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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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MASS SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	May 1	6:00 p.m.	Arthur & Thelma Spies & Ann	Moravia
Sunday	May 2	9:30 a.m.	Ross, Diane & Devan Goldberg	St. John

First Friday

Friday	May 7	8:00 a.m.	Edgar & Lillian Besetzny & Kenneth	St. John
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	May 8	6:00 p.m.	Mary Berger	St. John
Sunday	May 9	9:30 a.m.	Bernice Neskora	Moravia

The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday	May 15	6:00 p.m.	L. A. & Vera Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	May 16	9:30 a.m.	Albert Berkenhoff	St. John

May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32, 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Saul witnesses the risen Jesus and boldly proclaims his Lordship. We proclaim our belief in Jesus by our love for one another. He is the vine and we the branches. Together let us praise his name in our assembly of worship.

May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 10:25-26; 34-35; 4-48; Ps 98:11-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Let us love one another as Christ has loved us by offering himself for our sins. His love is to be revealed to all the world, as Peter himself taught.

May 16: The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

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 MAY: Mary Ann Pratka, Jeanette Chudej

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR MAY: Daniel Steffek, Dale Janak

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MAY: Adele Kubos, Lorine Kubenka, Diane Roeder

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR MAY: Harvey Hermis, Ralph Besetzny

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

Letter from Bishop Brendan Cahill

April 27, 2021

Many are longing to come together for our liturgies and parish gatherings with our past year of pandemic experiences. Recognizing this continues to be a time of transition, and as more of our population is able to receive the vaccine and are encouraged to do so, we must remain vigilant. Patience and understanding must be a priority for all of us as we move forward. We acknowledge that there are those who are vulnerable and others who are more comfortable with the new practice. In order to eagerly continue to return to our liturgical celebrations with a sense of safety and necessary precaution, the following updated directives are being published for the faithful of the Diocese of Victoria.

Church Buildings:

- Hand sanitizer should continue to be available at all church entrances. **All pews are now open.** Parishioners are to keep safe and respectful distance as much as possible (staggered seating is encouraged).
- Holy Water fonts remain empty. Parishes should inform parishioners of its availability to take to their homes.
- Proper sanitizing of the Church should be maintained.

Distribution of the Eucharist:

- Those distributing the Holy Eucharist must properly sanitize their hands and wear masks.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood is still suspended.

Parishioner's Interaction during Mass:

- Wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged. **(Masks for our 4 Parishes ARE REQUIRED).**
- The sign of peace remains suspended.

As a reminder:

- Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to a person who is COVID positive within 7 days should remain home, in accord with national, state and local health directives.
- Those who are at risk or vulnerable because of an underlying health issue and those who are elderly are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Mass, unless they have been vaccinated.

We keep in our prayers all who are suffering from the COVID-19 virus, for all health care workers and first responders. As Bishop Cahill wrote in his letter to the faithful in September of 2020: May each of us in the Diocese of Victoria keep the whole world in our heart, praying for health and healing; praying that we may never be found indifferent to the pain of others and praying for the salvation of all souls, especially those in most need of God's mercy.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 1– 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac, Bryce Machicek

Sunday, May 2 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Alaina Halata, William Halata, Dillon Orsak,

Saturday, May 8 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik, Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac

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

Saturday, May 15 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, May 16 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PICNIC MEETING

Moravia Picnic Meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Picnic Raffle for Ascension Church

Please consider donating a cash prize or gift certificate. If you would like to make a donation, please contact: Arlene Becan @ 361-798-0304. We will contact previous donors to see if you wish to contribute again this year. Thank you so much for your continued support of the church picnic raffle!

ST. JOHN PICNIC MEETING

St. John Picnic Meeting on Sunday, May 16, 2021, a 4:00 p.m. on the St. John Pavilion.
All are invited to attend.

PRO-LIFE CORNER— PRAY THE ROSARY!

One of the most powerful tools we Catholics have at our disposal is the Rosary, which we can pray not only for our personal intentions, but for any number of special needs we see, including for our nation, our leaders, and our bishops...

I love the way that we at American Life League have made the Marian Blue Wave the centerpiece of our spiritual warfare against the evils of our day.

The Rosary is, as we know, a prayer for help in times of great need, and it has won battles and wars for many years.

During an interview on Relevant Radio, David Carollo of the World Apostolate of Fatima said something that should help us focus on why praying the Rosary is vital not only in our own families but in every parish and Catholic community in our nation today. Carollo said: "St. Padre Pio put it best when he called it a weapon.

