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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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### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday	April 3	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of Both Parishes	Moravia
Sunday	April 4	9:30 a.m.	Marvin Filip	St. John

### Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Saturday	April 10	6:00 p.m.	Anton & Josephine Orsak	St. John
Sunday	April 11	9:30 a.m.	Joe & Jamie Tupa	Moravia

### Third Sunday of Easter

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

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### April 4: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3: 1-4; or Cor 5: 6b-8; Jn20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

On this day of days, we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

### April 11: Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, begotten by God. We give thanks to the Lord that he has formed us into a community of believers united in the Spirit.

### 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.

**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

**St John Picnic meeting on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall.**

### **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.**

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>

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

*It is our sincere wish that the glorious Easter Season will bring every blessing and joy to each home in our Parish.*

*Easter signifies the triumph of God over every earthly evil. The death from which our Savior arose assures us that we shall conquer sin. His rising reassures us that we, too, shall rise from the dead to reap the reward of that conquest.*

*We hope that everyone will share in the fruits of the Resurrection.*

*Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday at Sacred Heart. We will have a Holy Hour with a procession from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we will process around the Lavaca County Courthouse. Everyone is invited.*

**Thank you to the SPJST of Moravia for deeding the SPJST Cemetery to the Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Cemetery. We will remove the fence between the two cemeteries and they will become one cemetery – Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Cemetery. A monument will be there to identify the SPJST cemetery that was donated to us. We are very grateful for this donation.**

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, April 3– 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac, Bryce Machicek

Sunday, April 4 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Alaina Halata, William Halata, Dillon Orsak,

Saturday, April 10 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik, Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac

Sunday, April 11 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Bryce Machicek, Alaina Halata, William Halata

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

### **PRO-LIFE CORNER—**

Praise be to the God and Father  
Of Our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In His great mercy He has given us  
new birth into a living hope through  
the Resurrection of Jesus Christ  
from the dead.

1 Peter 13

Let us give thanks to the Risen Lord for His wonderful gift of Life!

[From Spring 2021 Monastery Bells, Monastery of the Infant Jesus, 1501 Lotus Lane, Lufkin, TX 75904]

### **YEAR OF THE FAMILY**

**Pray.** Continue praying the Divine Mercy Novena.

**Eat.** Make “Empty Tomb” rolls or Resurrection cookies.

**Play.** Make a Bunny Service Jar.

## **PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

**Prayer for our Country:** Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Church 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. No Patriotic Rosary on April 4.

## **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. No Craft Day on Monday, April 5, 2021.



**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.**

## **MEMORIALS**

### **St. John Parish Fund**

**In Memory of Robert Besetsny** by Anderson, Cody, Fenn, Gormley, Hardig, Lamham, Moore, Perrin & Rosa Families - \$150; Brad & Christy Doss-\$40; Ronald & Patricia Richardson-\$100

### **St. John Building Fund**

**In Memory of Robert Besetsny** by Cindy Klapsteck and Dave Armiss-\$100

### **St. John Picnic Fund**

**In Memory of Robert Besetsny** by Andrew and Sand Lindblade-\$100

### **Sacred Heart School Operating Fund**

**In Memory of Robert Besetsny** by Blackie and Karen Bludau-\$20

### **Ascension of Our Lord Church (Moravia)**

**In Memory of Marvin Orsak** by Irene and Gene Cerny-\$25



# April

Oct. 2020 –  
Sept. 2021

## Resurrection: Jesus lives.

Jesus died, but it was His resurrection that proves that Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, and that His sacrifice was accepted. Our sin is forgiven, in Christ. Jesus' sacrifice gives us hope of eternal life after death.

### PRAY

Pray the Divine Mercy Novena (9 days of praying!) starting on Holy Saturday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter!). \*Live-stream\*

Offer one Our Father prayer every morning for those who are in prison, chronically ill, or on their deathbeds. Remember to also pray for those who have no one praying for them.

Pray a Glory Be every night before you go to bed in thanksgiving for the blessings you have received.

Encourage the women in your family to attend the Diocesan Women's Gathering on April 24<sup>th</sup>. More information here: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/arise-women>

### PLAY

Make a pilgrimage to one of the Painted Churches during the Easter season. See our website for details about these hidden treasures.

Take a walk and enjoy the nature that surrounds you. Listen for the birds. How many can you identify?

### EAT

Once a week, celebrate Easter with a special meal! Include dessert, candles, table cloths, and whatever you might have to make it extra special!

Remember to pray BEFORE and AFTER you eat!

Make "Empty Tomb" rolls or Resurrection cookies. See our website for more information.

Discuss some of these questions during your meals:  
Why do you think it was important that Jesus rose from the dead?  
Who do you think needs the power of the resurrection in their lives?

Participate in an at-home Easter retreat! See our website for more information.

Make a Bunny Service Jar. For every act of kindness a family member performs, put a bunny tail (cotton ball) in the jar. When the jar is filled, celebrate as a family with a special treat.

## Want More?

Visit our website:

<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/year-of-the-family>



Share pictures of activities using #DOVFamilies or email them to [lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org).

