

**JULY 11, 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”)

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 10	6:00 p.m.	David Kubenka	St. John
Sunday	July 11	9:30 a.m.	Bernice Neskora	Moravia

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 17	6:00 p.m.	Mary Ann Kucera	Moravia
Sunday	July 18	9:30 a.m.	Erwin & Irene Mendel	St. John

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 24	6:00 p.m.	Alvin & Gladys Besetzny	St. John
Sunday	July 25	9:30 a.m.	Joe Barcak & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia

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### July 11: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10, Mk 6:7-13

The prophet hears what God proclaims and is called to speak in God's name. The Twelve hear the message of Jesus and are sent forth to preach the good news. In him have we been chosen to be full of love.

### July 18: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 223:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Jesus, our shepherd, nourishes and strengthens and strengthens us, guiding us in right paths. He is the righteous shoot of David, the peace between Jews and Gentiles, between God and all humanity.

### July 25: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

The miracle performed by Elisha finds its perfect fulfillment in Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. He opens his hands and satisfies our deepest needs. In him we form one body.

**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 JULY:** Diana Halata, Janet Spies

**ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR JULY:** Dallas Canada, Greg Kubenka

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JULY:** Diane Kutac, Joanie Krischke

**ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR JULY:** Eugene Krupala, Leonard Sumbera

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH: We have a great need for Catechists for our Generations of Faith Program for the 2021-2022 year. Please pray about becoming a Catechist. If you have questions or find it a mission that you would like to participate in, please contact Dana Daughtry, 713-822-3019. Thank you for your discernment.**

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

*Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the St. John Picnic on the Fourth of July a great success. Thank you to Bobby Mendel and Pam Besetsny, the co-chairs, all those who worked many long hours before, during and after the Picnic and the various donors and buyers. The food was great, the weather was very favorable and the crowd was tremendous. We could not have asked for a better day.*

*We have recently renovated the two Church restrooms at St. John. We have made them handicap compliant and repainted them. Thanks to those who worked on this project.*

*We have the Ascension of Our Lord Picnic next Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. We ask everyone's cooperation from both parishes to make it a success. Please note that the Sunday Mass on the 18<sup>th</sup> will be at 9:30 at St. John.*

*Thank you to everyone for all the cooperation and help.*

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, July 10 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik, Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac  
Sunday, July 11 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Bryce Machicek, Alaina Halata, William Halata

Saturday, July 17 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson  
Sunday, July 18 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

Saturday, July 24 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik, Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac  
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### **YEAR OF THE FAMILY**

Pray. Pray the “Prayer to St. Joseph after the Rosary” after praying the Rosary.

Eat. Make some traditional foods to celebrate St. Joseph.

Play. Have a friendly competition of horse shoes, washers, or cornhole.

### **PRO-LIFE CORNER—God Bless America**

I would like to comment on the speeches by politicians when they end their speeches by saying “God Bless America.” I commend them all for saying this, but how can we ask that of God when we have pushed him out of our lives and kicked him out of our public schools and buildings? Our “laws” forbid him to be mentioned there.

How can we ask him to bless us when our laws allow us to kill the unborn by abortion? These babies were gifts from God.

How can we face him after some agree that euthanasia for the elderly should be made legal?

Our children should have the right to talk about God at school, sing his praises and put up nativity scenes in his honor. Maybe then our school systems and the children will improve.

If we put God first in our lives and hearts, we will see the error of our ways and abortion will be seen for what it is – the slaughter of the innocents – and our elderly will again be respected and protected.

We have to stop playing God ourselves, and then God will truly bless us and America.

*Ruth Weber*

*Davenport, Iowa*

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



## AREA EVENTS

- **Moravia (Ascension Parish Picnic, Sunday, July 18, 2021**, Dinner-11:00 a.m. Stew & Kettle Fried Chicken & Trimmings- \$12; Auction at 1:00 p.m.; Country Store, Cake Walk, Games, Music and so much more to enjoy! See you there!
- **St. Joseph Parish Picnic, Yoakum, Texas, Sunday, August 1, 2021**, Yoakum Community Center, Picnic Stew, Sausage & Trimmings. Auction, Raffle, and more

## Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Interested in joining the Confraternity of Christian Mothers? If so, please contact Lynette Sykora @ 361-799-9630 or [Lynette.H.Sykora@gmail.com](mailto:Lynette.H.Sykora@gmail.com). We will hold our New Members Mass on Wednesday, July 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the church. We will have the new members ceremony and officer induction followed by a short meeting in Family Center. Please bring a side dish for the reception. It is time to renew your annual membership by sending in your \$10 dues to treasurer Diane Blaschke at: 3685 FM 340, Hallettsville, TX 77964.