... We are in a war. That is our weapon. It truly is. Because you're turning to the Mother of God, the most powerful intercessor that there is, and you're turning to the Mother of God, the most powerful intercessor that there is, and you're acknowledging that we are weak. We can only win it through prayer."

Join the Marian Blue Wave at marianbluewave.com/rosary, pray the Rosary, and invite everyone you know to sign up and be part of this wave that will sweep away all the evil in our land with grace and love.

[by Judie Brown, President, American Life League]

2021 RISE UP for LIFE

PRO-LIFE RALLY

May 22nd (Saturday), 2021



9:30 am Assemble at Hallettsville Post Office - 206 N La Grange

9:45 am March to Lavaca County Courthouse

10 am Rally at the Courthouse Gazebo - 109 N LaGrange Hallettsville

Join us-Lavaca County & Crossroads citizens, clubs, churches, veterans, schools, chambers, families & officials as we march in solidarity for the Pro-Life movement. We will stand in unity for the dignity of human life and prayerfully. Call for an end to abortion in America and support all ages of life.

For more information contact:

2021 Chairman - Pastor Jerry Tanner 361-5225308

2021 Treasurer- Barb Koehn

2021 Secretary -Michelle Hall

<https://www.facebook.com/rise4liferally/> Facebook

<https://www.riseup4lifelavaca.com/> Website

Please mail your donations to:

Rise Up for Life

108 N. La Grange Hallettsville Texas 77964

YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Pray. Pray one Glory Be before bedtime.

Eat. Ask each person at the table about the best part of their day.

Play. Sign up for the diocesan Easter family retreat!



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.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Prayer for our Country: Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Church 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.

2021

Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia) Church Easter Flower Offerings

In Memory / In Honor

The Holmes, Hughes, Barborak and Konvicka Families

Donated By

Arlene Holmes

2021

St. John Easter Flower Offerings

In Memory / In Honor

In Memory of Robert & Martha Mendel

Donated By

Jessie & Barbara Mendel

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court #797

There will be a Craft Day on Monday, May 3, 2021, from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. – Family Center. The CDA #797 would like to thank the workers, donors, bakers, and of course, the buyers at the Fiddler's Frolics Bake Sale. The Bake Sale was a huge SUCCESS! Monetary donations may still be given.



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

- ✦ **Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish Mayfest, Hostyn, Texas,** Drive-through only Meal, Sunday, May 2, 2021, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Sausage & BBQ Pork).
- ✦ **St. Michael Catholic Church, Cuero, Texas,** Annual Parish Spring Festival, Sunday, May 16, 2021. Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings, 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. All plates will be packaged as to-go plates, with options for outdoor dining on-site or drive thru for plates to-go. Meal tickets are \$12.00. Live Music
- ✦ **Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hallettsville, Texas—2021 Spring Picnic—**Sunday, May 30, 2021, at the KC Hall, Hallettsville, Texas. Adult Plates - **\$10**; Children (12 & under) \$5; Cake Walk, Bingo, Country Store, Religious Articles Booth, Washer Pitching Tournament, Auction, Raffle, Music by Texas Sound Czech and Red Ravens. Come join in on the fun!





May

Oct. 2020 –
Sept. 2021

Pentecost: Happy Birthday!

Did you know that the Church has a birthday? Each year at Pentecost (50 days after Easter Sunday), we commemorate the day when the disciples of Jesus received the Holy Spirit and were inspired/commissioned to continue the work Jesus had begun. The Holy Spirit guided and gave courage to the disciples; therefore, with great joy the disciples began the mission of proclaiming the Good News to all God's people. We celebrate this event (birthday) on Pentecost.

PRAY

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,
By the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Read a reading from Pentecost Sunday with your family. Pray together “Lord, send down Your Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.”

EAT

Celebrate the Church's birthday by making a birthday cake!

Remember to pray BEFORE and AFTER each meal!

Over dinner, ask:

- What fruits of the Holy Spirit are most “abundant” in our family? The fruits of the Holy Spirit are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity

Decorate the table with red to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit.



May 23, 2021

Want More?

Visit our website:

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



PLAY

Do something kind for your mom or mother figure in your life! Have a Mass said for her, pick some wildflowers for a spring bouquet, or make a handmade card!

Attend the Easter Family Retreat in Victoria on May 22nd! More details on our website.

