

SEPTEMBER 6, 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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## MASS SCHEDULE

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### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	September 5	6:00 p.m.	Jonathan Henry	Moravia
Sunday	September 6	9:30 a.m.	George & Bernice Vasek	St. John

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	September 12	6:00 p.m.	Mildred Fojtik Dixon	St. John
Sunday	September 13	9:30 a.m.	Gus Berkenhoff	Moravia

### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	September 19	6:00 p.m.	Henry R. & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia
Sunday	September 20	9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Charles & Ernestine Besetzny Family	St. John

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### September 6: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

May our hearts not be hardened, but may we turn from our sin. In our love for one another, we may be called to confront our brother and sister for the wrong they may be doing.

### September 13: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-44, 9-12; Rom 114:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

As the Lord is kind and merciful, so should we be forgiving toward one another. Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. He alone is Lord

### September 20: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: How different are the Lord's ways from our own! Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous in compassion and love to both those who are quick to respond to his invitation, as well as those who are slow to hear his call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.

**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, September 5 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, September 6 – 9:30 p.m. – St. John – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich

Saturday, September 12 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John - Wade Shimek, Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik

Sunday, September 13 – 9:30 p.m. – Moravia – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich, Bryce Machicek

Saturday, September 19 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, September 20 – 9:30 p.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Bryce Machicek, Dylan Orsak

Here is a link for the Back to School Service of Blessing by the Ministerial Alliance of Hallettsville. They were unable to have the gathering this year due to COVID, but wanted to have this for the students, faculty, staff and parents.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10pBknrUA8q0ukNC9dYYQ2WTj42SbSKkn/view?usp=sharing>

**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.**

## From the Desk of Msgr. John

*We welcome Father John Affum to our parish family. He comes to us from Ghana and will be our second associate pastor in the parish. He is 57 years old and will be helping us in our four parishes. He will also be available to help in other parishes where there is a need. He can be known as Father John and I'll be known as Monsignor.*

*We have word that our church directories are in the process of being published. They may be ready by the beginning of October.*

*The trees around the church in Moravia have been nicely trimmed. We thank George and Diana Jasek for a job well done.*

*We hope to trim some of the trees around St. John's. We are also looking at refurbishing the present church restrooms. Not having the Picnic slowed down some of the work that would usually be done before the Picnic.*

**ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Glen Cernik, Sophie Cernik

**ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER:** George Jasek, J. G. Hrcir

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Pam Besetsny, Peggy Mendel, Cheryl Brossmann

**ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Gary McBride, Brad Lux

*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—"The family is God's masterpiece."

"One could say, without exaggeration, that the family is the driving force of the world and of history. Our personality develops in the family, by growing up with our mom and dad, our brothers and sisters, by breathing in the warmth of the home."

[Pope Francis, at the plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Family 10-25-13.]

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

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

**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.**



## 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.**



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September 2020

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Mysteries of faith

Legend says that St. Augustine was walking on a beach puzzling the mystery of the Holy Trinity when he spotted a boy filling a bucket from the ocean and dumping it in a hole. The boy said he was trying to fit the ocean into the hole. St. Augustine cried, "But you can never do that!" The boy replied, "And neither can you understand the Holy Trinity," and vanished. Some things we just have to take on faith.



### "God bless you"

When you sneeze, think of Pope St. Gregory, the Great. In 590AD, the bubonic plague was spreading to Rome. To combat the disease, the pope requested incessant prayer. "God bless you!" in response to a sneeze was part of that effort.

*"You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, Nor the pestilence that rouns in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon" (Psalm 91:5-6).*



## Do you trust God?

*"The Lord is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts" (Psalm 28:7).* Do you trust God with everything in your life or only some things? Do you give him your problems but take them back when he doesn't do what you want? It is when we have complete trust in God that our lives work well.

**Is God trustworthy?** A person worthy of trust is one of good character and integrity. We have more than two thousand years of history that prove God means what he says and says what he means. He does what he promises.

**Is God capable?** God has power

over all creation – He even has power over life and death. Through the ages, we have learned that all things are possible with God. More to the point, God's Son told us that God loves us with

unimaginable intensity so he always wants what is best for us. In fact, God is more qualified than we are to take care of what we need.

**Are you ready to really trust God?** Start

by thanking him no matter what. Everything that he allows to happen to us is for our good. Then remind yourself that God is fully in charge. Finally, ask him what you should do next and do it.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe the Eucharist is Jesus' Body and Blood?

The concept of transubstantiation means that, during Mass, the entire substance of bread changes into the substance of the Body of Christ. The entire substance of wine changes into the substance of His Blood. This change is brought about in the eucharistic

prayer through the Word of Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit.

However, the outward characteristics of bread and wine, the 'eucharistic species' remain unaltered.

Jesus is truly present during Mass, Body and Blood, soul and divinity.





## Make distractions a plus in prayer

There is no better way to build a relationship with Jesus than through prayer. Relying on His strength during difficult times is how we get through them. Yet when we become distracted during prayer, we can become discouraged and give up. Try these ideas for turning distractions into blessings:

**Gently return.** Start your prayer by placing yourself in the presence of God. When you wander, gently bring yourself back.

**Practice recall.** St. Frances de Sales said, "When your mind wanders or gives way to distractions,



gently recall it and place it once more close to its Divine Master. If you should do nothing else but repeat this during the whole time of prayer, your hour would be very well spent and you would perform a spiritual exercise most acceptable to God."

