

**JULY 25, 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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**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

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**St. John the Baptist Church**

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**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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### 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

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 31	6:00 p.m.	Raymond & Juditth Ohnheiser & Bennie	Moravia
Sunday	August 1	9:30 a.m.	Adela Kubos	St. John

### First Friday

Friday	August 6	8:00 a.m.	Both Parishes	St. John
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### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	August 7	6:00 p.m.	Henry R. & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia
Sunday	August 8	9:30 a.m.	Christopher Canada	Moravia

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### 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.

### August 1: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 0-24; Jn 6:24-35

The Lord provides heavenly food for the Israelites to eat. Jesus proclaims himself to be the very bread of life. We lay aside our way of life to be created anew in his image.

### August 8: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

To strengthen him for the journey, God provides Elijah with cake and water, reminiscent of his ancestors' Pasch. Thus he experiences the goodness of the Lord. Jesus, the bread of life, strengthens us for our journey, following his way of love.

**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

**ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR AUGUST:** Bob Svetlik, Diana Svetlik

**ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR AUGUST:** Leo Henke, Sr., Dale Janak

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR AUGUST:** Felicia Kainer, Ann McBride, Sandra Mendel

**ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR AUGUST:** Alphonse Kristinik, Andy Besetzny

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

*Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the Moravia Picnic last Sunday a great success. Thank you to all the chairpersons, 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 larger than usual. We could not have asked for a better day.*

*Both of our Picnics, St. John and Moravia, were great. We were very blessed. Thank God and all of you.*

*At Moravia we will need to check our electrical power to make sure it can provide enough power for everything we use on Picnic Day. We also will do a little renovation on the Women's Restroom below the big hall.*

*May all of you have a very blessed and healthy summer.*

## **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

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

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

Saturday, July 31 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, August 1 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

Saturday, August 7 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, August 8 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

## **YEAR OF THE FAMILY**

**Pray.** Pray a decade of the rosary with your grandparents.

**Eat.** Ask each person the highlight of their day.

**Play.** Watch old home movies or look through pictures and share memories with family members.

**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.

*The Appreciation Meal for the St. John Picnic Workers will be held on August 1, 2021, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please let all your faithful hard workers know.*

## PRO-LIFE CORNER—

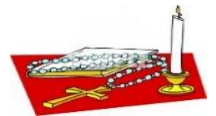
On January 31, 2021, Pope Francis instituted the **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**, to be celebrated every fourth Sunday of July. As we celebrate on July 25<sup>th</sup> this year, let us give thanks for our own grandparents and all the elderly who are our witnesses of hope.

I want to encourage the elderly who are suffering, whose flame of hope is dwindling in the midst of current events, whose wisdom is ignored, or who have been abandoned by their families:

*You are the treasure of the Church, the gold that has been refined by fire. You are not alone. Your prayers and love are holding up the world. You are treasured. Your fidelity to truth is a burning fire that brings glory to God and intercedes for the world. We need the light that only you can supply! Do not be discouraged. Keep praying for your families, keep witnessing to hope in whatever way you can – even if no one sees you or listens to you. The Heavenly Father sees and listens ... and out of these tribulations, brings light into the world...*

[Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA—EWTN Chaplain, from July, 2021 EWTN Family Newsletter]

*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

- **St. Joseph Parish Picnic, Yoakum, Texas, Sunday, August 1, 2021**, Yoakum Community Center, Picnic Stew, Sausage & Trimmings. Auction, Raffle, and more.
- **St. Michael Catholic Church “Harvest Feast Picnic” – Weimar, Texas, Sunday, August 8, 2021**, 11:00 a.m. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner, Plates \$10; Drive-thru plates will be available at the St. Michael Family Center. Polka Mass—10:30 a.m. Country Store, Auction, and more.



## 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.



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.

## DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT:

### JESUS APPROACHES

### A THREE-DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN

OCTOBER 1-3, 2021 AT THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER

*Jesus Approaches, What Contemporary Women Can Learn about Healing, Freedom and Joy from the Women of the New Testament.*

For more information and registration go to [www.victoriadiocese.org/women-retreats](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/women-retreats)



## MEMORIALS

### **Ascension Church (Moravia)**

#### **In Memory of Loraine Deem:**

Gene & Bettye Bujnoch-\$20  
Anthony & Rachel Siegel-\$20  
Richard & Frances Henke-\$10  
Steven & Cheryl Leopold & Family-\$10  
Thomas Neskora Family-\$50  
Dorothy Olsovsky-\$20  
Jeff & Cindy Holmes & Family-\$50  
Dennis & Barbara Janak-\$50  
James & Marsha Steffek-\$25  
Steven & Jennifer Steffek-\$10

### **Ascension Building Fund Moravia**

#### **In Memory of Loraine Deem:**

Elrose Kalisek--\$20  
Leo C. & Dorothy Henke-\$25  
Dan, Eugene, Andy, & Alison Kubena (Kubena Funeral Home-\$25  
David Young Family-\$25  
Allan & Arlene Becan & Family-\$25  
Ricky & Barbara Steffek-\$20  
Adela & E.J. Filip-\$20  
Phil & Kathy Guenther-\$25  
Tim & Candy Hines-\$25  
Thomas & RoseAnn Brosch-\$20  
Delores Janak--\$25  
Richard & Wilma Schaefer-\$20  
Adolph & Anita Proske-\$20  
Travis & Kari Etzler & Family-\$20  
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold W. Berger-\$25

#### **In Memory of Beverly Zarosky Angell:**

Cecilia Marek-\$20

#### **In Memory of Albert Olsovsky:**

Allen and Arlene Becan-\$25

### **Ascension Cemetery Fund (Moravia)**

#### **In Memory of Loraine Deem:**

George Pavliska-\$20  
Alfonse & Josie Kubenka-\$20  
Bernice & Ronald Barborak-\$20

### **Ascension CCD Fund (Moravia)**

#### **In Memory of Loraine Deem:**

Roman & Miranda Henke-\$20

### **Sacred Heart CCD Program**

#### **In Memory of Loraine Deem:**

Mary Ann Pavliska-\$10  
Mary Ann Pustejovsky-\$10

## **RAPHAEL'S REFUGE**

The next Holy Hour at Raphael's Refuge is scheduled for July 30th at 4 p.m. Father Christopher Korang will preside over Exposition, Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome. We have water and fans to keep you comfortable. Please share this information.

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**July 25, 2021**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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## **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!

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# August

Oct. 2020 –  
Sept. 2021

## Vocations: God is calling.

Our first vocation is the universal call to holiness. Every human person is called to live a life of holiness. Our secondary calling is one you might think of when you hear the word ‘vocation’: priesthood, religious life, married life, single life. This month, let’s explore how God is calling us to grow in holiness through our vocations.

### PRAY

Join priests and religious around the world in praying the Liturgy of the Hours for at least one day.

Pray a prayer for vocations daily with your family.

Offer one Our Father prayer when you wake up for the intentions of your parish priest.

Pray for an increase in vocations, including those to the married life.

\*\* More information about the Liturgy of the Hours and prayers for vocations can be found on our website. \*\*

### PLAY

Watch one of the videos on our website and listen for the way God called each of these men, including Bishop Cahill!

Make a ‘Thank You’ card to send to your parish priest or religious sisters in your community.

Send a card to one of our seminarians.

Complete a scavenger hunt: See if you can find anyone in your family history who was a priest or religious sister or brother. If not in your own family, how about in your parish community?

There are more fun activities listed on our website! Check them out!

### EAT

**\*\* Visit [victoriadiocese.org](http://victoriadiocese.org) and look under the Office of Vocations section for information about vocations in our diocese including ideas for discernment.**

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

Consider inviting your parish priest to a meal. Drop off some baked goods at the parish office for everyone to enjoy.

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

During a meal this month, instead of asking your kids what *they* want to be, ask them what **God** wants them to do/be when they grow up.