Create a prayer mobile... Tie red, orange, yellow ribbon/streamers around a coat hanger. Each ribbon represents a prayer or a person you are praying for.

Make an origami dove.

Watch the “Fatima” movie together to celebrate Our Lady of Fatima's feast day on May 13th.

Share pictures of activities using #DOVFamilies or email them to lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org.

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

May 2021

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

God is our strength

Life can be exhausting and we can become overwhelmed by what it takes to be good. It is important to remember that we don't struggle alone. *"If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?"* (Romans 8:31-32).

A new approach

St. Paul said the whole law is summed up in love. While he was talking about Mosaic law, laws are given to preserve order. Jesus presented a new fresh approach. Out of love, He came not to abolish the Law, but to bring it to perfection. The relationship between heaven and earth is love.

"Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14).



Who do you say that Jesus is?

Jesus said to his Apostles, *"But who do you say that I am?"* (Matthew 16:15). In *Mere Christianity*, C.S.

Lewis wrote that there are three ways to answer this question. Perhaps Jesus was a liar, deliberately misleading others by claiming to be God. Or, was He insane, deluded into thinking He was God? Finally, perhaps He is what He said He is - God.

Liar: If Jesus deliberately misled others, He would have been evil. Yet, his friends wrote that He did incredible acts of good, was honest, kind, and compassionate. No one experienced Jesus as a bad man.

Lunatic: What if Jesus were insane

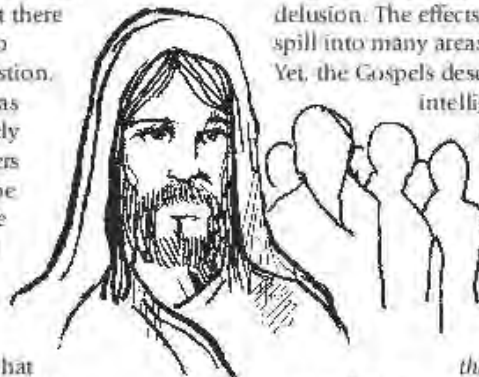
and deluded when believing He was God? Being out of touch with reality wouldn't have been confined to one delusion. The effects of mental illness spill into many areas of a person's life.

Yet, the Gospels describe Jesus' wisdom, intelligence, and practical good sense. He had an ability to attract people who respected His authority.

Lord: When Jesus asked, *"But who do YOU say that I am?"*, Peter

responded, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* It's the only answer that makes sense.

Ultimately, we each have to answer the question of who Jesus is for ourselves. We can pray for the faith of Peter to declare Jesus our Lord and our God.



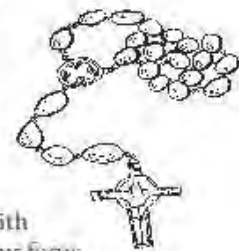
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?

Popes, saints, and Catholics over the centuries have turned to the Rosary for miraculous help in seemingly impossible situations. The mysteries of the Rosary describe the events of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. As we pray the Rosary, we revisit these events.

The Rosary is deeply ingrained in our Catholic identity. The rhythm of

the Rosary is meant to still our minds and direct our hearts to communion with God, placing our focus on God and not on the world.



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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2021-2022



Sacred Heart Catholic School is in the process of planning for the 2021-22 school year. We offer enrollment in grades Pre-K 3 through high school. Students at Sacred Heart Catholic School receive an outstanding education in a faith-filled environment. Our high school students are well prepared for college and vocational schools. We have multiple sports teams in both junior high and high school. After school care is offered for students in grades Pre-K through 5th. For Pre-K 3, your child must be 3 years old on or before September 1, 2021. For Pre-K 4 your child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2021. For Kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021. There are 3 options for our Pre-K students: until noon, 4:00 p.m., or 5:30 p.m. Join our Sacred Heart Catholic School family! Visit our website at www.shschool.org and check out our Facebook page at Sacred Heart Catholic School. Come by the school office to register or call for more information. 361-798-4251

Free Drive-Thru Sharps Disposal

Sponsored by Health Ministry of Hallettsville and Lavaca Medical Center—May 6, 2021—9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. – The Lavaca Medical Center Parking Lot.

We encourage the Community to bring your sharps to be disposed properly in an environmentally safe process. Please bring your SHARPS (syringes, needles, lancets, etc.) in a sturdy closed container. For further information, contact Barb Koehn – 361-798-4674



Next Bulletin: Sunday, May 16, 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, May 11, 2021