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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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Saturday	June 13	6:00 p.m.	Deceased Spies Family Members	St. John
Sunday	June 14	9:30 a.m.	Chudej Family	Moravia

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	June 20	6:00 p.m.	Henry R. & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia
Sunday	June 21	9:30 a.m.	Alvin Besetzny	St. John

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	June 27	6:00 p.m.	Adela Kubos	St. John
Sunday	June 28	9:30 a.m.	Gladys Barcak	Moravia

June 14: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Readings: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

The cup we share, is it not the blood of Christ? And the bread we break is it not his body? Just as God fed the Israelites with manna from heaven, so too do we feed on the best of wheat, the bread of angels, food for the pilgrim journey.

June 21: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

You have been saved by the grace of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Hence, do not fear those who take away your mortal life, for the Lord will protect and defend you unto life everlasting.

June 28: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him. He invites us to take up our cross and follow him, and to respond to those who are in need, as did the woman who extended hospitality to Elisha the prophet. Blessed is she who walked in the countenance of the Lord.

A Ministry Schedule has been made. If there is a change, you will be notified. The Mass is live-streamed on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicChurchHallettsville> and 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, June 13 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John - Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik
Sunday, June 14– 9:30 p.m. – Moravia – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich

Saturday, June 20 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson
Sunday, June 21– 9:30 p.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Dylan Orsak

Saturday, June 27 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John - Carson Pustka, Carter Pustka, Alaina Halata, William Halata
Sunday, June 28 – 9:30 p.m. – Moravia – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi—the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Let us never take the sacrament of the Eucharist for granted. When we receive the Lord in Holy Communion, let us do it with respect and reverence. Let us thank Jesus for coming to us as our spiritual food.

July 4th would normally be our St. John Picnic weekend, but due to the Pandemic, we decided to cancel it.

*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 the 4th of July and on July 19th (**this year only**). This should be worth something to you.*

Happy Father's Day next Sunday, July 21st. We wish and pray for the best for all our Fathers, Grandfathers, Great-Grandfathers, Godfathers, and all those who have a role as father. God Bless You and Happy Father's Day!

SEATING FOR CHURCHES (50%) except for St. John the Baptist (in Fayette County—25%)

Sacred Heart can seat 280 people at one Mass.

St. Mary can seat 150 people at one Mass.

St. John the Baptist can seat 40 people at one Mass.

Ascension of Our Lord can seat 94 people at one Mass.

Weekday Masses

Sacred Heart – (Weekday Masses) Monday-Friday--7:00 a.m. **and** Friday—8:05 a.m. (Friday will have two (2) Masses.

Confessions--Sacred Heart - Saturday – 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JUNE: Allison Machicek, Claudette Demel

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR JUNE: Emith Orsak, Allen Grones

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JUNE: Patricia Berger, Susie Kalich, Barbara Mendel

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR JUNE: Walter Hermis, Bobby Mendel

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—

“...Abortion is not a political issue and it is not a debatable subject; it is what it is. The act of abortion is an act of murder.” [Judie Brown, president of American Life League and served 15 years as a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life]

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

2020 Group Introductory Sessions:

June 22 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
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CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Let us pray, dearly beloved,
To God the Father almighty,
That He may extend His hand in mercy
To all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.
(Silent Prayer)
Almighty ever-living God,
Heal those who are ill,
Grant happy repose to those who have died,
Comfort those who mourn,
Give solace to all who are afraid and alone,
And protect those who are providing medical care.
Make us instruments of your peace
Among our brothers and sisters.
In your mercy, alleviate our fears
And eliminate this scourge,
So that we may come together again
To give you praise and to build your Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
And I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

MEMORIALS

Ascension of Our Lord CCD

In Memory of Arthur W. Spies, Jr. by Monte and Arleen Werner-\$30

Ascension of Our Lord Building Fund

In Memory of Eddie Vrana by Mr. & Mrs. David Young-\$25; Jimmie & Sylvia Steffek-\$20; J. G. & Janis Hrcir-\$100

Ascension of Our Lord Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Julius Hilmer Krause by Harvey & Doyleen Drozd-\$20

In Memory of Imelda Orsak by Perry & Roxanne Deem-\$15

St. John Building Fund

In Memory of Lillian Besetzny by Nancy Brenk Sivyer-\$50

In Memory of Adela Kubos by Darrell and Claudette Demel-\$25

In Memory of Narisssa Bestsny Cahill by Darrell & Claudette Demel-\$25

Msgr. John C. Peters Seminary Burse #8

In Memory of Lillian Besetzny by Georgia Pavliska and Family-\$50

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

June 2020

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Francis Caracciolo

Originally named Ascanio, Francis was born in the

Abruzzi region of Italy to a noble

Neopolitan family. Even as a child, he

was noted for his gentleness and virtue. Upon recovering from a life-threatening illness, he became a priest.

