

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
7026 FM ROAD 957
SCHULENBURG, TX 78956
ST. JOHN, TEXAS



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
11134 FM 957
SCHULENBURG, TX 78956
MORAVIA, TEXAS



REV. MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS, V.G., PASTOR

REV. JOHN AFFUM

REV. CHRISTOPHER KORANG

P.O. BOX H ☩ HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS 77964 ☩ (361) 798-5888 ☩ (361) 798-4970 FAX

Website: www.shcatholicchurch.org

E-mail: rectory@shcatholicchurch.org

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

St. John the Baptist Church

Elsie Farek.....979-562-2159

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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

HALL RENTAL

St. John the Baptist Church

Frank Forestier
Barbara Appelt832-643-4590 (cell)
..... 361-865-2446 (home)

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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

CEMETERY

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	November 13	6:00 p.m.	James & Rita Brossman	St. John
Sunday	November 14	9:30 a.m.	Robert Besetsny & Narissa Cahal	Moravia

Feast of Christ the King

Saturday	November 20	6:00 p.m.	Joe Barcak & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	November 21	9:30 a.m.	Larry Berger & Lebert & Leona Berger & Donald Berger	St. John

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday	November 25	9:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for all of God's Blessing	St. John
----------	-------------	-----------	---	----------

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	November 27	6:00 p.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory	St. John
Sunday	November 28	9:30 a.m.	Harry R. & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia

November 14: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

At the end, the Son of Man will return with great power and glory, placing his enemies under his feet. Those whose names are in the Book shall live forever in light and joy.

November 21: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18: 33b-37

To Jesus Christ be glory and power for ever and ever. His are majesty and splendor, and his kingdom is everlasting, a kingdom of cosmic dimensions.

November 28: First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9,10, 14; I Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing his covenant and decrees.

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 broadcast on the Radio Stations FM 99.9 & FM 94.3 on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NOVEMBER: Judy Grones, Mary Kendall

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR NOVEMBER: Dale Halata, Glen Cernik

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NOVEMBER: Carol Siegel, Donna Lux

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR NOVEMBER: Jim Duffin, Frank Forestier

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

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

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

Saturday, November 27 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Kullen Kutac, Dillon Goedrich, Mary Beth Krischke

Sunday, November 28 – 9:30 a.m.– Moravia– Alaina Halata, William Halata

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. As we honor Jesus, our King we should ask ourselves if we really give Him enough of our time in honoring Him. Do we attend Mass regularly and devoutly? Do we put distractions aside and forget about how much or how little time we will have to be in Church in order to praise and worship Him in the celebration of the Mass? Do we try to attend Mass more than just on Sunday? Do we remember to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during the week? Let us always try to keep God first in our lives and give Him the proper homage due Him.

We will have a Christ the King Procession next Sunday at Sacred Heart beginning at 2:00 p.m. We will process around the courthouse and back.

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.



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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER---

“To express the teaching of the church very clearly about the obligation to protect every human life, especially the most defenseless and helpless of all human life, the child in the womb, is a grave responsibility which is constantly met with clouds of willful unknowing and fortresses of denial. This is not just a Catholic issue; this is a human issue, the most fundamental of all human issues; the right to be born and the right to live. Every child has these most fundamental rights given by the Creator, ‘the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.’”

[Bishop David Ricken, in an article in the Compass—official diocesan newspaper for Green Bay, Wisconsin.]

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

- **The Diocese of Victoria’s Chapter of Catholic Rural Life will celebrate a Harvest Mass on Saturday, November 20, 2021, with Bishop Brendan Cahill.** Whistling Duck Vineyard will be the host site for the 10 a.m. celebration. The vineyard is located at 1211 CR 273, Weimar, Texas 78962. The Harvest Mass will be followed by a reception. EVERYONE IS INVITED to this wonderful celebration.
- **Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton is having a heifer raffle to benefit their RE building repairs.** The first prize will be 10 exposed, black Brangus heifers (blessed by Father Samuel). We will also have fifteen \$1,000 Visa gift cards to raffle off. Drawing will be on January 15, 2022, after evening Mass. Tickets are \$100 each, and we are selling only 1,200 tickets. Visit hfwharton.org or call the parish office for more information: (979) 532-3593.

