

MAY 17, 2020

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.  
(on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Sunday ..... 9:30 a.m.  
(on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>)  
First Friday .....8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Hour

**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.  
(on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Sunday ..... 9:30 a.m.  
(on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

**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](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)  
(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)  
Safe Environment: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)  
(Click on “Safe Environment Program,” then on “eAppsDB”)

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**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

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**St. John the Baptist Church**

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**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

Kathy Guenther ..... 979-562-2124 (home)  
..... 979-562-2328 (work)  
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**St. John the Baptist Church**

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**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

Kathy Guenther .....979-562-2124  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

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### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	May 16	6:00 p.m.	Eddie Vrana	Moravia
Sunday	May 17	9:30 a.m.	Larry Berger & Lebert & Leona Berger	St. John

### The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday	May 23	6:00 p.m.	Albert Berckenhoff	St. John
Sunday	May 24	9:30 a.m.	Marjorie Konvicka McCaslin	Moravia

### Pentecost Sunday

Saturday	May 30	6:00 p.m.	Imelda Bludau Orsak	Moravia
Sunday	May 31	9:30 a.m.	Ross, Diane & Devan Goldberg	St. John

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### May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

The people of Samaria come to worship the Lord and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is this same Spirit that leads us into the truth. In the body, Jesus was put to death; in the Spirit, he was raised to life. We are called to this same glory.

### May 24: Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:203, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelations. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

### May 31: Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2;1-11; Ps 104; 1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth."

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**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.**



## From the Desk of Msgr. John

I pray that you are all doing well. It is a sad time in our world and in our country today with the Coronavirus so widespread. It is affecting everyone and everything. We all need to stay safe and pray and trust in the Lord.

Because of the danger that is still present from the virus and not knowing what is ahead of us, we have decided to **CANCEL** the St. John's Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic, July 4, 2020, and the Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia) Annual Picnic for July 19, 2020.

We will be accepting **No Picnic Picnic Donations**. Whatever you would have spent at the Picnic, you may send that to the Church, if you are able.

St. John Parishioners may contribute to the **No Picnic Picnic Fund** in place of the picnic or maybe contribute to the refurbishing of the restrooms outside of the church.

Ascension of Our Lord has replaced the paneling in the Hall Kitchen, installed another large stove in the stewroom, repaired the paneling in the Dining Hall, replaced the roof between the Parish Hall and the Band Hall, repaired some wood on the Band Hall and did quite a bit of painting. Your donations may help toward these projects.

Any and all donations will be appreciated to help with the support of the Parishes. Those who can contribute financially, please do so. If you are not financially able at this time, please pray for the success of the **NO PICNIC PICNIC**.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND: MAY 16 and 17, 2020

Saturday	May 16, 2020	5:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart
Saturday	May 16, 2020	6:00 p.m.	Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia)
Sunday	May 17, 2020	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart (Radio and will be livestreamed)
Sunday	May 17, 2020	9:15 a.m.	St. Mary
Sunday	May 17, 2020	9:30 a.m.	St. John (St. John)
Sunday	May 17, 2020	10:30 a.m.	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart School Baccalaureate (Will be live-streamed)

### 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 - 10:00 a.m.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 16 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, May 17 - 9:30 p.m. - St. John - Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Dylan Orsak

Saturday, May 23 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

Sunday, May 24 - 9:30 p.m. - Moravia - Carson Pustka, Carter Pustka, Bryce Machicek

Saturday, May 30 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, May 31 - 9:30 p.m. - St. John - Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Dylan Orsak

**ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MAY:** Mary Ann Pratka, Jeanette Chudej

**ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR MAY:** Daniel Steffek, Dale Janak

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MAY:** Lorine Kubenka, Diane Roeder

**ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR MAY:** Harvey Hermis, Ralph Besetzny

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

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*Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.*

### **PRO-LIFE CORNER—A Professor and the Marian Blue Wave**

Professor Charles Rice was a Notre Dame law professor with an incredibly insightful way of talking about what was wrong with a legal system that afforded protection for the act of abortion.

He penned “The Pro-Life Movement: A spiritual Perspective.” Written in 1983, this document is more relevant today than at any time in the history of this struggle. Professor Rice defined what a NEW pro-life movement would look like if composed according to his four propositions:

- 1.) “It (would) be primarily religious, appealing to all persons of all religions, who recognize that the abortion problem is a manifestation of the simple issue: Who is God, the real God or the state?”
- 2.) “It (would) be uncompromising in its education efforts, emphasizing that we are in trouble because of secularism, relativism, and contraception.”
- 3.) “Its political activity (would) be similarly uncompromising.”
- 4.) “The primary emphasis of the movement (would) be on prayer, especially the recitation of the Rosary, combined with sidewalk counseling at abortion clinics.”

His words dovetail today with American Life League’s project—The Marian Blue Wave! Like Professor Rice, we know and believe that above all else, ours is a spiritual battle—a struggle between the forces of good and the forces of evil.

[Judie Brown, President, American Life League, in March-April 2020 ALL NEWS, Vol. 26, No. 2]

**Remember**—Join in the Marian Blue Wave by praying a Rosary once a week for the intention of ending abortion!

### **FORTY-CANS OF LENT EXTENDED THROUGH THE END OF MAY**



“**FORTY CANS FOR LENT**”, a successful program promoted by the Knights of Columbus Council #2433 will be continued\* for the **2020 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.**

**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.**

**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

September 21

November 16

August 24

October 19

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.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

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## MEMORIALS

### **Ascension of Our Lord Building Fund**

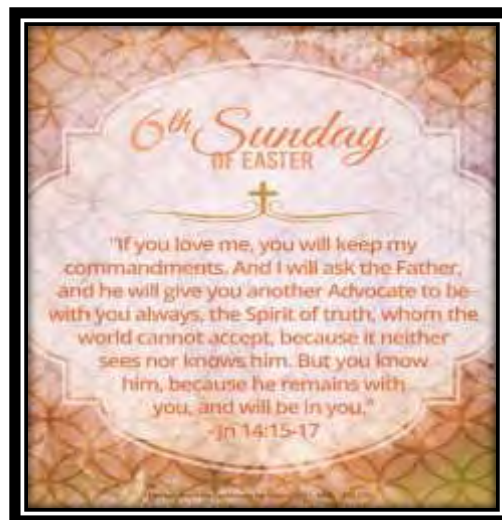
**In Memory of Eddie Vrana** by Mr. & Mrs. David Young-\$25

### **St. John Seminary Burse, St. John**

**In Memory of Lillian Besetzny** by Karen Sliker-\$100

### **Ascension of Our Lord Cemetery Fund**

**In Memory of**



**Next Bulletin: Sunday, May 31, 2020**

**All announcements can be sent by email to the Rectory at**

**[rectory@shcatholicchurch.org](mailto: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, May 26, 2020**