With a holy nobleman, Adomo, he co-founded the Minor Clerks Regular. St. Francis served reluctantly but effectively as the superior of the order. He was known for his love for the poor and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Alone with God

We live our lives in God's presence whether we are aware of him or not. Take advantage of it and be alone with him as often as possible. Soon you will see him everywhere you are.

"... And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God bore you, as a man bears his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place"

(Deuteronomy 1:31).



Four ways to find peace

When the world around us looks very different from what we expect, we lose the calming, soothing peace Christ wants to give us. The best chance we have for achieving peace in the midst of chaos is to move in harmony with God's will. Try these tips for a more peaceful life.

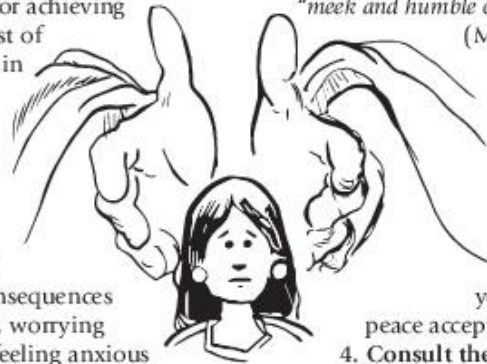
1. Don't fear what is coming next. Fearing consequences of the pandemic, worrying about finances, feeling anxious about our health or the health of our loved ones can lead to frustration and dismay. There's no peace in trying to go it alone. Instead, be open and place all your hopes, plans, and efforts at God's feet. Let him handle your concerns for you.

2. Be kind and gentle. Resentment, anger, and frustration rob you of peace. Be gentle and considerate of your neighbor. Remember, Jesus was *"meek and humble of heart"* (Matthew 11:29).

3. Learn to live with what you cannot control.

When you let God help you rise above such things, you'll have the peace acceptance brings.

4. Consult the Church for answers. It isn't always easy for us to discern God's will, so Jesus created the Catholic Church. When in doubt, turn to Scripture, the Catechism, or a trusted priest or religious for advice. After all, helping us to achieve Heaven is what they're here for!



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

In the late seventeenth-century France, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed the infinite love of his heart, wounded by sins. He urged her to spread this devotion, back when people were so afraid of God, they

neglected his love. On this feast, Jesus addresses each of us: "Behold this Heart which has so loved you, yet is so little loved." When we consider the many proofs of his love, we can't help but love him in return.

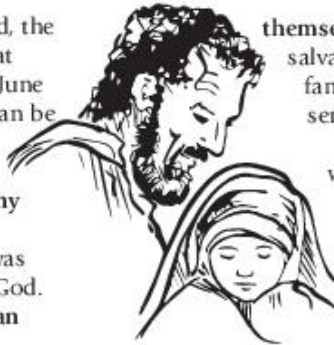


St. Joseph, a model for great fathers

Imagine the arms that held Jesus as a child, the hands that guided his first steps, the lips that pressed his forehead. During the month of June when we reflect on fatherhood, St. Joseph can be an inspiration and role model for great fathers.

Great fathers give their children a healthy childhood. St. Joseph showed Jesus love, ensured he got an education in carpentry, was kept out of danger and taught him to love God.

Great fathers serve a purpose greater than



themselves. St. Joseph knew he had a special role in salvation history, raising Jesus, and protecting his family. He faithfully fulfilled his role rather than serve his own needs.

Great fathers don't give up. Considering his wife was born without original sin and his son was God, St. Joseph could have given up, knowing he could never match their holiness. Instead, he used his own gifts to care for his family. These included his skills as a worker, his humility, and his deep love for Jesus and Mary.

from Scripture

Matthew 10:37-42, Discipleship: challenging but rewarding

In this Gospel passage, Jesus outlines the demands of discipleship in stark terms. First, there's the question of priorities. For the early Christians, it was illegal to be Christian and the penalty was prison, or worse. To be a follower of Jesus literally meant risking everything. Since he is God, only he is worthy to have first claim on our hearts and lives.

