

MARCH 7, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.
(on 2nd and 4th)
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
(on 1st, 3rd, and 5th)
First Friday8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Hour

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.
(on 1st, 3rd, and 5th)
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
(on 2nd and 4th)

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
(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)
Safe Environment: www.victoriadiocese.org
(Click on “Safe Environment Program,” then on “eAppsDB”)

PARISH CONTACTS

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Ascension of Our Lord Church

Robert & Mary Kendall.....361-217-0624

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Kathy Guenther 979-562-2124 (home)
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.....979-743-0369 (cell)

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St. John the Baptist Church

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

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Kathy Guenther979-562-2124
..... 979-562-2328 (work)
.....979-743-0369 (cell)

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 13	6:00 p.m.	Laurie Ann Berger Kristinik	St. John
Sunday	March 14	9:30 a.m.	David Halata, Sr.	Moravia

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 20	6:00 p.m.	Joe Barcak & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	March 21	9:30 a.m.	Hedwig "Hattie" Berger	St. John

March 7: Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7777-8, 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.

March 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

God pardons and raises up those who have been unfaithful, those who have loved the darkness rather than the light. For God so loved the world that he sent His only Son to deliver the world from exile.

March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Hb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

The grain of wheat must die to produce fruit. Such dying must be cultivated by obedience and by our covenant with God, rooted in love and forgiveness.

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 MARCH: Kathy Guenther, Dorothy Henke

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR MARCH: Anthony Hrcir, 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

On April 30, 2021, Father Gary Janak of the Diocese of Victoria will be ordained an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. We will hate to see him go but are very happy for him in his new role. Please keep Bishop-Elect Gary Janak in your prayers.

I will continue in my present duties as Pastor of Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, St. Mary's, St. Mary, St John the Baptist, St. John, and Ascension of Our Lord, Moravia, and Vicar General for the Diocese of Victoria and Vicar for the Clergy.

In addition to the continuation of his duties as Pastor of St. Joseph, Yoakum and its mission of St. Ann's in Hochheim, and Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Victoria, Father Matthew Huehlefeld has been appointed as Chancellor for the Diocese of Victoria.

Father Tim Kosler, Pastor of St. Rose, Schulenburg, St. Mary, High Hill, St. John the Baptist, Ammannsville, and St. Wencelaus, Holman, will be retiring effective June 30, 2021. He will have been ordained 50 years on April 23rd. He will retire in his parents' home in Shiner and work the farm in Witting.

Father Jasper Liggio, Pastor of St. Michael, Cuero, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cuero, Sts. Peter & Paul, Meyersville, and St. Aloysius, Westhoff, will be assigned to St. Mary Seminary in Houston as a Spiritual Director for the seminarians effective July 1st.

Some other assignments will be forthcoming in the near future. Please pray for Bishop Cahill and all the Priests of our Diocese.

An heir of David and son of Joseph and Mary, Jesus brings forgiveness through the gift of faith.

St. Joseph: honored on March 19 since the end of the 10th century was declared Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX, and Guardian of the Redeemer in 1989 by Pope John Paul II; patron of workers and carpenters and fathers.

It is the custom in some places today to bless bread, pastries, and other food and to give a large portion of it to the poor.

This is the Blessing of St. Joseph's table. It is especially an Italian Custom.

Parish Picnic Meeting for Ascension of the Lord (Moravia) for all Chairmen and interested parishioners on Tuesday, March 16th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will discuss what to do and how to do it.

At this time, there have been no changes to the Diocese of Victoria's COVID-19 safety protocols for Mass and other gatherings. We will keep everyone informed should that change.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 6 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac

Sunday, March 7 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Alaina Halata, William Halata

Saturday, March 13 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik, Dillon Goedrich

Sunday, March 14 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Bryce Machicek, Alaina Halata, William Halata

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

Sunday, March 21 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

PRO-LIFE CORNER—4 Reasons Why I Am Pro-Life:

The Scriptures teach us to “choose life” and that God created all **Life** in His image.

Life is precious, **Life** is a gift and **Life** is right.

We will each be asked one day by Him what we did to save His children.

“Choose Life”—Deuteronomy 30:19)

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

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. Please get them in immediately.

The next CDA Meeting will be Monday, March 15, 2021, Family Center, 6:30 p.m. Will discuss plans for Fiddlers' Frolics.

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. In silent prayer, reflect on God's promises.

Eat. Remember to pray before AND after your meals.

Play. Get outside! Fly a kite or go for a walk.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday – March 12, 2021 – Moravia—7:00 p.m.

Friday – March 19, 2021 – St. John—7:00 p.m.

Friday – March 26, 2021 – Moravia—7:00 p.m.

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



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March 2021

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

The Eucharist is now

During the celebration of the Eucharist, the past action of Jesus becomes present. It is a liturgical representation of His sacrifice. Not merely a commemoration, Mass makes the sacrifice truly present. When we participate in the Eucharist, the past becomes present to us and we are present at the saving event.



