

# FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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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

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### **Ascension of Our Lord Church**

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### **St. John the Baptist Church**

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### **Ascension of Our Lord Church**

Kathy Guenther ..... 979-562-2124 (home)

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	February 6	6:00 p.m.	Bohumil & Lillie Bohuslav	Moravia
Sunday	February 7	9:30 a.m.	Daniel Spies	St. John

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	February 13	6:00 p.m.	Alvin & Gladys Besetzny	St. John
Sunday	February 14	9:30 a.m.	Henry r. & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday	February 17	6:30 p.m.	Aubrey Shanks	Moravia
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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

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### February 7: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Mk 1:29-39

Job's cry of hopelessness stands in marked contrast to the hope of those who put their trust in Jesus, who "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." Such are the blessings of the good news.

### February 14: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Jesus manifests the powerful, healing love of God by curing the leper who as forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation. He turned to Jesus in his need and was filled with joy. We are called to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus.

### February 17: Ash Wednesday

Readings: Jl 2:1-18; Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Be reconciled and return to the Lord by means of prayer, fasting and deeds of loving service.

### 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.

**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

## From the Desk of Msgr. John

I highly recommend the following for the men of the parish.

### **DIOCESE OF VICTORIA MEN'S GATHERING**

There will be Diocese of Victoria Men's Gathering on Saturday, February 20, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, 1309 E. Mesquite Ln., Victoria, Texas 77901. This dynamic event for men ages 18 and up will feature inspiring talks, prayer, group discussions, resources, great food, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Join us to be strengthened in your faith and equipped to lead your families and communities alongside a band of brothers. Register Early for \$25 at [www.victoriadiocese.org/arise](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/arise). Buy 4 tickets, get 1 free.

The 2021 Men's Gathering featuring Bishop Cahill, Father Mitch Pacwa (from EWTN), and Author, Sam Meier. This day promises to be an action-packed experience for men ages 18 and up that will help them to Arise and be the men God calls them to be. It will take place on February 20, 2021, in Victoria.

Also, Lent is fast approaching. Be prepared for Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

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

Sunday, February 7 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Alaina Halata, William Halata

Saturday, February 13 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Brant Redman, Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik

Sunday, February 14 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Bryce Machicek, Dillon Goedrich, Wade Shimek,

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

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*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—Collect of Mass for Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children:**

God, Our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life.

Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

## 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.

## 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 due. Dues can be mailed to: Anita Steffek. 549 CR 186, Hallettsville, TX 77964, 361-798-6938.

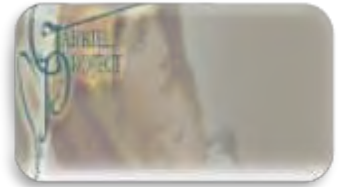
Dues Money is now past-due. Please get the check mailed in. Please make checks payable to: CDA Court #797.

The next CDA Meeting will be Monday, February 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center.



## 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.*



**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.

## 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)



# Growing in FAITH™

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## One Minute Meditations

### Struggle and prayer

During hard times, we can bring our true emotions, concerns, and fears into prayer. Lay it all at the feet of Jesus. Let His wisdom and love provide confidence and hope, even when our own emotions are in disarray.

Struggling is normal and helpful to growing in faith. Standing before God in truth is a sign that we are in a right relationship with Him.

### The human person

Human beings are the clearest reflection of God among us. That makes human life sacred. The Catholic Church proclaims that the dignity of human life is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

Catholics are called to work to uphold the dignity and rights of all people. Catholics work for the good of everyone, especially working to support marriage and family.

"In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks"

(St. Teresa of Avila)



## Grow in love during Lent

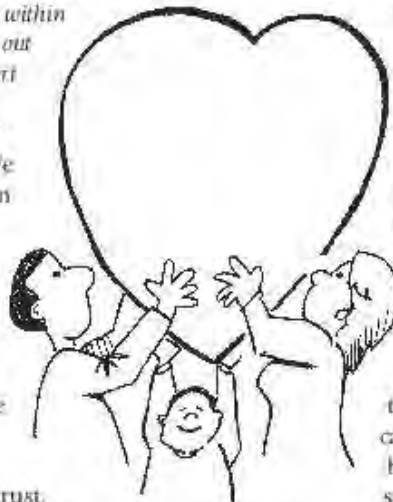
The point of the season of Lent is to transform our hearts – to become new, ready to greet our new life at Easter. "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26). We can use this time in the desert to live lives of love for God and for one another.

**Affirmation:** Recognizing and acknowledging the valuable qualities of a beloved builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. Offer God praise from your heart. Don't keep

it to yourself, speak it out loud. Tell others how awesome He is and what He can do for them.

**Attention:** Spending time with God, one on one, is vital to getting through the day in His friendship. Give Him your attention each day, tell Him everything, and listen to what He says back to you. Being a good listener will benefit all your relationships, too.

**Gifts:** There is no point trying to impress God. He needs nothing that we have. However, we can give Him a gift from the heart. We can tithe, offer service, attend Mass, repent, change our lives to live His law. We can act as His hands and feet on Earth.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics pray?

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, asking for good things in harmony with His will. Christian prayer is the lifeblood of an intimate relationship of the children of God with their Father, with

His Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

All religions, and salvation history in particular, testifies to the human desire for God. And God continues to draw every person to the mysterious encounter known as prayer.