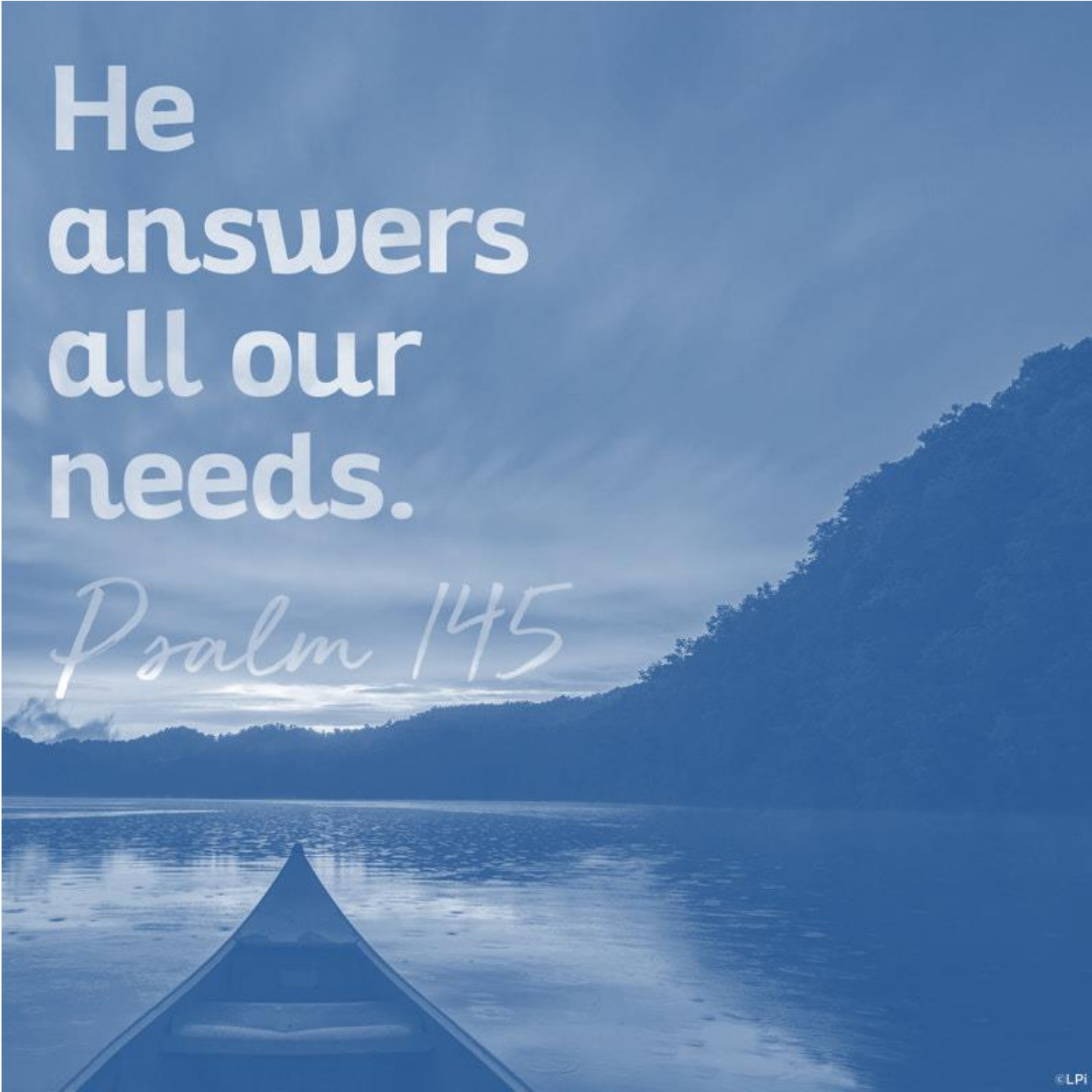
### Want More?

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).



He  
answers  
all our  
needs.

*Psalm 145*

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**Next Bulletin: Sunday, August 8, 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, August 3, 2021**