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL MARATHON FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Friday, April 23, 2021  
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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## SPECIAL GUESTS

- Monsignor John Peters \_\_\_\_\_
- Rev. Scott Hill \_\_\_\_\_
- Rev. John Affum \_\_\_\_\_
- Deacon Michael Tankersley \_\_\_\_\_
- Kevin Haas \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal of SHCS*
- Sr. Colette Kouba \_\_\_\_\_
- Sister Emiliana Grafe \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

## DONATIONS

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Donation can be dropped off by the school office, rectory, or mailed to:

Sacred Heart Catholic School  
313 South Texana Street  
Hallettsville, TX 77964

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# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2021

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### For His love

Each day, offering our very best to God raises all of our efforts to the level of a prayer. He rewards our dedication with peace, joy, and awareness of His presence in all that we do.

### Choose companions well

Delilah had to know the secret of Samson's strength but God had forbidden him to reveal it. *"And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death"* (Judges 16:16). He gave in and it was his undoing. Don't let anyone - friend or family - pressure you into violating God's commandments.

### Hold hope

*"When a man has died, were he to live again, all the days of my drudgery I would wait, until my relief should come"* Job 14:14. Despite all his misery, Job clung to the one truth that also gives us hope - salvation. God offers the hope of being with Him forever.



## Open the gifts of Easter throughout the year

Easter is the highest Sunday throughout the year, but each Sunday is a chance to celebrate a "little Easter." We can live the gifts of the Resurrection each Sunday of the year:

**Death doesn't have the last word.** Easter means that we can face each day with joy, knowing that Jesus paved the way to Heaven for those who choose to follow Him. Refuse to worry about earthly matters and share your joy with friends, family, colleagues.

**Jesus offers peace the world can't give.** Jesus ascended to Heaven and left everything behind. We follow his example when we detach from worldly concerns and care more about God's

will than our own. If we seek God before everything else, we can join Him in His Heavenly kingdom.

**We place our faith in the Holy**

**Spirit.** "Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves, they must proclaim him" (Pope St. John Paul II). At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to bring thousands to Baptism. Call upon the Holy Spirit to help you bring Jesus to others through words, actions, and compassion.

**Forgiveness is ours for the asking.** Jesus bore the punishment for our sins. That means no matter what we have done, Jesus is ready to forgive. All we have to do is ask.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

The practice of blessing oneself with holy water harkens back to the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews, who had to bathe before entering the temple.

Today, when we bless ourselves with

holy water, it brings to mind our own baptism. It was at our baptism that our souls were washed clean of original sin and we were officially made members of the Church. We also received the gift of faith.

In blessing ourselves, we renew our baptismal promise.



## Cast looks toward Heaven throughout the day

St. Therese of Lisieux confided that, "For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Adding short, heartfelt prayers to our daily activities can help us glance toward Heaven throughout the day:

The Jesus Prayer – "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Try repeating it 100 times a day.

"Teach me, O Lord, to do your will, for you are my



God." Say this when beginning a chore, task or project.

"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." A prayer for the souls in Purgatory.

"Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours." Pray this for humility and love.

"Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." She is always willing to help.

"Thy will be done." It's what Jesus said.

### from Scripture

#### John 10:11-18, Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

This Gospel tells of our relationship with God. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His flock.

Today society tells us that it is good be independent and answer to no one. We are encouraged to please ourselves and follow our own desires. However, there is no one to turn to for guidance and comfort when circumstances go bad. There is no shepherd.

In Jesus' day, a shepherd lived with the sheep, cared for them, and even put himself at risk to keep them safe. He



tended them in a flock for safety, to protect them from predators. The shepherd was trusted and familiar, so that the sheep knew His voice and followed him but no other.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd for all of humanity. In this Gospel Jesus defined the role of a shepherd. He predicted how he would fill that role by giving His life for His sheep. But he looked beyond the sheepfold of Israel. His hope is to have one flock and one shepherd for the whole world. That flock is the Church which he founded.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**April 4 – Easter Sunday.** The solemnity that marks Jesus' Resurrection. It is the most important feast in the Church year.

**April 11 - St. Stanislaus (1079).** As Bishop of Krakow in 1072, St. Stanislaus attempted to reform the violent and depraved king of Poland, Boleslas II. When his efforts failed, he excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslas murdered the saint as he said Mass.

**April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday.** In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina

and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave to St. Faustina – will receive special graces and great mercy.

**April 21 – St. Anselm (1109).** A native of Italy, St. Anselm initially enjoyed a luxurious life at court. After his mother died, he became a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king's interference in Church matters.



### Q & A Why should I participate in Mass if it's not required?

In many dioceses around the country, the obligation to attend Mass in person remains lifted while the pandemic lasts. Still, finding ways to celebrate the Eucharist – in person, if it can be done safely, or online – has spiritual benefits during difficult times.



"Do this in memory of me" is the only direct order Jesus gave to

His followers. That means God is the one who initiates this encounter with us. And when God asks us to do something, it is smart to do it.

**Sanctify the day.** Participating in Mass on Sunday still helps to fulfill the Third Commandment obligation to keep holy the Sabbath day and sanctify the day.

**You're a baptized person needed by your community.** "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). We help worship God just by being there.

**You get "take out."** The homily gives the Gospel relevance to our lives. Then we have something to act on in the coming week.

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[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.

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