## Simple ways to live a better life

One consequence of a protracted pandemic is that we are almost forced to rethink the way we go about our daily lives. It's a good time to think about simplifying the way we live:

**Live in the moment.** We can't change the past and dwelling on the future is unproductive. The choices we make right now are all that count.

**Avoid drama.** There will always be someone whose situation is worse than our own. If you find yourself seeking attention and sympathy from other people – or get drawn in by



those who do – try substituting activities you find positive and interesting instead. Prayer helps.

**Talk less.** Weigh your words before you say them. Spend more time listening.

**Spend time with happy people.** Connect in safe and healthy ways with people who are positive and want to improve their lives. Let go of those who drain your energy.

**Work happy.** No matter how you earn a paycheck, give it your very best effort. That turns any job into a blessing.

### from **S**cripture

#### Luke 9:23-36, Linger on the mountaintop

While the Transfiguration was a fantastic encounter, it was not particularly joyful. Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus about "his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). They referred to Jesus' death, as the shadow of the Cross loomed. Like Moses' exodus from slavery in Egypt however, Jesus' exodus would deliver His people from the slavery of sin.

When he offered to build shelters for the three men, Peter clearly wanted to remain on the mountaintop in this holy moment. Sometimes we have an

inspiring experience and want to stay there avoiding the realities of daily life. Yet, like Jesus, we cannot linger on the mountaintop but must come down to take our place in the Kingdom.



Finally, God used the Transfiguration to speak a message – the same one He spoke at Jesus' baptism. He confirmed Jesus as His son, the Messiah, and added, "Listen to

Him." The son of God has God's power and authority. If we believe that Jesus is the son of God, then surely we will want to do what He says.

### **Q & A** Is it possible for real people to be holy?

On its simplest level, being holy means living a life centered on God. This is done by talking with Him continuously, imitating His behavior, and respecting His creations. It also means being part of the Church He established on Earth to help us be holy. Try this:



**Talk to God.** Spending time together is the best way to get to know God better.

**Practice sharing.** God wants us to take care of each other. Look for ways to share your money, time, and talents with someone who needs them.

**Celebrate the Sacraments.** Make Sunday Mass the highlight of your week. Attend if you can do it safely, stream it if you can't. Just don't miss it.

**Be a voice in the wilderness.** When you notice an injustice, speak out and take action. Treat all people with the dignity they deserve as children of God.

**Share your faith.** Talk about God with anyone who will listen. We can't keep His love to ourselves. We have to pass it on.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858).** A heavenly lady who called herself, "The Immaculate Conception," appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor girl from a village in France. After the first vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a spring with miraculous healing waters emerged from a nearby cave.

**February 17 – Ash Wednesday.** Marking the first day of Lent, ashes from the palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. One form of Lenten observance is to pray before the Stations of the Cross,

meditating on Jesus' walk to Calvary. **February 22 – St. Peter's Chair (1st century).** We celebrate St. Peter's establishment of the Holy See and pray for the preservation of God's Church.

**February 23 – St. Polycarp (156).** As Bishop of Smyrna, Polycarp faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to his religion. Before being martyred, he thanked God for making him worthy of a martyr's death.



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# 2021 Virtual Extravaganza

## Benefiting Sacred Heart Catholic School Faculty and Staff

Greetings friends and alumni!

The Sacred Heart Extravaganza was started more than twenty years ago as a way to supplement the pay of the faculty and staff of Sacred Heart Catholic School and the general operating budget of the school.

**However, this year we will take the event in a new direction: virtual. We are going to have an online auction from 2/18/21 - 2/21/21. The online auction will be comprised of approximately 100 items to be auctioned off along with a raffle. There are three raffle prizes: 1st place - \$10,000; 2nd place - \$5,000; and 3rd place drawing - \$1,000. The drawing will take place on February 21, 2021, at approximately 6:30 pm and will be live-streamed on the school's Facebook page. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 tickets for \$100.**

We know that you are a long-time supporter of Sacred Heart School and wanted you to be aware that this event is still taking place and we are working hard to make it better than ever. We hope you will bid on some of the great items, which will be posted in the next week, and/or purchase some raffle tickets. We are also looking for sponsors and/or donations for the event.

**We would love for you to check out the website. You can go to this link or use the QR Code to access it. [www.charityauction.bid/sacredheartedextravaganza](http://www.charityauction.bid/sacredheartedextravaganza)**

If you have any questions, please contact us!

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*Donations may also be mailed to  
Sacred Heart Catholic School  
Attn: Extravaganza  
313 S. Texana St.  
Hallettsville, TX 77964*

**Raffle Tickets are available for purchase at the following locations:**

-Sacred Heart Catholic School	-Sacred Heart Church Rectory
-Hoffer's Drive-In	-Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union
-People's State Bank	-Morton's Drive-In

## YEAR OF THE FAMILY

**Pray.** Pray the Angelus at noon each day this week.

**Eat.** Enjoy a picnic

**Play.** Get back on track or stay on track with your resolutions to grow closer to God.

## 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.

The Church Directories have arrived and will be distributed soon.

## MEMORIALS

### ASCENSION CHURCH

**In Memory of Charlie Deem, Frank V. & Rose Lee Henke, Roy Kalisek, and Alvin B. Mikulenska**  
from The Deem-Kubenka Wedding-\$200

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Dittrich, mother of Vernon & Norbert Dittrich of St. John's parish.



**Feast Day – February 11th**

**Next Bulletin: Sunday, February 21, 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, February 15, 2021**