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.



It's Tamale Time!

The orders will be ready for pick up at the Hallettsville KC Hall drive thru line on Thursday November 18, 2021 between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Don't Delay – Order Today!!!!



We Love Catholic Schools
SWEEPSTAKES

SPONSORED BY

Catholic Life Insurance

Support Catholic Education

All Proceeds From Sale of Tickets Benefit

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Hallettsville, Texas

GRAND PRIZE CHOICE OF:

2022 FORD F-150 TRUCK* OR 2022 FORD FOCUS SEDAN* OR \$20,000 PREPAID VISA CARD *Or equivalent vehicle.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL PRIZE:

Each Participating School Will Have a \$1,000 Prepaid VISA Card Individual Winner

Drawn from Tickets Sold by Their School

Drawing to be Held Friday, February 14, 2022

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact:

Sacred Heart Catholic School

361-798-4251

DONATION: \$5.00 EACH TICKET SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022



RCIA

RCIA Classes have started. The Class is on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Computer Lab—Room 116. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about your faith, please call the Rectory at 361-798-5888.

Next Bulletin: Sunday, November 28, 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, November 23, 2021

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

November 2021

One Minute Meditations

Happiness

As a loving Father, God wants us to be happy. True happiness is: "Joy and beatitude over receiving the fulfillment of our vocation as creatures: a sharing in the divine nature and the vision of God. God put us into the world to know, love, and serve Him, and so come to the happiness of paradise" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 1720). The happiness the world offers doesn't last, but the happiness God offers is forever.

Nurture faith

Spiritual growth doesn't stop with formal religious education. To know God better, start with the Bible and consider adding spiritual reading. (Hint: ask a priest for recommendations.) Read so that you may learn more about God's ways.

Patience makes sense

Don't be tempted to compare yourself to others. God's plan for you is unique. "Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way" (Psalm 37:7).



Prepare for an amazing truth

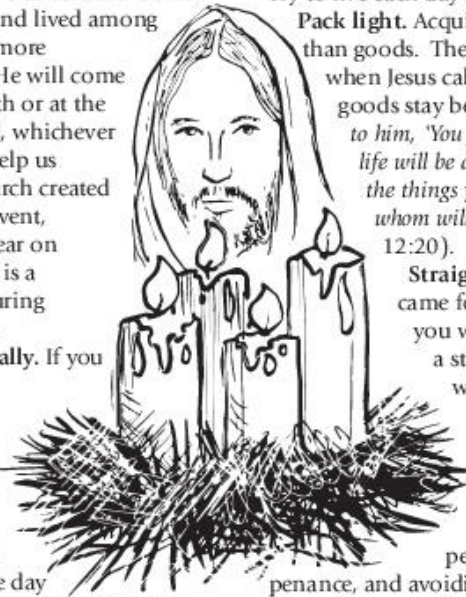
At Christmas we celebrate the truth that God came and lived among us. What's even more amazing is that He will come again at our death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. To help us prepare, the Church created the season of Advent, beginning this year on November 28. It is a watchful time during which we can ...

Live intentionally. If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would devote the day to asking and granting forgiveness, spending time with loved ones, and preparing your heart for your Savior.

Try to live each day that way.

Pack light. Acquire graces rather than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. "But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'" (Luke 12:20).

Straighten up. If Jesus came for you tomorrow, you would need to be in a state of grace to go with Him. Prepare now by never missing Mass, going to Confession regularly, performing heartfelt penance, and avoiding sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime. The truth is, Jesus really could come tomorrow – or even today!

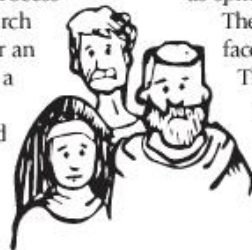


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor saints?

Canonization is the process through which the Church acknowledges that, after an extensive investigation, a person demonstrated extraordinary virtue and is now in Heaven, face-to-face with God. Saints are offered to us

as spiritual guides to lead us to God. The saints were real people who faced problems similar to our own. They allowed God's grace to transform them. When we are facing difficulties, trials, and temptations, we can look to the saints and be encouraged by their faithfulness.



