

**FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**ST. JOHN, TEXAS**



**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 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**

Elsie Farek.....979-562-2159

**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)

**CEMETERY**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

Dorothy Berger.....979-562-2187

**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

Kathy Guenther .....979-562-2124

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.....979-743-0369 (cell)

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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### First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	February 20	6:00 p.m.	Mary Ann Kucera	Moravia
Sunday	February 21	9:30 a.m.	Mildred Fojtik Dixon	St. John

### Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	February 27	6:00 p.m.	Edgar, Lillian & Kenneth Besetzny	St. John
Sunday	February 28	9:30 a.m.	Helen Dittrich	Moravia

### First Friday

Friday	March 5	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention Robert Besetsny	St. John
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### Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 6	6:00 p.m.	Joanie Janak	Moravia
Sunday	March 7	9:30 a.m.	Donna Berger	St. John

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### February 21: First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Mindful of his covenant, the Lord promises never to destroy creation again by flood waters. The waters of baptism bring salvation and forgiveness through the death of Christ. After fasting forty days and being put to the test, Jesus begins his public ministry.

### February 28: Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-33a; Mk 9:2-10

Abraham offers the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving, the gift of his very son. This sacrifice prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus who died for us all. In his transfiguration, Jesus discloses a suffering messiahship.

### March 7: Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7:7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:2-14

The law liberates and leads us to freedom. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by his being raised up. He is the sign of the power and wisdom of God.

**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 FEBRUARY:** Arlene Becan, Janis Hrcncir

**ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:** Hilbert Henke, Jr., Dale Janak

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FEBRUARY:** Grace Sumbera, Josie Hermis

**ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:** Daryl Kutac, Leo Janda

**ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MARCH:** Kathy Guenther, Dorothy Henke

**ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR MARCH:** Anthony Hrcncir, Thomas Brosch

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MARCH:** Agnes Berckenhoff, Jan Morin, Sarah Berckenhoff

**ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR MARCH:** Glenn Lux

### **FRIENDLY REMINDER TO PARISHIONERS**

If you have information for the Bulletin, please be reminded that the Deadline for Bulletin entries is Tuesday at Noon.



*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.*

### **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

We are living in interesting times. First came the pandemic then the strange weather for our area—ice, sleet, and snow for a long length of time. Both of these have caused change in our plans and our lives. As people of Faith, we have been given the grace and strength to face these struggles and challenges God places before us.

We thank God for our Faith and ask for His guidance as we continue our journey, especially now during Lent. Let us unite ourselves to Him and His sufferings so that we can be united with His Resurrection and enjoy eternal life.

Congratulations to Father Gary Janak, new Bishop-elect Janak, one of the finest priests in the Diocese of Victoria. He has been appointed by our Holy Father to be a new auxiliary of the Archdiocese of San Antonio beginning in April.

He presently serves as the Rector of Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria, a Vicar General and the Chancellor of the Victoria Diocese and several other ministries in the Diocese. Please pray for him and also for those who are to take his place in the Diocese of Victoria.

Our Church directories have arrived and have been sent by mail to everyone who had their picture taken for the directory. If you did not get yours, please call Dorothy Berger. We also have a few extras for sale at \$8.00 each.

Thank you to all who helped in putting the directory together. We thank especially Josh Mendel for taking the cover pictures of the two churches with a Drone.

**What are Days of Fast & Abstinence** from meat (all meat and fowl) is observed on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday,** and all the **Fridays of Lent** by all Catholics 14 years and older.

**Fasting** is observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Fast days are also days of Abstinence from meat.

**Prepare Your 2021 Lenten Discipline.** The Discipline of Lent is based on Jesus' instructions in the Ash Wednesday Gospel to live lives of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. These are lifelong values, but Lent is a concentrated effort to develop more fully in our journey of faith. Choose at least one goal in each of the three areas. Expand and Deepen your Christian life! The benefit lasts forever!!!

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 20 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, February 21 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Alaina Halata, William Halata

Saturday, February 27 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, February 28 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Alaina Halata, William Halata

Saturday, March 6 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Brant Redman, Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik

Sunday, March 7 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Bryce Machicek, Dillon Goedrich, Wade Shimek,

## PRO-LIFE CORNER—

“America you are beautiful and blessed. The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life.”

[Pope St. John Paul II]

## PATRIOTIC ROSARY

**Prayer for our Country:** First Sunday of the Month at 6:00 p.m. Under the St. John Pavilion 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.

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

### CDA #797 DUES

Catholic Daughters dues for 2021 of \$25.00 are now past due. Dues can be mailed to: Anita Steffek. 549 CR 186, Hallettsville, TX 77964, 361-798-6938. Please make checks payable to: CDA Court #797.

The next Craft Day will be Monday, March 1, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.







