

March 10, 2019

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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ST. JOHN, TEXAS

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
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MORAVIA, TEXAS



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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.....361-798-9467

HALL RENTAL

St. John the Baptist Church

Frank Forestier
Barbara Appelt832-643-4590 (cell)
..... 361-865-2446 (home)

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Kathy Guenther 979-562-2124 (home)
..... 979-562-2328 (work)
.....979-743-0369 (cell)

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

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 9	6:00 p.m.	Deceased Parishioners of Both Parishes	St. John
Sunday	March 10	9:30 a.m.	Henry R. & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 16	6:00 p.m.	Joe Barcak & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	March 17	9:30 a.m.	Marvin Machac	St. John

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 23	6:00 p.m.	Frank Berger	St. John
Sunday	March 24	9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of Moravia KJZT #44	Moravia

March 10: First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Moses recounts great events of salvation history which finds their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. We confess him to Lord, for God raised him from the dead. He is ever faithful, resisting temptation to forsake his Father's mission, trusting in God's love.

March 17: Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 15:5-12; 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery – the dying and rising of Jesus.

March 24: Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks, on the one hand of God's patience, but of the urgency of the call to conversion, on the other. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 9 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Carson Pustka, Carter Pustka

Sunday, March 10 – 9:30 p.m. – Moravia – Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Dylan Orsak

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

Sunday, March 17 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke, Dylan Orsak

Saturday, March 23 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Carson Pustka, Carter Pustka

Sunday, March 24 – 9:30 p.m. – Moravia – Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Dylan Orsak

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

WHAT ARE DAYS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE?

ABSTINENCE from meat (all meats & fowl) is observed on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday**, and all the **Fridays of Lent** by all Catholics 14 years and older.

FASTING is observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Fast days are also days of Abstinence from meat.

Prepare Your 2019 Lenten Discipline

The Discipline of Lent is based on Jesus' instructions in the Ash Wednesday Gospel to live lives of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. These are life long values, but Lent is a concentrated effort to develop them more fully in our journey of faith. Choose at least one goal in each of the three areas. Expand and Deepen your Christian life! The benefit lasts forever!!!

Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia)

We thank St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Houston for donating 25 lightweight tables that will be used in the Big Hall. They are replacing their long tables with round tables. We are grateful to them for this very generous gift.

PRO-LIFE CORNER—Pro-Life Priorities for the 86th Session of the Texas Legislature which began a 140-day session on January 8, 2019:

- 1.) Preborn Non Discrimination Act (PreNDA)—Closes the loopholes in Texas law that leaves preborn babies suspected to have disabilities vulnerable to late-term abortions...
- 2.) Repeal anti-life "10-Day Law" in the Texas Advance Directives Act (Section 166.046, Texas Health and Safety Code), which currently authorizes physicians and hospitals to withdraw and deny basic life-sustaining medical treatment from a patient against his or her expressed wishes...
- 3.) Stop funding abortion with state and local tax dollars—Prohibits any state funding of the abortion industry and establishes penalties...
- 4.) Conscience protections for health care professionals—Enacts clear protections and accommodations for healthcare workers who conscientiously object to training, procedures, or medical decisions that violate their consciences...

[By John Seago, Legislative Director, Texas Right to Life—January 2019, Texas Right to Life NEWS]

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.
- ✦ **Stevens Nursing & Rehab** is offering Free Blood Pressure Check—March 27, 2019, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Event to be held in the Facility Lobby, 106 Kahn Street, Hallettsville, Texas. No appointment needed. For more information please call: 361-208-5153
- ✦ **Knights of Columbus Council #4307, Shrimp Etouffee & Gumbo Meal, Sunday, March 10, 2019, St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall, Blessing, Texas.** Live Auction & Raffle. (Bowl-\$10 (Served w/rice and includes dessert & tea).
- ✦ **St. Rose Spring Festival, March 10, 2019, Knights of Columbus Hall, Schulenburg, Texas.** Turkey Dinner served with all the trimmings. 10:30 am-1:00 pm. Adults-\$10; Children \$4. Live Auction, Cake Walk, Music, and more



ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MARCH: Kathy Guenther, Dorothy Henke

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR MARCH: Anthony Hrnair, Thomas Brosch

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MARCH: Agnes Berckenhoff, Sarah Berckenhoff & Jan Morin

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR MARCH: Glenn Lux

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court (CDA) #797 Meeting--Hallettsville

The Catholic Daughters Court #797 next meeting will be on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. followed by a light meal and meeting in the Family Center



Catholic Life Hallettsville Branch #22

The Catholic Life Insurance Hallettsville Branch #22 will meet March 17, 2019, at the Sacred Heart Family Center for our annual social beginning at 11:30 am. All Catholic Life members are invited to attend.

ST. JOHN EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter Flowers donation envelopes, in "Memory/Honor" of your loved ones, is under April 14, 2019, in your Offering box. Please drop your envelope in the Collection Basket at Mass.

Stations of the Cross during Lent are as follows:

Sacred Heart—Each Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary—Each Friday of Lent at 6:30 p.m.

St. John and Moravia-Fridays of Lent – 7:00 p.m.

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| March 15 | Moravia |
| March 22 | St. John |
| March 29 | Moravia |
| April 5 | St. John |
| April 12 | Moravia |

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD/MORAVIA CHURCH EASTER 2019 FLOWERS:

Anyone wanting to donate to the Easter Flowers at Ascension of Our Lord Church in memory of loved ones may do so by contacting Dorothy Olsovsky. Donations may be sent to her at 1721 CR 248, Schulenburg Texas 78956 or dropped in the collection basket. Please note who you wish to make the donation in memory of.

MORAVIA KJZT SOCIETY #44 -THE ANNUNCIATION

Is Sponsoring

A BAKELESS BAKE SALE AS A COMMUNITY FUND RAISER

Please submit your donation by April 1, 2019. This community fund drive is being held to benefit the Hallettsville, Moulton and Schulenburg Fire Departments.

Your donation maybe made in cash or check. All checks should be made payable to Moravia KJZT Society #44. Please forward your donation by April 1, 2019 to:

Dorothy Olsovsky
1721 CR 248
Schulenburg, Texas 78956

MEMORIALS

ASCENSION (MORAVIA) CHURCH

In Memory of Betty Jean Orsak: Bobby & Peggy Mendel-\$25

In Memory of Elizabeth Betty Jean Pekar: John & Frances Bock-\$20

ASCENSION BUILDING FUND

In Memory of Elizabeth Betty Jean Pekar: Philip & Kathleen Guenther-\$15

Lent 2019

**FOOD
DRIVE**

“**FORTY CANS FOR LENT**”, a successful program promoted by the Knights of Columbus Council #2433 will be continued again for the **2019 Lenten Season Pantry** to help those in need. Drop off your food products at the K of C Hall during business hours or at Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John the Baptist, or Ascension of Our Lord--Moravia Churches. Look for drop boxes. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If giving a check, make it out to the K of C #2433. Praise God for our giving community.

Michael Wick, Chairman

Please donate only canned goods or non-perishables as stated on available flyers.

First Sunday of Lent

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.



