make an appearance and a movie for the kids will be shown in the Hall of Fame room during the awards meeting.

All widows of our Deceased members please come out and join us! A Canned Good Food Drive will be held this night also. Please bring your canned goods or cash and help feed the hungry in our community, which will be donated to the Manna Food Pantry.



**2020
EXTRAVAGANZA**

The
ROARING 20s
to benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020
Hallettsville Knights of Columbus Hall

TICKET FOR ONE \$65.00 or
TICKET FOR TWO \$125.00

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES

Hors d'oeuvres & Social	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Steak Dinner & Desserts	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Music by Texas Dream	8:30 PM - 12:00 AM

*Enjoy an Elegant Fun-Filled Evening of Great Company,
Great Food & Music along with Amazing Silent Auction Items*

Contact Any of the Following to Get Your Tickets Now:

Sacred Heart Catholic School 361-798-4251	Rectory 361-798-5888	Peoples State Bank 361-798-3237
Sacred Heart Credit Union 361-798-4367	Waller's Drive-In 361-798-5847	Morton's Drive-In 361-798-4800

Mary Magdalene Prison Ministry

Mary Magdalene Prison Ministry is looking for women volunteers for two upcoming retreats in Gatesville. Dates for the retreats are March 25-28, 2020 and April 22-25, 2020. Team members must be practicing Christians and must have attended an ACTS Retreat. If you are interested, please call Christie Steffek at 361-798-0841 or Karen Kahanek at 361-772-4748 for more information.



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

**CHRISTMAS 2019
NEW YEAR 2020**

AN ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Tuesday, December 17, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 14

4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18

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

Friday, December 20

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 21

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Monday, December 23

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.-6:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Tuesday)

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

Christmas Day (Wednesday)

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

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve (Tuesday)

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

New Year's Day (Wednesday)

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

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**CHRISTMAS 2019
NEW YEAR 2020**

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 21

Moravia: 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 22

Moravia: 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Tuesday)

Moravia: 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY (Wednesday)

St. John: 9:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve (Tuesday)

Moravia: 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Wednesday)

St. John: 10:00 a.m.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hallettsville, Texas

CHRISTMAS 2019

NEW YEAR 2020

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 21

10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Tuesday)

12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY (Wednesday)

9:15 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE (Wednesday)

New Year's Day

9:15 a.m.

**DEANERY PARISH
PENANCE SERVICES**

Monday, December 16

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Moulton

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Hallettsville

5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 19

St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church

Shiner

5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 20

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Yoakum

5:30 p.m.



MEMORIALS

St. John Building Fund

In Memory of Adela Kubos: Perry & Roxanne Deem & Family-\$25; Darrell Wenglar Family-\$100; Phil & Kathy Guenther-\$50; Erwin & Helen Chaloupka-\$10; James & Mary Honish-\$20; Glen & Donna Lux-\$25; Darryl & Cheryl Steffek-\$25; David & Cindy Steffek-\$50; Thomas & Rose Ann Brosh-\$20; Barbara Haas-\$10; Carol & Tom Urban & Gladys Shimek-\$20; Kathy & Larry Henneke & Gladys Shimek-\$40; Ronnie & Wanda Orsak-\$20; Hilbert Henke-\$10; Allan and Debra Berger-\$10; Bernice & Denise Pauler-\$20; Gary & Sandra Mendel-\$20; Jay & Suzanne Pavlicek-\$20; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Chaloupka-\$20; Buck & Janice Bludau & Family-\$20; Johnnie & Alene Steffek-\$20; Leo & Joyce Janda-\$20; Phillip & Phyllis Steffek-\$30

St John Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Adela Kubos: Joyce Hermes-\$20; Ben Bartos-\$20; Kenneth & Denise Barton & Lance-\$20; Chris Hermes-\$20; Marcus & Sharon Bujnoch-\$20; Vernon & Connie Dittrich-\$20; Donald & Karen Kutac-\$20; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kubenka-\$20; Agnes Berckenhoff-\$20; Arnold & Dorothy Berger-\$25

St. John Seminary Burse

In Memory of Adela Kubos: Patricia Berger-\$10; Ralph & Bonnie Besetzny-\$20; Len & Paula Polasek-\$20; Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky-\$20; Ronnie & Debbie Genzer-\$50

St. John Church

In Memory of Adela Kubos: Joyce Rybak-\$20; Theresa Rerich-\$20

Ascension Building Fund

In Memory of Adela Kubos: Dolores Janak-\$20



Merry Christmas

Next Bulletin: Sunday, December 29, 2019

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 23, 2019