Live generously

In a world that judges people based on their accumulated wealth, it is easy to notice what we don't have and to wish for it. Lent, however, invites us to live in gratitude for what we do have. Gratitude then gives rise to generosity – sharing God's love and gifts with others. Generous people are encouraging, positive, and appreciative. During Lent, notice and appreciate God's gifts and share them with others.

Always ready

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy" (Pope Francis).



Refocus in the desert

Lent may be a time of penance and sacrifice but it doesn't have to be a time of sadness. In fact, the season brings an opportunity to become the people God created us to be.

This time in our spiritual desert can be a chance to simplify, focus, and concentrate.

Simplify. Look for areas in your life where there are excesses. When we have too much of something, it can take extra time to sort, store, and maintain the supply beyond what we need.

For example, is your clothes closet packed too tightly? Is your pantry overstocked? Can you clean out and give some gently used items to the poor? You'll spend less mental and physical energy

if you keep only what you need.

Focus. During Lent, we are called to spend more intentional time with God. To help, consider fasting from

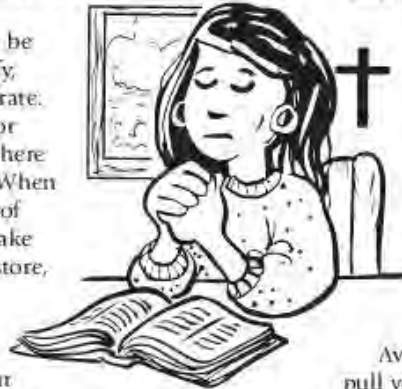
distractions. Limiting social media exposure,

controlling time spent working, or turning off the cell phone for periods of time can help you find space to add more prayer and Scripture reading to your day.

Concentrate.

Avoid influences that pull you away from God.

"... But worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the Word, and it bears no fruit" (Mark 4:19). Resolve to live a life that pleases God.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics fast and abstain?

In preparing to begin His public ministry, Jesus spent forty days and nights in the wilderness of the desert. In the starkness of the desert, He strengthened His connection to his Father. God's love was all Jesus needed.



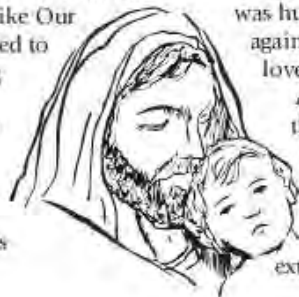
Fasting and abstinence also help us strengthen our connection to God. They are ways of

expressing sorrow for the ways we stray from God's friendship. By denying ourselves material comforts, we increase our dependence on God and our appreciation for His gifts.

St. Joseph – ordinary or extraordinary?

Why did Jesus choose Joseph to be His father on Earth? St. Joseph wasn't rich, powerful, or even sinless like Our Lady. Born ordinary, virtue and grace combined to make Joseph remarkable. In fact, by choosing him, Jesus gave us a model we can follow.

A man of faith. In spite of persecution and societal pressure, Joseph answered the call to live the two greatest commandments. He put God first and did all that He asked, no matter how incredible. And, Joseph put his family's needs before his own.



A husband. He respected that his primary vocation was husband to Mary. In fact, public opinion was against him when took pregnant Mary as his wife. He loved her anyway.

A father. As a devout Jew, he knew the psalms and the law of Moses. He didn't just teach his son a trade, Jesus was taught to be a faithful Son of God.

Like us, St. Joseph began ordinary but cooperated with God's grace to become extraordinary. That is possible for us, too.

from Scripture

Mark 14:1-15, 47, Make Jesus' Passion our own.

It's even more important to share in his suffering and great love during his Passion. St. Paul said, "We hold this treasure in earthen vessels ... always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body" (2 Corinthians 4:7-10).

He means that everything that happens in our lives – the good and the bad – can be part of our bond with Jesus.

Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness and temptations can become ways in which we share in the

suffering and death of Christ.

Likewise, our joys, our good health, our family and

friends are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection.

The point is to offer everything to Christ.



St. Alphonsus wrote, "We should consider not so much the sorrows Jesus suffered as the love with which he bore them." Disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did and can share in his joy of Resurrection.

Q & A What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Wouldn't it be amazing to be face to face with Jesus? Imagine sitting with Him, talking together, thanking Him for His gifts, asking for favors. In many churches throughout the world,

Catholics are able to do just that in Perpetual Adoration.

Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion that offers the opportunity to be in the presence of Jesus, under the appearance of the Eucharistic Host - the Blessed Sacrament.

Placed in a monstrance for display, all can see and pray in the presence of Our Lord. Parishes with Perpetual Adoration chapels are able to host adoration twenty-four hours a day. Other parishes offer periods of time adorers can worship in person.

"Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil" (CCC, #2628). There are many ways to adore God, but in Adoration, we are truly in Jesus' presence adoring him in person.