**Turn distractions into prayer.** If you start thinking about people and events unrelated to your prayer, pray about them and then return to the original subject of your prayer.

**Pray out loud.** When distractions overwhelm you, pray out loud.

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 21:28-32, Faithful obedience.

Jesus told of a man who asked his two sons to go work in his vineyard. The first said, "No," but went anyway.

The second said, "Yes," but didn't go. Which son did as the father asked?

The father in the parable is God. The first son represents the outcasts of society. They said "No" to God at first, but repented of their sins and changed.

The second son represents the Jewish religious leaders. They said "Yes," but it was just lip service. They followed rules rather than changing their hearts.



Saying, "Yes, God, I believe in you," is not enough. If we presume that the Lord will take us into Heaven just because we profess our faith, we will be disappointed. Words are not enough.

True obedience is lived. When we realize we are in a state of sin, we have two options. We can say we're sorry, or we can show we're sorry by going to Confession, doing sincere penance and amending our lives. Living as Jesus taught us is our way of "working in our Father's vineyard."



#### Q How can I stop & worrying about what other people think?

The problem with placing too much importance on other people's opinions of you is that you give them inappropriate power over you. In effect,



you are substituting other people's values and judgment for your own and there is no guarantee that they have your best interests – or your eternal future – at heart. Not everyone is interested in helping you get to Heaven.

Try instead to live by the rules detailed in the Ten Commandments and in the Beatitudes. They tell us to be devoted to God, to care for other people, to be honest and dedicated to truth, and to value the blessings God has given us.

Remember that there is value in being criticized or insulted even though you do the right thing. Not only can you offer it as penance for your sins, such suffering teaches humility and patience – two virtues that will help you get to Heaven. And when it comes down to it, the opinion of other people will pass, but God's judgment is forever.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**Sept. 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century).** Tradition holds that Mary was born in Jerusalem after her parents had been childless for more than twenty years. Mary's birth brought them – and us – joy.

**Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows.** In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. This referred, in part, to a time when Mary would stand at the foot of her son's Cross. Still, Mary stood dignified and fearless while others fled.

**Sept. 21 - St. Matthew (1st century).**

Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector. St. Matthew left everything behind when Jesus called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel According to Matthew.

**Sept. 23 - St. Padre Pio (1968).** Francesco Forgione was born to farmers in southern Italy. Eight years after he became a Capuchin Friar, the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) appeared on his body. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.



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**GENERATIONS OF FAITH:** In order to keep everyone safe/healthy and comply with all Covid-19 requirements, Generations of Faith will be a little different this year. Bishop Cahill has declared "Year of the Family" to begin in the Diocese of Victoria Oct. 4, 2020. That date coincides with the start of the second Rosary Congress that goes from Oct. 4-11. "He said inspiration for the marriage of these two concepts comes from the words of St. John Paul II's Apostolic letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae which declared October 2002 to October 2003 "Year of the Rosary." In it, St. John Paul II emphasizes the importance of the prayers for parents and children." The 2020 Catechetical Sunday theme is taken from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, "I Received from the Lord what I also Handed on to You." "The theme focuses on the primary substance of catechesis, which is an invitation to a whole new life given by Christ Himself. It emphasizes that living faith necessitates movement, inspiring all those who hear the Word to share it as witnesses of the true and living God." By synchronizing these two themes, we are going to have a hybrid Generations of Faith this year by our families sharing together and then witnessing their faith in their lives! We will be meeting once a month and an overview of the lessons will be discussed following the true Generations of Faith model. Families will be given the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies each month and family discussion/witnessing will be done weekly at home. There are extra resources on the Pflaum Website that each family will have access to on their smartphones or computers. Students will also be able to access their weekly test and they will be transmitted to Mrs. Dana. If website access is not available to a family, hard copies will be made available. Registration forms will be mailed to existing GOF members. Anyone interested in joining GOF may contact Dana Daughtry at 713-822-3019, cell and registration forms will be mailed to you. I realize that like so many other things this year, this is a change; but, as the Parish Catechetical Leader, I will be there to support you and make this work for us. For questions or concerns, please contact Dana Daughtry at 713-822-3019, cell.

**St. John No Picnic Picnic Donations**

Robert & Pam Besetsny-\$250  
 In Memory of Bernice Pauler by Robert & Pam  
 Besetsny-\$30  
 Father Edward Karasek  
**Total-\$18,485**

**Ascension of Our Lord No Picnic Picnic Donations**

Dana Daughtery-\$200  
 KJZT Family Life-\$1,000  
**Total-\$27,560**



**MEMORIALS**

**St. John Seminary Burse**

**In Memory of Bernice Pauler:** Donald & Karen Kutac-\$20

**St. John Cemetery Fund**

**In Memory of Bernice Pauler:** Leona Hreck-\$10

**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

**In Memory of Lillian Hrcncir:** Phyllis & Phillip Steffek-\$25; Ann & Philip Korinek-\$100; Richard & Wilma Schaefer-\$15

**Ascension of Our Lord Building Fund**

**In Memory of Lillian Hrcncir:** Richard & Wilma Schaefer-\$15; Wilbert & JoAnn Kristek-\$50; David & Wendy Hrcncir-\$50

**Ascension of Our Lord Cemetery Fund**

**In Memory of Lillian Hrcncir:** David & Wendy Hrcncir-\$50



**Next Bulletin: Sunday, September 20, 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, September 14, 2020**