

APRIL 18, 2021

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH  
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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”)

**PARISH CONTACTS**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

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**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

Robert & Mary Kendall.....361-217-0624

**HALL RENTAL**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

Frank Forestier  
Barbara Appelt .....832-643-4590 (cell)  
..... 361-865-2446 (home)

**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

Kathy Guenther ..... 979-562-2124 (home)  
..... 979-562-2328 (work)  
.....979-743-0369 (cell)

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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### Third Sunday of Easter

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|----------|----------|-----------|---|----------|
| Saturday | April 17 | 6:00 p.m. | Henry R. & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson | Moravia  |
| Sunday   | April 18 | 9:30 a.m. | Special Intention                             | St. John |

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

|          |          |           |                 |          |
|----------|----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| Saturday | April 24 | 6:00 p.m. | Alvin Besetzny  | St. John |
| Sunday   | April 25 | 9:30 a.m. | Albert Olsovsky | Moravia  |

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

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|----------|-------|-----------|------------------------------|----------|
| Saturday | May 1 | 6:00 p.m. | Arthur & Thelma Spies & Ann  | Moravia  |
| Sunday   | May 2 | 9:30 a.m. | Ross, Diane & Devan Goldberg | St. John |

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### April 18: Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 11 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: the suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

### April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 1-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 1:11-18

Jesus is the “stone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone.” He is the good shepherd who laid down his life for us. Through his paschal mystery we have become children of God.

### May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32, 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Saul witnesses the risen Jesus and boldly proclaims his Lordship. We proclaim our belief in Jesus by our love for one another. He is the vine and we the branches. Together let us praise his name in our assembly of worship.

**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.**

**ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR APRIL:** Joe Neskora, Debbie Neskora

**ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR APRIL:** Dwayne Burton, Phil Guenther

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR APRIL:** Elsie Farek, Joyce Janda

**ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR APRIL:** Darrell Demel, Forrest Dittrich

**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:** Adele Kubos, Lorine Kubenka, Diane Roeder

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

### **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.**

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

*As you know by now, Father Scott Hill will be leaving us at the end of May. In June and July, he will be finishing his studies and then become pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church in Schulenburg, along with St. Mary's in High Hill, St. John the Baptist in Ammansville and St. Wenceslaus in Holman. We thank him for his service here at Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, St. John and Moravia for the past two years. We wish him well in his new assignment.*

*Father John Affum will remain with us as our Associate Pastor.*

*As we have more priests retiring and some becoming seriously ill, it is more difficult to fill positions. Please pray for more young men to respond to the Priesthood. Let us also thank God for the priests from Ghana we have helping us.*

*Thank you all for the prayers during my illness and stay in the hospital. I had a kidney infection from Holy Thursday night until the beginning of this week. I am doing better.*

*We, at Sacred Heart, along with Shiner, will have our usual Spring Picnics this year. We ask everyone to help in any way to make the picnic a success.*

*We will also have our picnics at St. John and Moravia and St. Mary's.*

Many people are asking about gift ideas to honor Bishop Elect Gary Janak. Father Gary humbly suggested that donations be made to the Emmaus Center in his honor, being that the Emmaus Center is close to his heart. Donations can be mailed to: The Diocese of Victoria, Attn: Emmaus Center, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77901 or electronically to <https://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com/waystogive>

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, April 17 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, April 18 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

Saturday, April 24 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik, Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac

Sunday, April 25 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Bryce Machicek, Alaina Halata, William Halata

Saturday, May 1 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac, Bryce Machicek

Sunday, May 2 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Alaina Halata, William Halata, Dillon Orsak,

### **PRO-LIFE CORNER—**

*In a published statement for the diocese of San Francisco, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone recently said: "... No Catholic in good conscience can favor abortion. 'Right to choose' is a smokescreen for perpetuating an entire industry that profits from one of the most heinous evils imaginable. Our land is soaked with blood of the innocent and it must stop... That is why, as Catholics, we will continue to speak out on behalf of those who have no voice to speak for themselves and reach out to comfort and support those who are suffering the scars of the abortion experience. We will do so, until our land is finally rid of this despicable evil."*

[From the Wisdom of Catholic Bishops in Feb. 2021 American Life League ALL NEWS]

## YEAR OF THE FAMILY

**Pray.** Offer one Our Father prayer every morning for those who are suffering.

**Eat.** Celebrate Easter weekly with a special meal.

**Play.** Take a walk and enjoy the nature that surrounds you.

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL MARATHON

The Sacred Heart Catholic School family will host its annual Marathon for Catholic Education on Friday, April 23, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on the Sacred Heart Catholic School grounds.

