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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 **RADIO:** 99.9 FM & 94.3 FM

WEBSITES

Cemetery: www.victoriadiocese.org
(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)
Safe Environment: www.victoriadiocese.org
(Click on “Safe Environment Program,” then on “eAppsDB”)

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MASS SCHEDULE

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 11	6:00 p.m.	David Kubenka	St. John
Sunday	July 12	9:30 a.m.	Daniel Spies	Moravia

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 18	6:00 p.m.	Julius Drozd & Annie Holub Drozd	Moravia
Sunday	July 19	9:30 a.m.	Barbara Snowden	St. John

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 25	6:00 p.m.	Amos Menchaca & Carmen Rodriguez	St. John
Sunday	July 26	9:30 a.m.	Joe Barcak & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia

July 12: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

“The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.” May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out through the presence of the Spirit

July 19: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

In his patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners to respond to salvation in the Kingdom. This Lord is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins. May the Spirit assist us in our weakness.

July 26: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

The person with true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

A Ministry Schedule has been made. If there is a change, you will be notified. The Mass is live-streamed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Facebook. The link for the Mass is: <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicChurchHallettsville> and also on the Radio Stations FM 99.9 & FM 94.3 on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

FRIENDLY REMINDER TO PARISHIONERS

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



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 11 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John –

Sunday, July 12– 9:30 p.m. – Moravia – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich

Saturday, July 18 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, July 19– 9:30 p.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Dylan Orsak

Saturday, July 25 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John - Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik

Sunday, June 26– 9:30 p.m. – Moravia – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich

From the Desk of Msgr. John

July 19th (3rd Sunday in July) would normally be our Ascension of Our Lord, Moravia, Picnic. It too has been cancelled. We have cancelled the picnics for the health and safety of our parishioners and others who would be coming from elsewhere.

Since we are not having the picnics, I would ask you to donate to the Non-Picnic Picnic Fund for each parish. This can help offset some of the loss of revenue. Maybe you can donate what you would have spent at the picnic. Thank you to all who have given so far and thank you in advance to those who will be contributing in the near future. Hopefully we can have terrific picnics next year.

Remember, you will have a free day from Picnic work on July 19th (this year only). This should be worth something to you.

As of this date, we have collected \$12,535 for St. John the Baptist and \$14,440 for Ascension of Our Lord for the non-Picnic Picnic Fund.

If you haven't already done so, I would encourage you to please consider giving to this fund to help make up for what we will not be making on the picnic.

If you can, you might try to contribute what you would have spent at the picnic. Whatever is given will be greatly appreciated. Thank all of you for all that you do. A complete report will be given at a later date with the donor's names and amounts..

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JULY: Diane Halata, Janet Spies

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR JULY: Dallas Canada, Greg Kubenka

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

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR JULY: Eugene Krupala, Leonard Sumbera

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.

Our Church directories have been proofed but there is a delay with the printing since the company closed due to the coronavirus. We hope to receive the directories once the company resumes full operation. Thank you for your patience.

PRO-LIFE CORNER—As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live.

[St. John Paul II, Homily, Perth (Australia) November 30, 1986

The fundamental law of God is love: love of God and love of neighbor. And our love of neighbor begins with love of our family, for they are our first neighbors when we are born into this world. (See Catechism 2097-2200). In our family we learn what it is to love. We learn how to be human.

Parents owe love to their children, including honor for their intrinsic dignity, and children owe love and honor to their parents. Let us recommit ourselves to living this love and honor for our family members, and from there, to living love and honor for all the world.

[from "The School of Charity" by Chris Sparks in Summer 2020 MARIAN HELPER.]

CREIGHTON MODEL Fertility Care System Service—An authentic Language of a Women's Health and Fertility Introductory Sessions--2020 Group Introductory Sessions:

July 20

August 24

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 14

Mary's House, 300 South Dowling, Hallettsville, Texas

6:00 p.m. or call to make an appointment for a private introductory session.

Lara Haas, FCPI, 361-772-1410, Larahaas.fertilitycare@gmail.com

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July 2020

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Benedict of Nursia

Born to a wealthy Italian family, St. Benedict was educated in Rome during the barbarian invasions - a time of division, chaos, and failing morals. Dismayed at the rampant immorality of his peers, he fled Rome and lived as a hermit in the mountains. Attracted by his holiness, many people sought him out. St. Benedict went on to found twelve monasteries in Subiaco and the famous Monte Cassino, which became a center of holiness, learning, and culture.

Keep parish lights on

Whether or not your parish has gone back to public Mass, please make your weekly donation by mail before you leave. Your parish depends upon your help to pay the bills even when you're not home.

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence."

St. Teresa of Calcutta



Share your faith

In this time of uncertainty, followers of Jesus know that worry is unnecessary. We know God wants us to experience his peace and share it with others. Try these tips to help others lean on God:

Go deep into God's love. It is ours today, tomorrow, and forever. "... Good indeed is the Lord, His mercy endures forever, his faithfulness lasts through every generation" (Psalm 100:5).

Experiencing Sacraments, reading Scripture, and spending time in prayer are keys to growing in God's love and sharing it.

Share your confidence in God's care. Jesus promised that God will give us

all we need, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you

shall put on ... your heavenly Father knows that you need them all"

(Matthew 6:25, 32). Stress stems

from the absence of certainty and control over our future. When we put ourselves in God's care, we can feel peace.

Demonstrate trust in God. While we may not be completely free from worry, St. Paul wrote, "I have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the Catholic Church, a bishop is an ordained minister who holds the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Bishops teach doctrine, govern Catholics in their jurisdictions, and represent the Church.

