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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

### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	October 3	6:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of Neskora, Hermes, Janak & Winkler Families	Moravia
St. John	October 4	9:30 a.m.	Anton & Joyce Orsak	St. John

### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	October 10	6:00 p.m.	Daniel Spies	St. John
Sunday	October 11	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Kresta Family	Moravia

### 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

### October 4: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16; 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. At vintage time the master will return to receive the harvest. May we bear fruit in plenty, and be pleasing in his sight by living lives that are marked by love and respect.

### October 11: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

The Lord invites us to a banquet, one of the favorite images of messianic times. This banquet is spread before us and can fully satisfy our needs, yet how often have we refused the Lord's invitation to share the riches prepared for us.

### 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.

**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 3 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, October 4 – 9:30 p.m. – St. John – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich

Saturday, October 10 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John - Wade Shimek, Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik

Sunday, October 11 – 9:30 p.m. – Moravia – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich, Bryce Machicek

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



## **From the Desk of Msgr. John**

We will once again have the Rosary Congress in the Diocese of Victoria.

*A time of intense prayer by the faithful of the entire Diocese before our Eucharistic Lord using the Holy Rosary to pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic; for hope, care, and the safety of our families; in reparation for the sin of indifference to the pain of others; and in reparation for the sins of priests and bishops in the scandals of the Church.*

*“To contemplate the face of Christ with Mary.”*

*Pope John Paul II*

### **Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, October 4** – Opening Mass – 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory and livestreamed at [www.olvcathedral.org](http://www.olvcathedral.org)

**Wednesday, October 7** – Presentation on Marian Consecration, 7:00 p.m. at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) or Diocese of Victoria in Texas Facebook Page

**Sunday, October 11** – Congress concludes – Celebrations at local parishes

**Monday, October 19** – Begin Marian Consecration Preparation – At home

**Saturday, November 21** – Marian Consecration – Celebrations at local parishes.

**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—Marian Blue Wave Update**

The Marian Blue Wave is present in all 50 states and in 31 countries across the globe. This is no small accomplishment!

A project inspired by Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, Marian Blue Wave is a call to fidelity—to pray and work for the end of abortion and the shutting of every Planned Parenthood by asking for Our Lady’s intercession.

Thousands of Pro-Life Catholics have joined by praying a **weekly Rosary**. These pro-life prayer warriors are marked on an online map at [MarianBlueWave.org](http://MarianBlueWave.org). (If you or someone who wants to join but does not have an E-Mail address, just call 540-659-4171 and ask for Katie Brown who will add you to the map.)

Only with Jesus and with the weapons Our Lady has given us will we restore the culture of life and end abortion in America. Thank you for being in or joining in the Marian Blue Wave!

[From August 2020 ALL News]

### **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.**



All Pastors in the Victoria Diocese received this letter from Bishop Cahill this week.

*Office of the Bishop*

September 23, 2020

Dear Pastors,

Last week I informed our faithful that the dispensation from the obligation to participate in the liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is not being extended beyond September 30. As we anticipate the participation of more of the faithful in the Sunday Eucharist in the coming months I realize it is time to update the guidelines that I published on April 27. Based on conversations with some doctors and local health officials in Victoria and the other counties in our area, I am focusing on four areas to ensure our safe and joyful return to the Sunday Eucharist.

**Masks** - Parishioners must be strongly encouraged to wear masks during the Sunday worship. Priests and Eucharistic Ministers must wear masks during the distribution of communion.

I realize this has become a political issue and believe the Governor is correct in his approach not to issue a mandate, but instead to offer strong encouragement. I will support a Pastor if the Pastor decides in his particular Church or at particular Masses people must wear masks.

**Social Distancing** -The Church must be arranged in such a way that people aren't breathing on each other.

I think the easiest set-up has been every other row, with a family on each end of the row. Some larger Churches have scheduled over-flow space in the gym or auditorium, some other Churches have added a Mass time on Saturday and/or Sunday to accommodate.

**Handwashing/Sanitization** - Priests, Deacons and Ministers must practice good hand hygiene, and the Church must be cleaned after every Mass.

I think the parishes have established pretty good protocols on cleaning before and after every Mass. I know some have been concerned about possible damage to pews and there has been some good discussion about how to care for the furniture and keep the pews sanitized.