All funds raised by the marathon will benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Each year 10 percent of the Marathon funds are placed in the Sacred Heart Catholic School Endowment Fund for the future of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

A Marathon pledge/donation form is enclosed in the bulletin for your use and may be dropped in the church

collection basket or mailed to: Marathon for Catholic Education, c/o Sacred Heart Catholic School, 313 S. Texana St., Hallettsville, TX 77964.

If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor, please contact the school office at 361-798-4251.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity.



### Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court #797

The next CDA Meeting will be Monday, April 19, 2021, Family Center, 6:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring their Rosary. We will pray a Rosary together. We will discuss the upcoming April events. We also may make a Rosary for this year's Graduates. See you there!

The Catholic Daughters will be having the Bake Sale for the Fiddlers' Frolics beginning on Friday, April 23, 2021 (starting at 3:00 p.m.) through Sunday, April 25, 2021. You can bake/make something for the Bake Sale or donate money. This is CDA's first fundraiser since the Pandemic started. Your help and participation are greatly appreciated. You should be receiving a call this week about the work schedule and/or your donation.



**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.**

### ST. JOHN PICNIC MEETING

St. John Picnic Meeting on Sunday, May 16, 2021, a 4:00 p.m. on the St. John Pavilion. All are invited to attend.

### ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PICNIC MEETING

Moravia Picnic Meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



2021

**St. John Easter Flower Offerings**

In Memory                      In Honor

Appelt, Barbara J.

Martha & Edward Appelt

Berger, Arnold & Dorothy  
Besetsny, Pam

Gene & Jeff Slavik  
Living & Deceased Members of Berger & Schmidt Families  
Nerissa Cahal

Bujnoch, Marcus & Sharon

Robert Besetsny  
Alvin & Gladys Besetzny  
Victor & Cecelia Bujnoch

Chaloupka, Patrick & Karen  
Daughtry, James & Dana  
Dittrich, Vernon & Connie

Phillip Chaloupka  
All Living & Deceased Members of Their Family  
Allison Dittrich  
Henry & Agnes Wyatt  
Elgin & Helen Dittrich

Farek, Elsie  
Forestier, Frank

Tom Farek  
Forestier Family Members  
Marcella Strecker

Hermis, Harvey & Evelyn

Fred & Martha Hermis  
Frank, Sr. & Ludmila Janik  
Frank, Jr. & John Janik  
Morris Voelkel

Hermis, Walter & Josie &  
Dylan Goldberg

Ross, Diane, & Devan Goldberg  
Fred & Martha Hermis  
Carmen Rodriguez  
Amos Menchaca

Janda, Leo & Joyce  
Kosh, Eddie & Agnes

Living & Deceased Members of Janda & Berger Families  
Albert Berckenhoff  
Selven & Clare Zapalac  
Rudolph & Rosie Berckenhoff

Kutac, Daryl & Laura

Tessie James  
Olga Klesel  
Frances Kutac  
Myrtle Rosebrock  
Edna James

Lux, Glen & Donna

Frank J. Stastny  
Albin, Gladys & Judy Lux  
Joe & Mary Rektarik  
F. P. Gajewski Family

Mendel, Robert & Peggy

Robert & Martha Mendel  
Mildred Fojtik Dixon

Pauler, Denise

Eugene & Bernice Pauler  
Deceased Pauler Family

Peter, Marion & Norman

Buried at St. John  
Julius & Estell Valicek





2021

**Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia) Church Easter Flower Offerings**

**In Memory / In Honor**

**Donated By**

Evelyn Barcak

Gail Zambie

Marvin Filip, Siegel and Filip Families

Adela Filip

Marvin Filip, John H., Mary, and John Jr. Young,  
Leon Young, and Mildred Browns