Feasts & Celebrations

March 1 – St. David of Wales (c. 600). St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He was born into Welsh nobility, but instead chose to become a priest. He was later consecrated a bishop. He is best known for founding an ascetic monastery and ridding the area of the Pelagian heresy.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having

established the Church there.

March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st Century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.



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Blood Drive -- Church

There will be a Blood Drive for Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, March 28, 2021. More information to follow.



Blood Drive - School

There will be a Blood Drive for Sacred Heart School on Monday, March 8, 2021, in the Family Center. Website: SouthTexasBlood.org or call Ruth Barton at Sacred Heart School – 361-798-4251.



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

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

"Lord, as we enjoyed the Super Bowl Football game, we were mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." St. Rose Catholic School and Church, along with the area churches of St. John the Baptist Ammannsville and St. John, Ascension of Our Lord Moravia, and St. Mary's High Hill were part of this movement that shared God's love with those in need. Together \$1,983.80 was collected for the Schulenburg Food Pantry. St. Rose School would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

St. John Easter Flower Offering

The Memory/Honor envelope for Easter Flowers is in your Offertory box. Please drop your envelope in Church collection SOON.



MEMORIALS

St. John Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Gladys Besetzny
Clarence & Evelyn Besetsny-\$20; Alphonse & Tracy Kristinik-\$20; Gary & Sandra Mendel-\$30; John & Evelyn Herman-\$10; Robert & Peggy Mendel-\$25; Patricia Berger-\$10; Dennis & Patricia Otto-\$30; Harvey & Evelyn Hermis-\$25; Agnes H. Berckenhoff-\$20; Arnold & Dorothy Berger-\$25; Eddie & Agnes Kosh-\$15

St. John Seminary Burse

In Memory of Gladys Besetzny
Ralph & Bonnie Besetzny-\$20; Albert & Dorothy Olsovsky-\$20; Stuart & Joanie Krischke-\$30; Perry Krupala-\$10; Andy Besetzny-\$40

Father John Peters' Seminary Burse

In Memory of Gladys Besetzny
Milton & Diane Holub-\$30

St. John Altar Society

In Memory of Gladys Besetzny
Barbara Appelt & Frank Forrestier-\$25; Eugene & Jo Marie Krupala-\$20; Scotty & Cheryl Brossmann & Family-\$40

Moravia Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Gladys Besetzny
David & Dorothy Young & Adela Filip-\$25; Thomas & Rose Ann Brosch-\$20; Royce & Jeanette Chudej-\$20
In Memory of Helen Dittrich
Marcus & Sharon Bujnoch-\$20

Sacred Heart School

In Memory of Gladys Besetzny
Dennis & Barbara Janak-\$50

St. John Building Fund

In Memory of Gladys Besetzny
Leo & Joyce Janda-\$40; Wink & Ida Bludau-\$20; Larry "Bear" Kana-\$25; Wilbert & Bibianna Demel-\$10; Janet Spies-\$20; Joe & Glenda Munsch-\$30; Al & Donna Hermis-\$50; Marvin & Susan Bujnoch-\$20; Larry & Denise Bujnoch-\$40; Francis & Charlene Klekar-\$20; Nancy Sivyer-\$50; David & Tamara Belcik & Klein-\$25; Larry & Alice Baker-\$20; Vernon & Connie Dittrich-\$20



March

Oct. 2020 –
Sept. 2021

Covenant: God Makes us family.

Beginning with Adam and Eve, God established covenants with mankind leading up to the new and everlasting covenant in Jesus. Our own homes should be filled with covenantal love, in which we give of ourselves daily to each other.

PRAY

In silent prayer, reflect on God's promises.

Read a passage about God's covenants: Genesis 9:8-17; Hebrews 8:6-13.

Plan to receive the sacrament of reconciliation before Easter.

Ask your child(ren) (grandchildren, godchildren, nieces/nephews) to lead a prayer. Listen. Be intentional about praying for and with them.

Attend daily Mass as a family: If unable to attend daily Mass, read the daily readings together. bible.usccb.org

EAT

Remember to pray before AND after your meals!

No meat on Fridays!

Pick at least one meal each week to eat at home with your family around the table.

Prepare for Good Friday and discuss ways your family can fast together.

Gather ingredients from a favorite family meal and take them to your local food pantry. Don't forget to include the recipe!



PLAY

Get outside! Fly a kite or go for a walk.

Plant a garden with your family. It can be as small or big as you like! Consider planting fruits, vegetables, or even flowers!

Be on the lookout for a rainbow this month! Remember that God keeps promises!

Send a card to someone. Who doesn't love mail?!

Make plans to take a drive and see some Texas wildflowers! Enjoy the beauty of God's creation in our diocese.

Listen to the DOV Family Podcast on any of the podcast apps or on DOV Family Evangelization YouTube page.

Celebrate these saints on their feast days this month!
St. Patrick – March 17th
St. Joseph – March 19th

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.

Next Bulletin: Sunday, March 21, 2021

All announcements can be sent by email to the Rectory at

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 16, 2021