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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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## MASS SCHEDULE

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### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	October 17	6:00 p.m.	Lilian Hrcir	Moravia
St. John	October 18	9:30 a.m.	Erwin & Irene Mendel	St. John

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	October 24	6:00 p.m.	Eddie Vrana	St. John
Sunday	October 25	9:30 a.m.	Arthur Sr. and Lillie Spies	Moravia

### All Saints' Day

Saturday	October 31	6:00 p.m.	Gladys Barcak	Moravia
St. John	November 1	9:30 a.m.	Alvin Besetzny	St. John

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### October 18 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is5:1,4-6; Ps 96:1,3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

The Lord is king and there is no other. We are to render to God, therefore, fitting praise and service, as is God's due. God's word to us, in turn, is a matter of power and strength to be with conviction lived with conviction of heart.

### October 25: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

We are to love the Lord with our whole heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. By thus fulfilling these two great commandments, we hope to become models of faith and imitators of the Lord who gave himself totally for our sakes.

### November 1: All Saints' Day

Readings: Rv. 7:22-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in God's holy place and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb.

### November 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Readings: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:11-6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40, or 10:11-1016

As suggested: The souls of the just are in God's hands. Christ, the Good Shepherd, died for us while we were still sinners. He is the resurrection and the life.

Rooted in ancient Christian tradition (2<sup>nd</sup> c. and Tertullian), St. Odilo of Cluny (1 Jan) established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988. It was accepted in Rome in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

**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, October 17 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, October 18 – 9:30 p.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Dylan Orsak

Saturday, October 24 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John - Wade Shimek, Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik

Sunday, October 25 – 9:30 p.m. – Moravia – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich, Bryce Machicek

Saturday, October 31 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, November 1 – 9:30 p.m. – St. John – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich

## From the Desk of Msgr. John

*Thank you to all for the prayers, cards and good wishes on my 72<sup>nd</sup> Birthday this past week. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. Keep the prayers going.*

*During this month of the Most Holy Rosary, let us pray the Rosary daily, for our Country and for our many needs and the needs of others.*

**ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR OCTOBER:** Diana Jasek, Kathy Guenther

**ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR OCTOBER:** Phil Guenther, Perry Deem

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR OCTOBER:** Jo Marie Krupala & Evelyn Hermis

**ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR OCTOBER:** Gary Mendel, Harold Kalich

*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.*

### **PRO-LIFE CORNER—Creator of “Precious Feet”**

It was January 22, 1974, the first anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, when Virginia Evers opened the San Diego Union to find a full-page ad showing a photo of a man's fingers grasping the tiny, perfectly formed feet of a baby aborted at 10 weeks.

“The picture haunted me,” Virginia Evers recalled later in explaining what led her to create the Precious Feet pin that became the international symbol of the Pro-Life Movement.

Virginia and her husband, Ellis, founded Heritage House 76, a company that distributed patriotic jewelry and materials, and were very involved in pro-life efforts. It was through Heritage House that tens of millions of Precious Feet have been distributed around the world. (The Precious Feet are still available; to order go to [www.HH76.org](http://www.HH76.org).)

[From September, 2020, “*Priests for Life*” newsletter]

(Note: Mrs. Evers died in Chandler, Arizona, July 17, 2020, just 2 months shy of her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.)

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

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](mailto:Larahaas.fertilitycare@gmail.com)

### **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.**

### **PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

**Prayer for our Country:** Join parishioners at 6:30 p.m. Sunday evenings under the St. John Pavilion Hall to pray the Patriotic Rosary. The prayers and songs are provided. Social distancing is used and you may sit as far back as needed for your comfort. Families are welcome.

The Emmaus Center provides individual, couple, **family, adolescent and children's counseling as well as** specialized support groups from a Catholic perspective. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (361) 212-0830.



### It's Tamale Time!

The Sacred Heart Band Boosters are once again selling Tamales. Regular and Jalapeño tamales are \$11 per dozen and Chicken tamales are \$12 per dozen. The tamales come in steaming hot and ready to eat or you can cool and freeze them for a later date. Delicious Tamales of San Antonio has been providing the tamales for the Sacred Heart School Band for 18 years. So you know they are Delicious!!