Being a faithful Catholic today has its challenges, too. Much of what Christ and the Church ask of us goes against much of what secular culture approves. Even

without worldly temptations, we have crosses to carry. Following Christ includes taking up our crosses – never alone, but always with him.

The good news is that Jesus did what he did so we can do it too. He passed through death to eternal life, from suffering to glory, from sorrow to joy. We will too, if we stay close to him. Each day, with his grace, we can choose to keep his commandments and remain in his love. In Heaven, we'll see clearly that it was all worth it.



Feasts & Celebrations

June 1 – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us his mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she continues to pray and care for us as our spiritual mother.

June 11 - St. Barnabas (1st Century). A contemporary of the Apostles, his name means "son of encouragement." He was a sponsor for St. Paul and accompanied him on his first evangelical journey.

June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua (1231). St. Anthony gave up a life of

comfort and wealth to become a Franciscan friar. After spending many years in prayer and study, St. Anthony was asked to preach to the heretics, and used his knowledge of Scripture and theology to help convert them.

June 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (1st century). Before St. John was born, his father, Zechariah received a message from the angel Gabriel foretelling his birth. His doubt was punished by his being struck speechless until John's birth.



Q & A

What is a cardinal in the Church?

Cardinals are bishops who elect the Pope. Traditionally, only the Roman clergy did this. Now that the Church is global, cardinals are chosen from dioceses around the world to represent the Church in the election. They live in their own dioceses but are given titles to Roman parishes. This way, they are like U.S. Senators.

There are different kinds or "levels" of cardinals. The cardinal bishops are the bishops with dioceses in Rome. This group also includes the patriarchs of Eastern Catholic Churches. Cardinal priests have dioceses outside Rome but are nominal pastors of Roman parishes. Cardinal deacons work in the Curia (papal court) full-time.

Only the Pope can choose cardinals from the bishops, priests, or deacons, but they must become consecrated bishops first. In a special ceremony, the new cardinal receives a scarlet skullcap, a four-cornered hat, and a ring that symbolizes his union with Rome. The cardinals also wear scarlet to symbolize their dedication to spreading the Faith, even to the point of shedding their blood, if necessary.

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Blood Drive

URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD! There will be a Blood Drive for Sunday, June 14, 2020, at Sacred Heart Gym Parking Lot, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please Give Blood! It's Free! For further information, please contact Gerardette Haas at 361-798-2910.

https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/118435



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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS #797

On Monday, June 15, there will be a short CDA Meeting followed by a program on the "Patriotic Rosary." The meeting will be held in the Church at 6:30 p.m. Spouses and guests are welcome.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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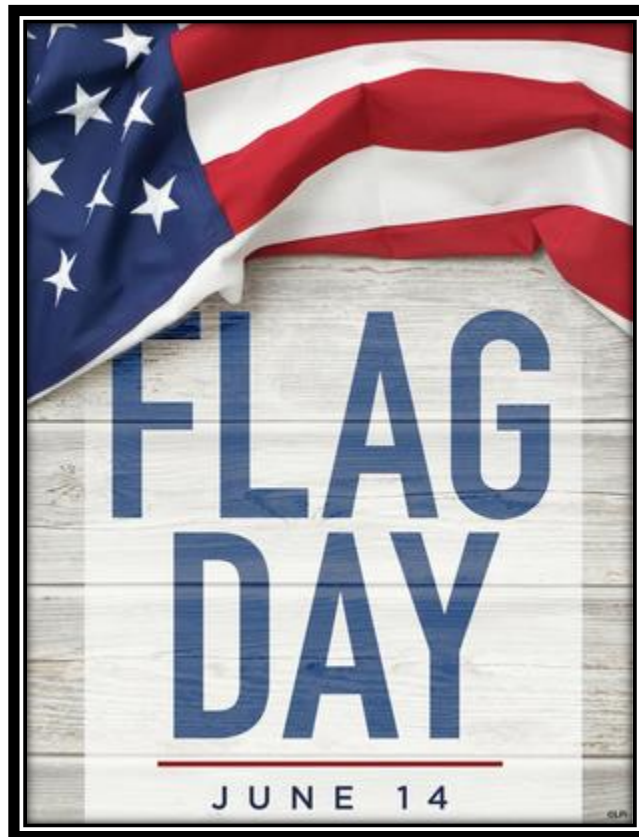
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.

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Next Bulletin: Sunday, June 28, 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, June 23, 2020