## Knights of Columbus Council #2433

Would you or someone you know like to become a Knight? The entire process from registering to attending the degree ceremonies is online. If you are interested, please contact Membership Chairman, David Smolik, at 361-798-4492, or Field Agent Ryan Janak at 832-693-3160.

Dues are free the first year, but you will be subject to yearly dues after the first year.

## Attention Moravia Parishioners

The Moravia Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 18th. Items are needed for the auction, please bring them early that morning and have your items marked with your name on them. Suggested donations, goody baskets, antiques, beer signs, home canned goods and baked goods, livestock, outdoor furniture, swings, metal art, any handmade items. Cash donations toward the picnic meats are appreciated.

Cakes and baked goods for the kitchen and cake walk are needed. Please wrap your items well for the cake walk.

For the country store, please consider donating handmade and homemade items, which can include jellies, pickles, noodles, okra, beets, sauerkraut, baked pastries, pies, kolaches, and candies. Small craft items and children's toys as well as small plants will be accepted and appreciated.

Please check the picnic work list for your name and any extra help from anyone will be appreciated.

Please mark your calendar for the picnic appreciation dinner on August 29.



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.





## Need "Divine" Renovation?

### Fullness of Truth Conference

Aug. 21-22, 2021

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Explore why today Christians everywhere, concerned about the salvation and well-being of their children and loved ones, should turn to St. Joseph's paternal intercession and entrust ourselves, our families, the Church, and indeed our world to our spiritual father's powerful hands.

Discounted room rates are available until July 21, 2021

For tickets or information call 877-218-7884 or go to [www.FullnessofTruth.org](http://www.FullnessofTruth.org)

### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.

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# July

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## Saints Joachim and Anne: Grandparents of Jesus

Let us look to the example of Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne as we prepare to celebrate their feast day on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents play a vital role in the life of the family, including cultivating the love of God in children and grandchildren. We pray in thanksgiving for all grandparents this month.

### PRAY

Blessing of Grandparents:

*Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that He bless them with happiness and good health. Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Call your grandparents and pray a decade of the rosary together.

Take Holy Water to the gravesite of grandparents or great-grandparents and pray for the souls of the faithfully departed.

### PLAY

Write a card and insert a picture, either hand-drawn or a printed picture, and mail it to your grandparents.

Grandparents: write down an important faith memory to share with your children and grandchildren. Do you remember your First Communion? What was the most memorable Mass you have ever attended?

Call your local nursing home to see if visitors are allowed. If so, consider going for a visit! If not, ask if there are any needs for residents that you can help to fill.

### EAT



Remember to pray BEFORE and AFTER each meal! Ask each person at the table the best part of their day.

Consider inviting the grandparents over for a special meal. Have the children of the family serve the adults.

Ask each person at the table the highlight of their day.

Plan to eat at least one meal a week with no distractions.

### 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).

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July 2021

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### God is the current of life

"Each one of us is merely a small instrument. When you look at the inner workings of electrical things, often you see small and big wires, new and old, cheap and expensive lined up. Until the current passes through them there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God."

Mother Teresa

### Saying "no" is not a sin

Saying "no" is hard for many of us. Not wanting to let anyone down, we say "yes" until we are overburdened, frustrated, and unhappy. Remember it is not a sin to say "no." God needs workers, but He wants the willing, joyful kind. Our "yes" should come from a heart enthusiastic about doing His work.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment" (Matthew 22:37-40).



## Love one another, especially those who are different

In a time of widening political and cultural divides, it can be easy to lose sight of the dignity of people different from ourselves. Yet, as Catholic Christians, we know that Jesus asks that we see everyone as family.

*"Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor"*

(Romans 12:10).