You may place your orders by November 8th with any Sacred Heart Band Student or parent, by contacting the school office at 361-798-4251 or Lara Haas at 361-772-1410. The orders will be ready for pick up at the Hallettsville KC Hall drive thru line on Thursday November 19, 2020 between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Don't Delay – Order Today!!!!

### PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

In the past the St. Pio Vocation Club has celebrated Priesthood Sunday on the last Sunday in October. We have asked the parishioners to select the name of a priest in the Victoria Diocese and to remember the priest in their prayer intentions for the year.

Because of the Covid pandemic, we are unable to draw the names out of a basket. We ask you to continue to pray for the priest previously selected or to pray for another priest in the diocese. The important thing here is to continue to pray for all our priests. Thank You.

St. Padre Pio Vocation Club



Ascension of Our Lord Non-Picnic Picnic Donations  
Whitley Lumber (Tommy and Donna Perez)-\$200





# Not liberal. Not conservative. *Simply Catholic.*

## Catholic citizenship & your vote

We have a dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens. As Catholics, our baptismal commitment to bear public witness to the values of Jesus Christ requires our active participation in the democratic life of our nation. As Americans, we have a serious moral obligation to vote. This brief insert is intended as a starting point to help us respond to our choices in the current political landscape.

### There are many issues before us ...



#### **The Right to Life and Dignity of the Human Person**

Innocent human life is destroyed by abortion, euthanasia, "fertility treatments" such as in-vitro fertilization, experimentation using stem cells from human embryos, and cloning to manufacture human body parts. Catholic teaching about the sanctity of human life also leads us to oppose the death penalty, genocide, torture, unjust wars, and economic policies that ignore the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

#### **Call to Family, Community, and Participation**

The family, which emerges from marriage between a man and a woman, is the original and basic unit of society. Social and economic policies should work to strengthen the family rather than weaken it.

#### **Rights and Responsibilities**

Every human being has the right to life and to religious freedom. Everyone has a right to refuse to participate in actions contrary to one's religious beliefs and to share and defend one's creed and moral principles in the public forum. Everyone has the right and duty to participate fully in all aspects of life: political, social, cultural, and economic.

#### **Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**

We must have special concern and charity toward the unborn, persons with disabilities, the dying, refugees, long-term unemployed, prisoners, and all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond. Today, the situation of immigrant workers is especially urgent.

#### **Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers**

Economic justice includes the opportunity for dignified work at wages sufficient to support a family, workplace safety, and the right to take time for religious observances. Workers also have the duty to provide a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

#### **Solidarity**

Loving our neighbor has global dimensions and requires us to eradicate racism and address the extreme poverty and disease plaguing so much of the world. We are called to welcome the stranger among us, including immigrants seeking work, a safe home, education for their children, and a decent life for their families. We are called to promote peace and pursue justice.

#### **Caring for God's Creation**

As stewards, not owners, of the earth, people have an obligation to cherish and care for the environment. The earth yields forth many resources needed for human flourishing, especially energy and the capacity to produce food. These precious resources must be used prudently, fairly, safely, and with a constant concern for future generations.





## ... but every issue is not equal.

- **Issues that directly affect human lives**, such as abortion and euthanasia, are fundamental and demand serious consideration.
- Our Constitution heralds **religious liberty** in the First Amendment, yet increasingly people of faith are having to fight to retain this basic right.
- Our nation has **redefined marriage**. The marriage of a man and a woman is the foundation of the family and an essential core element of a flourishing society.
- The **growing disparity between rich and poor** means most of the world's resources are in the hands of a small percentage of its people. The federal budget is a moral document and we prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable among us.
- The **millions of undocumented persons** living in the United States deserve our compassion. Our immigration system is broken, and we need a humane solution to it.
- **War, terror, and violence** have caused thousands of lost lives. We must work for just solutions to conflict in the Holy Land, throughout the Middle East, and beyond.