Thankfulness is good for the health

Studies show that people who are thankful are less likely to be depressed or unhappy, and find they enjoy simple pleasures like sunsets and good health. Here is how you can join them ...

Calculate your ratio. For three days straight, keep track of how many times you think grateful thoughts versus complaining. This is your Grateful to Grumbling Ratio. The higher your G2G Ratio, the happier you will be.

Gather inspiration. Ask others what inspires their gratitude. You will probably discover something for which



you can also be thankful but haven't thought of.

Fast. Forgo something you like such as food, TV, the internet. It will make you thankful for it when you get it back.

Guard the company you keep. Attitudes are contagious. Do the people around you encourage gratitude or griping? Consider changing your environment or your friends to lean toward gratitude.

Detach. Have you noticed that the people who have the least seem the happiest? Take stock of your possessions. Keep only what you need.

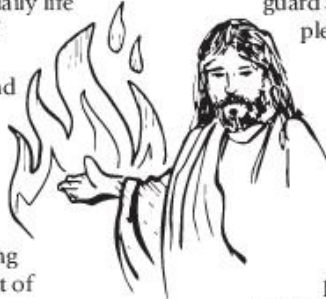
from Scripture

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, the Advent of hope

The virtues of patience and perseverance aren't strengths for most of us. Often the concerns of daily life overshadow our pursuit of holiness. We can get lured into sin by the comforts and pleasures the world has to offer. We can forget our ultimate goal is Heaven. Knowing this, Jesus warned His followers about the end times, hoping to shake them (and us) out of "drowsy" complaisance.

Imagine the terrifying scene Jesus described – the shaking of the earth, sea, and sky and people dying of fright. In the midst of that terror, though, people living

in God's friendship will have no reason to fear. The key is, He said, to stay on guard against sin and worldly pleasure.



Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. God has promised us that if we are faithful to Him, we will be rewarded. This is a time when we must pray for patience and perseverance to keep us ready

for the arrival of our Savior. Then we can hold our heads high and stand confident expecting our promised reward.

Q & A Is our belief in Purgatory rooted in the Bible?

In the Old Testament, the Jewish leader Judas Maccabee required his soldiers to offer prayers and sacrifices for dead comrades who died wearing "magic" amulets in service of pagan gods – a serious violation of the covenant. *"Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out"*



(Maccabees 12:42). By offering prayers on their behalf after their death, Judas Maccabee demonstrated his faith that the prayers could still benefit the dead.

In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit that won't be forgiven in this life or in the next (Matthew 12:32). We conclude that other sins are forgiven in the next life.

If we die in God's friendship but still have attachment to venial sin, purification will be necessary. It is difficult to see a beautiful landscape through a dirty window. To enjoy the view, the window must be cleaned. Likewise, Purgatory cleans us up so we can enjoy the view, in this case, the beatific vision of God.

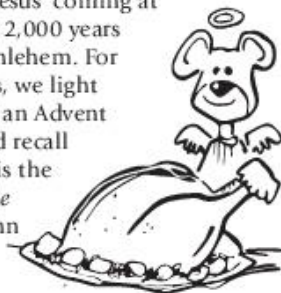
Feasts & Celebrations

November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231). The daughter of the King of Hungary, she married at the age of 14. Her beloved husband was killed after only six years of marriage. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order and spent her life caring for the poor.

November 21 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. God promised his people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

November 22 – St. Cecilia (230). A native of Rome, St. Cecilia was forced to marry although she wanted to consecrate herself to God. She eventually converted her husband and both were martyred for the faith.

November 28 - First Sunday in Advent. During Advent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. For four weeks, we light candles in an Advent wreath and recall that Jesus is the "Light of the world" (John 8:12).



Our Mission

To provide practical ideas that promote faithful Catholic living.
 Success Publishing & Media, LLC
 Publishers of Growing In Faith™ and Partners in Faith™
 (540)662-7844 (540)662-7847 fax
<http://www.growinginfaith.com>
 (Unless noted Bible quotes and references are from the Revised Standard Version and the New American Bible)

© Copyright 2021 Success Publishing & Media, LLC