# February

## Universal: Jesus welcomes all.

Lent is a time for all to turn to Jesus, including us! Sometimes in life, we can get distracted from God. Lent is a great time to re-focus on what's really important – faith, family and freedom from sin or anything that prevents us from being who we are called to be as children of God.

### PRAY

Pray one Our Father every time you hear about or experience an injustice.

Ask God what He would like for you to do to draw closer to Him during Lent.

Make a plan to get to confession during Lent – maybe even before the penance service!

Offer a prayer to your guardian angel before you go to sleep.

Encourage the men in your family to attend the diocesan men's gathering on February 20<sup>th</sup>! Info. & registration online:

[www.victoriadiocese.org/arise](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/arise)

### EAT

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

Fast from sweets for one day as a family, as a sacrifice for others. Fasting is a key aspect of Lent.

Ask each person at the table to share their favorite part of the day.

Think of a creative way to share a meal with someone else. Maybe a Facetime meal together, maybe donating to a food bank, maybe making a bag of goodies to give to someone in need.

***“We give you thanks, almighty God, for all your benefits, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. May the Lord grant us His peace. And life everlasting. Amen.”***

### PLAY

Don't give up on your New Year's Resolutions – especially those that bring you closer to God!

Go for a 10-15 minute walk outside.

Pick a boardgame and play it with your family. By yourself? Call a friend or family member and catch up!

Research your baptism date and mark it on the calendar. Make plans to celebrate it like you would your birthday!

Share a positive message of God's love on a post-it note for someone to see!

Invite someone to Mass! Even if they have to sit socially distanced from your family, remind them that Jesus welcomes all!

Download the new “DOV Family Podcast” on your favorite podcast app. Also available on YouTube. Weekly uplifting episodes for families!



### Want More?

Visit our website:

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

Share pictures of activities using #DOVFamilies

## **GABRIEL PROJECT**

*The Gabriel Project of the Crossroads is having a fund raiser to promote Pro-Life options and help provide assistance for crisis pregnancies. Yard signs are a great way to make a Pro-Life statement and provide contact information for the Gabriel Project of the Crossroads. If you would like to get a yard sign, please call the Bethlehem Maternity Home at (361) 649-5782 or Collette Burroughs (281) 217-2118. Donations are greatly appreciated for this important ministry. 100% of donations go to the Gabriel Project of the Crossroads and Bethlehem Maternity Home.*



## **ADORER NEEDED**

An Adorer is needed for 3:00 a.m.-4:00 a.m. hour on Wednesdays and 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. hour on Thursdays. Please contact Charlene Bradbury if you are interested at **361-798-3224** (Home phone number) or **361-798-6191** (Cell phone number).

## **YEAR OF THE FAMILY**

**Pray.** Ask God what He would like you to do to draw closer to Him during Lent.

**Eat.** Fast from sweets for one day as a family.

**Play.** Invite someone to Mass!

## **ST. ROSE CDA COURT 1597 FUNDRAISER**

The CDA #1597 are selling Quilt Raffle Tickets in St. Rose Church, Schulenburg. Raffle drawing is Sunday, February 21, at Schulenburg KC Hall. CDA #1597 is also having their Annual Fried Chicken Dinner on the same day.

## **NEW! PODCAST FOR FAMILIES!**

Download the Diocese of Victoria Family Podcast on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify or Stitcher. More information at [www.buzzsprout.com/11404520](http://www.buzzsprout.com/11404520)

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday – February 26, 2021 – Moravia

Friday – March 5, 2021 – St. John

Friday – March 12, 2021 – Moravia

Friday – March 19, 2021 – St. John

Friday – March 26, 2021 -- Moravia

## **MORAVIA KJZT SOCIETY #44 -THE ANNUNCIATION Is Sponsoring A BAKELESS BAKE SALE AS A COMMUNITY FUND RAISER**

Please submit your donation by April 1, 2021. This community fund drive is being held to benefit the Hallettsville, Moulton and Schulenburg Fire Departments. Your donation maybe made in cash or check. All checks should be made payable to Moravia KJZT Society #44. Please forward your donation by **April 1, 2021 to:**

Dorothy Olsovsky  
1721 CR 248  
Schulenburg, Texas 78956

## **MEMORIALS**

### **Ascension Cemetery**

In Memory of Helen Dittrich by Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky-\$25

### **St. John Cemetery Fund**

In Memory of Hellen Dittrich by Arnold & Dorothy Berger-\$25

### **Ascension Building Fund**

In Memory of Gladys Besetzny by Dwayne & Connie Burton-\$50

### **St. John Church**

In Memory of Gladys Besetzny by Marcia Hrcncir-\$25

**Next Bulletin: Sunday, March 7, 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, March 2,  
2021**