**Holy Water** - Holy Water fonts must remain empty.

This was a surprise to me, I thought it would be all right to re-fill the Holy Water fonts. It became clear to me that each medical person had serious concerns about the possible spread of germs through multiple people touching the same source. Some Pastors have encouraged people to bring their own Holy Water bottles and fill them at the Church, others have used the Sprinkling Rite at some of the Masses.

God bless you all in your blessed ministry of leading the People of God every day-you are an example of shepherds who "smell of the sheep", walking the road with strength, courage and hope! Let's keep each other in prayer,

—Brendan

# October

## Rosary: Walking with Jesus

Ever pray the rosary? Have you noticed the different mysteries? Each mystery points us to a different part of Jesus' life and ministry. This month, let's try to pray the rosary and really see how Mary is pointing us to her son with these beautiful prayers and reflections.

### PRAY

Pray a Hail Mary together before bed.

Pray the Guardian Angel prayer before leaving the house.

Pray the rosary once this month.

Thank God for one blessing before you eat.

### PLAY

Go for a 5-10 minute walk. Pay attention to the nature that surrounds you.

Call a family member you haven't visited with in a while.



*"Bless us, O Lord! And these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

Questions for Meal Discussion...

1. What was the best thing that happened to you today?
2. What is one mistake you made?
3. Where did you see God working today?

Check out the website for fun recipes!

**Want More?** Visit our website: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)  
Share pictures of activities using #DOVFamilies

#### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Year of the Family begins this October 4 and continues through October 3, 2021. Each month, our diocesan family will explore different themes of our Catholic faith leading us to meaningful encounters with Christ. Check Out the diocesan website for more information:  
[www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)



# Growing in FAITH™

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October 2020

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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### True happiness

Popular theologian C.S. Lewis wrote, "Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth thrown in. Aim at Earth and you get neither." We were made for God and can't be truly happy unless we are united with him. If we focus on worldly concerns, we will never know the meaning of true happiness. If we focus on God, we will know happiness even on Earth.

### The Commandment imbalance

Of the Ten Commandments, only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe. The other seven detail how we are to treat each other. It is one way God lets us know how much he wants us to love one another.



### Silence of the heart

"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." Mother Teresa of Calcutta



## "Live in harmony with one another"

In times of uncertainty or stress, tempers can shorten, perspectives narrow, and peace suffers. It is important to remember that Jesus came to bring love and unity. His followers are asked to do the same.

*"The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all"* (Proverbs 22:2) – embrace diversity; don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

*"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"* (1 John 4:11) – as children of God, all humans were created with inherent dignity that we are required to acknowledge.

Trying to understand others' perspectives is the best way to realize the impact of our actions on them.

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God"*

(Matthew 5:9) – a steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather than humans. Instead, live with peace and pray for victims of violence.

*"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts"* (Colossians 3:15). This means we have to make the choice to trust God's promises (letting His peace rule) or to rely on ourselves and reject the peace He offers.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## What is grace?

God gives us a free gift to share in His life, a gift that we can't earn and don't deserve. Called, "grace," this gift helps us to become His adopted children. When God shares His divine life with us as sanctifying grace, we

are strengthened to act in His love. Through actual grace, God strengthens us to live in harmony with His will. Sacramental and special graces – gifts of the Holy Spirit – help us to live out our Christian vocation.



## Make holiness your goal

All people are called to be holy, "Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Achieving holiness requires a constant effort like climbing a mountain. To stop trying, even for a little while, is to lose ground. Daily effort will pay off with results.

**Look for Jesus' presence.** Search for Him each day. Not only will awareness of His presence help you grow in love and kindness toward everyone, you will find it easier to control your faults.

**Don't avoid suffering.** Jesus experienced extreme



suffering in His time on Earth and used it to pave our way to Heaven.

**Pay attention to His voice.** Speak to Him, ask Him for help, express sorrow for your mistakes, tell Him you love Him.

**Nurture your faith.** Just as food nourishes our bodies, faith feeds our souls. Scripture is a staple of our spiritual diet. Ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to meditate on Scripture every day.

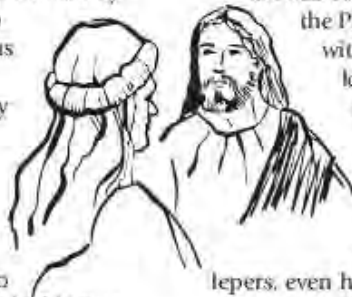
**Practice patience.** It's the first step toward holiness.