## As Catholic citizens, we should remember three things:

1. **Respect for the dignity of each person** is the core of Catholic social and moral teaching. This is our most basic principle.
2. **We focus on the common good**, not our own personal interests. We ask, how can we make the world a better place? Not, how can I improve my own personal situation?
3. **We have a responsibility**, a true obligation, to form our consciences and participate in the civic life of this nation.



## Here are ways to form our consciences and participate in civic life:

- **Be true to the teachings of the Church.** Read Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teachings from the Holy See, and the statements of our bishops. Read "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" at [faithfulcitizenship.org](http://faithfulcitizenship.org). We need to be sure that our reasoning and judgments are well-grounded in our faith.
- **Stay well-informed about issues** through judicious and reasoned engagement with the immense world of information in the 21st century. Just as all issues are not equal, all sources are not equal. For example, an individual's blog, while potentially very insightful, may not have the same fidelity to factual truth as our media sources that hold themselves to professional standards of journalistic ethics, imperfect though they are.
- **Remain in contact with our representatives** in local, state, and federal government. Our responsibility to form our consciences leads to an obligation to be active citizens.
- **Engage in reasoned, compassionate, and loving dialogue with others**, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, about the issues and choices that we are facing as a nation. Remember that we are all called first to witness the Gospel, and through that witness, to share our social teaching to highlight the moral dimensions of issues, and to participate in debate on public policy.

**October 18, 2020**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

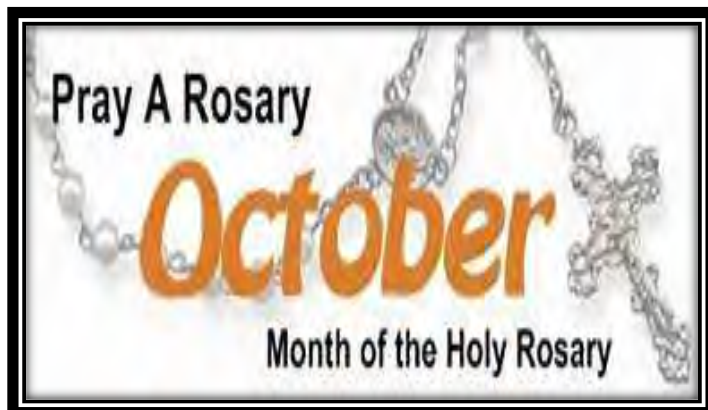
God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

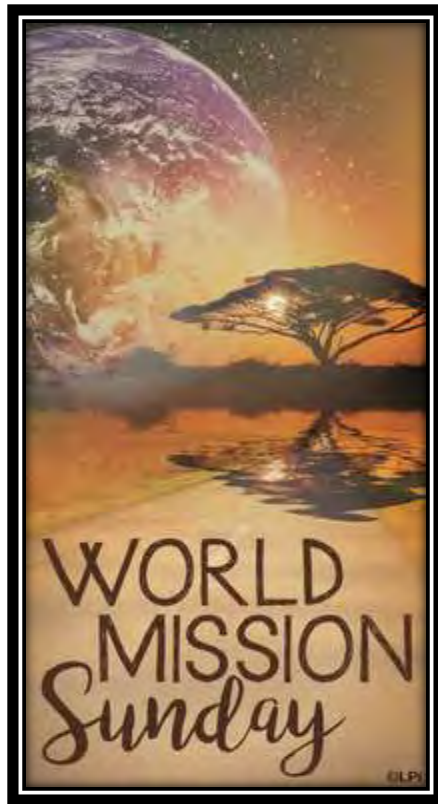
When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

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**Sacred Heart Home & School Association** is having a "Cattle or Cash" raffle! Tickets are \$100 and the drawing date is 12/18. This was created to make up for the famous strudel bake. Call 361-798-4251 for more details. We also have the option of purchasing online via Venmo. Here is the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=indianshsa&set=a.1835478429936232>





**Next Bulletin: Sunday, November 1, 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, October 27, 2020**