Treat others with kindness, not because they

are kind, but because you are. It's easy to be kind to those we love and respect. It's critical to be kind to people we don't like or don't know. Kindness is best offered when nothing is expected in return.

Don't build yourself up by making others look small. No one is impressed

by a bully. Treat all of God's children with honor, love, and respect.

Practice empathy. People's reactions tend to reflect their circumstances.

Avoid judging and instead offer the consideration you'd like

to receive.

Meet in person instead of online.

Social media makes it easy to stay in touch but it's also the quickest way to damage

relationships. Choose to meet in person when possible. In person or online, we must be wise in the words we use.

Forgive those who have hurt you, help those who need you. Treat all people – including yourself – with love and compassion. When we treat people the way we want to be treated, life will instantly get better.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics pray?

Prayer is our response to God's invitation: "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2560).

That encounter is our connection to God, who

created us and wants to have a close, personal relationship with us. Our relationship with Him is nurtured and strengthened through prayer – raising our hearts and minds to God..." (CCC, #2559).

It is through prayer and in prayer that we come to know and love Him best.





## Welcome back to Mass!

Now that many dioceses across the country have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass, we once again honor Sunday as a celebration of the living presence of Jesus in the midst of His people.

**Meet Him in the flesh.** The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. There is no substitute for taking Him into our bodies to feed our souls.

**Receive His protection.** Divine love and protection are showered on God's children through the supernatural gift of grace. The



more open we are to it - by actively participating in Mass - the more we enjoy the benefits.

**Love Him back.** The Third Commandment requires that we designate Sunday as our day to honor God. Mass is the most important way we fulfill our obligation to show gratitude to God. *"If you love me you will keep my commandments"* (John 15:15).

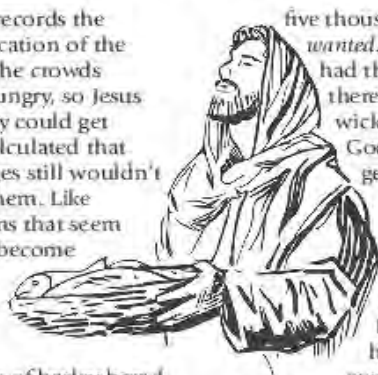
If you are worried about your exposure to disease in church, consult your physician and your pastor for advice on extra protections you can take.

### from Scripture

#### John 6:1-15; Loaves and fishes

This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Philip calculated that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we face problems that seem too big for us and can become intimidated.

The Apostle, Andrew, went a step further than Philip; he found the boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy, in turn, offered to Jesus what little he brought - all of it. What a surprise when Jesus fed the



five thousand *"as much...as they wanted."* Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over!

God can't be outdone in generosity.

When we are faced with many problems at once, it can be overwhelming. It's easy to react like Philip and give up hope. While on our own, we may not have

much to offer, if we offer what we have to God, He can do something amazing with it.

### Q What is expected of Catholics?

Every household has basic ground rules: "Be respectful," "Clean up your messes," etc. This way, everybody benefits. Like every family, the Catholic Church has "house rules" as well:

**Come home every weekend:** "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." God wants to see us back in person - often!

**Take responsibility:** "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Since we are prone to sin, we're obligated to reconcile with God at least once a year.

**Reconnect:** "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with his Body and Blood at every Mass!

**Practice detachment:** "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Fasting helps us free our hearts for God's love.

**Help around the house:** "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." Whether we donate money, time or resources, every little bit helps. (CCC, #2042-2043)

### Feasts & Celebrations

**July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel** (1251). Carmelite tradition holds that Our Lady appeared to St. Simon on Mount Carmel and gave him a scapular. Wearing one has become a popular way to honor the Blessed Mother.

**July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene** (1st century). Mary Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus expelled seven demons in St. Luke's gospel (Luke 8:2). She helped to support Jesus' ministry out of her own money and stood by the Cross of Jesus with his mother. Known as the "Apostle to

the Apostles," Mary was the one who first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

**July 25 - St. James** (1st Century). When Jesus called St. James and his brother, John, to become apostles, they left their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. St. James was one of three apostles to witness Jesus' transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the agony in Gethsemane. St. James was the first of the apostles to be martyred.



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Any announcements after the due date and time, will be published in the next bulletin, if applicable.

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