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus has the right answers.

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees attempted to trap him into publicly contradicting Jewish law by sending a slick lawyer to "engage" him. Then Jesus could be arrested and silenced. The lawyer they sent knew that generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which law was the most important. Pretending to seek Jesus' opinion, he asked him to choose which of the 613 commandments of the Jewish law was the most important.

Jesus silenced them by saying that everything starts and ends with love –



love of God and love of others. To love God is to love one another. Love is at the heart of all the other laws. Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including those our natural inclination says to exclude or avoid. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his political enemies.

True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and he calls us to the same.

### Q & A How can I develop more faith?

Faith is not a single event or a mastered skill. It's a journey that develops and grows over time. A father asking Jesus for a miraculous cure for his son cried out, "I do believe, help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). We have to ask God to help our faith develop and grow.



The best way to develop a strong faith is to pray.

Prayer is a conversation with God. Most of us use prayer to talk at God, but it's important to listen, too.

One good way to listen to God is to read his Word in the Bible. Start by reading a passage from Scripture, particularly the Gospels. Then ask yourself what the passage is saying to you, personally.

For example, ask yourself, "What is God saying to me through this reading?" Or "How can I put his message into practice in my life?" We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective" (Hebrews 4:12).

### Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

**Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Avila (1583).** St. Teresa founded a strict religious order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. St. Teresa established more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

**Oct. 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch**

(1st century). Succeeded St. Peter as the second bishop of Antioch. St. Ignatius encouraged obedience to the world's bishops and reminded people that Jesus is present in the Church and in each other.

**Oct. 28 - St. Simon and St. Jude (1st century).** St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



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## MEMORIALS

### St. John No Picnic Picnic Donations

Diane & Allen Roeder-\$500  
Father Edward Karasek-\$100

Total as of September 20, 2020 - \$18,985.00

### Ascension Cemetery

In Memory of Lillian Hrnrcir: Glen & Sophie Cernik-\$50;  
Kathy & Ken Huff-\$50; Bobby & Peggy Mendel-\$25

### CCD Program

In Memory of Lillian Hrnrcir: Glenn & Dolores Dobbs-\$25

### St. John Seminary Burse

In Memory of Lillian Hrnrcir: Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$20

### Ascension of Our Lord Building Fund

In Memory of Lillian Hrnrcir: Arnold & Dorothy Berger-\$20; Phillip & Kathleen Guenther-\$20; Dolores Janak-\$30; Larry & Agnes Greer-\$30; Dottie Nixon-\$20; Lynn & Judy Jalufka-\$50; Leon & Carol Grones-\$20; Janet Spies-\$20; J.G. & Janis Hrnrcir-\$50; Tina & Lee - \$20; Bunnye Uehlinger, Kyle & Tasha-\$50; David & Carol Bohuslav-\$40; Kathy & Ken Huff-\$50; Dwayne & Connie Burton-\$100; Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky-\$25; Royce & Jeanette Chudej-\$60

## **PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

**Prayer for our Country:** Join parishioners at 6:00 p.m. Sunday evenings at the Hallettsville KC Hall lower pavilion to pray the Patriotic Rosary. The prayers and songs are provided. There is limited seating available, you may bring a folding chair. Social distancing is used and you may sit as far back as needed for your comfort. Families are welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
Life Chain Sunday, 2020

Annually, on the first Sunday in October, we celebrate National Life Chain Sunday. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of prolife individuals standing for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of **solidarity by the Christian community that, "abortion kills children and hurts families."**

Come Sunday, October 4, and participate in the Life Chain. We will gather at the end of the Knights of Columbus hall parking lot at 2:00 pm. Posters will be handed out at this time, and we will space ourselves out along both sides of Hwy. 77S and stand witness from about 2:15-3:15 pm.

Bring your whole family! Children are a sign of life! Bring your lawn chairs, umbrellas, and strollers.

For more information, call 361-798-6227.

### **Blood Drive**

**URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD!** There will be a Blood Drive by Sacred Heart Catholic School on Monday, October 5, 2020, at Sacred Heart Family Center, 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Please Give Blood! For further information, call Ruth Barton, at Sacred Heart Catholic School, at 361-798-4251



Pray A Rosary

**October**

Month of the Holy Rosary



**Next Bulletin: Sunday, October 18, 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 12, 2020**