David and Dorothy Young

Alex and Lillian Hrnrcir, Charles and Mary Hrnrcir

Dennis and Barbara Janak

Timothy Olsovsky, Mark Olsovsky, Bethany  
Rerich Simon

Dorothy Olsovsky

Julius Krause

Shirley Dormire

Marvin Filip

Thomas and Rose Ann Brosh

Clarence and Evelyn Haas

Barbara Haas

Joe and Jamie Tupa, and Deceased  
Family Members

Jimmie and Sylvia Steffek

Arthur and Thelma Spies, Ann Spies, Al Becan

Allen and Arlene Becan

Larry Kocich, Clarence and Evelyn Haas

Gayle Haas Kocich

Rosie Cernik, Georgie Cernik, Francis Gilmore

Glen and Sophie Cernik

L.A. and Vera Wenglar

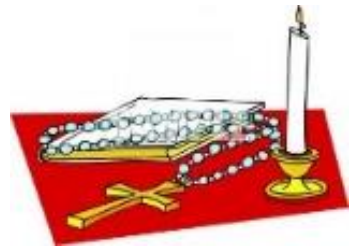
Phil and Kathy Guenther

Hydrangeas for the Altar Flowers for Easter

Dennis & Barbara Janak



**This is a reminder that you can purchase Communion, Confirmation Gifts, Wedding Gifts and other Religious Articles and books at the Rectory. Come by and see the latest items for sale.**



## AREA EVENTS

- ✦ **Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish Mayfest, Hostyn, Texas**, Drive-through only Meal, Sunday, May 2, 2021, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Sausage & BBQ Pork). Online Auction—Friday, April 23, 8:00 a.m. through Friday, April 30 (7:00 p.m.) Drawing, Saturday, May 1—1:00 p.m.
- ✦ **Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hallettsville, Texas—2021 Spring Picnic**—Sunday, May 30, 2021, at the KC Hall, Hallettsville, Texas. Adult Plates -\$10; Children (12 & under) \$5; Cake Walk, Bingo, Country Store, Religious Articles Booth, Washer Pitching Tournament, Auction, Raffle, Music by Texas Sound Czech and Red Ravens. Come join in on the fun!



## Third Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

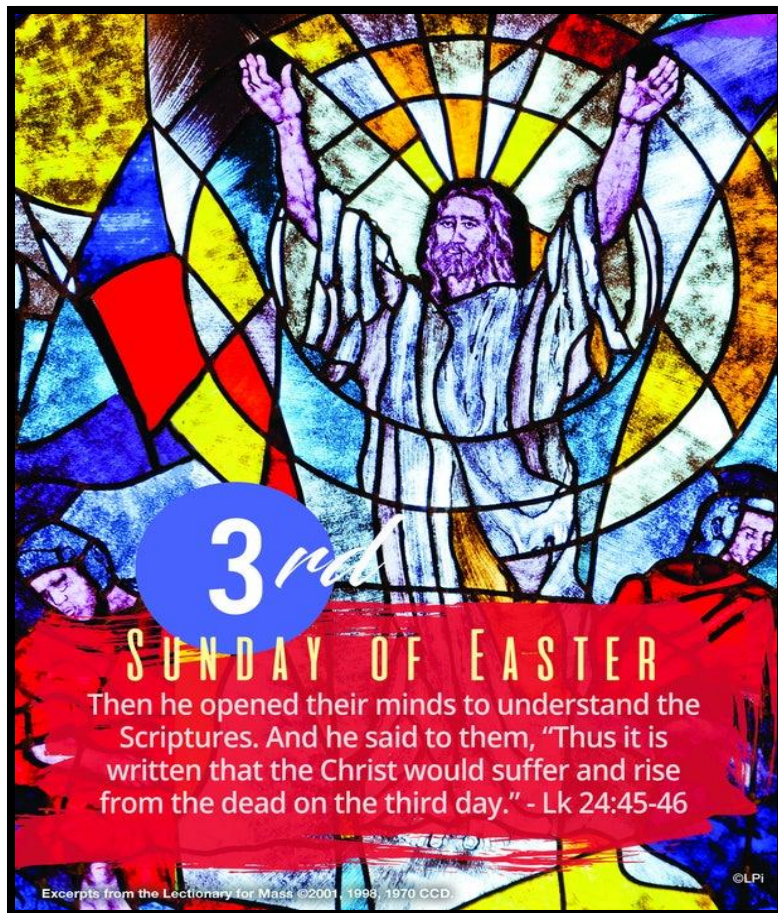
Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When the greeting “Peace be with you” is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God’s compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God’s offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God’s gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

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**Next Bulletin: Sunday, May 2, 2021**

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, April 27, 2021**