In addition to filling the need for leadership in a family as big as the Church, bishops link us to

Why do Catholics need bishops?



the Apostles. The Apostles chose disciples to fill their office after them, and passed on to them the authority and faith they had received from Christ. This spiritual treasure was passed from bishop to bishop by consecration in an unbroken line up to today.

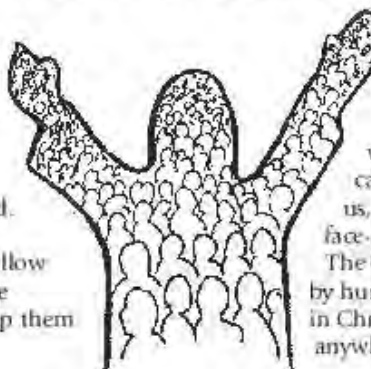
This way, the faith will be available in every age to the rest of the Church.

Where is the real Catholic Church

The Catholic Church is not just a building or a group of people. Rather, the real Church is a family begun by Jesus, extending all over the world, stretching through time and space.

In **Heaven** live those members who completed their earthly lives as God intended. They watch over us when we ask.

Members in **Purgatory** did their best to follow Jesus but died without having made adequate penance for their venial sins. Our prayers help them get to Heaven.



And those of us who are members on **Earth** are still living within the family, trying to make it to Heaven.

All three groups make up the Church and we are all connected forever. So not only can we ask our friends on Earth to pray for us, we can appeal for prayers to those who are face-to-face with God.

The Church began with Christ but is populated by humans. Still, we are all called to live fully in Christ's image. That means the Church is anywhere we are.

from **S**cripture

Matthew 13:44-52, The kingdom is worth everything

Jesus used the parables in this Gospel passage to emphasize the life-changing value of the Kingdom. In the first parable, a man discovers – seemingly by accident – a treasure buried in a field. He sells everything he has to purchase the field. In the second scenario, a merchant finds a valuable pearl after diligent searching. He also sells everything he has to possess the pearl.

By these parables, Jesus taught that being part of God's Kingdom – accepting his love for us and loving others as he loves – is the only thing that really feeds



our souls. God's unconditional love is the only thing that is worthy of everything we have. If we accept his invitation (he won't force us), our lives may change as our hearts change.

Finally, Jesus compared the separation between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch is brought ashore. Similarly, when we put our whole life in service to our love for God, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love.

Whatever is contrary to this love falls away.

Q & A

There's a saint for that!



Down through the ages, Catholics have invoked the saints for their prayers, even for everyday things. It was a way of offering everything to God, through the saints' prayers, even little things like losing your keys! Here are some "holy helpers":

Airplane travelers, astronauts: St. Joseph of Cupertino miraculously levitated while at prayer.

Accountants, bankers: St. Matthew the Apostle was a dishonest tax collector until Christ called him to be an Apostle (Matthew 9:9).

Battle, soldiers, doctors, police: St. Michael the Archangel led the angels to victory against the Devil and his forces (Revelation 12:7-9).

Finding lost things: St. Anthony of Padua prayed and recovered his stolen prayer book.

Plagues, pestilence, sick people: St. Roch cared for victims of the plague in Italy.

Students, teachers, schools: St. Thomas Aquinas, once teased as "the Dumb Ox," was actually one of the most brilliant scholars in the Church.

Feasts & Celebrations

July 3 – St. Thomas (1st Century). Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof, "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28). Tradition says that Thomas traveled to India and was martyred near Mylapore.

July 14 – St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1680). A smallpox epidemic in her Native American village left Kateri orphaned, disfigured, and half-blind. Introduced to Catholicism by missionaries, she was baptized at the age of 19 and moved to a Christian

village where she lived in holiness. **July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century).** Mary Magdalene, from whom Jesus expelled seven demons, helped to financially support Jesus' ministry (Luke 8:2) and stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother (John 19:25). She first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

July 24 – St. Charbel Makhlouf (d. 1898). A Maronite hermit, St. Charbel lived a life of solitude and holiness. He had a reputation as a wonder worker, even among his Muslim neighbors.



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ATTENTION TO ALL PARISHIONERS

A mask must be worn to Church at all Masses and any event that is held in the church. Social Distancing is required until further notice.

Reminder: All Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers, Lector, and Ushers are required to wear a mask. If you are not scheduled and you sub for one of the ministries, please bring a mask with you, just in case you are needed. This is a requirement by Bishop Cahill.

MEMORIALS

Ascension of Our Lord Building Fund

In Memory of Arthur Spies: Marvin & Betty Jean Haas-\$20; Michael & Rebecca Till-\$20; David Urban-\$20; Karen Pustka-\$20; Irene & Gene Cerny-\$30; David & Mary Ann Pustka, Patrick & Amy Spies & Family, and Brian & Kristin Spies & Family-\$200; Kristy & Gary Clark-\$25; Paul & Marilyn Hanslik-\$75; Dolores Janak-\$25; Albert and Dorothy Olsvovsky-\$20

Ascension Our Lord Church

In Memory of Arthur Spies: Dennis & Barbara Janak-\$40; Candy Roeber-\$50; Peoples State Bank-\$10

Ascension of Our Lord Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Arthur Spies: Jimmie & Sylvia Steffek-\$20

St. John Seminary Burse

In Memory of Arthur Spies: Anthony & Joyce Harper-\$20



Next Bulletin: Sunday, July 26, 2020

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, July 20, 2020