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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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	October 2	6:00 p.m.	Jerry & Karlene Tupa & Pamela Tupa	Moravia
Sunday	October 3	9:30 a.m.	Anton & Josephine Orsak	St. John

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	October 9	6:00 p.m.	Charlie Pesek	St. John
Sunday	October 10	9:30 a.m.	Marcia Hrcir	Moravia

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	October 16	6:00 p.m.	Special Intention – Msgr. John Peters	Moravia
Sunday	October 17	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of Janik & Hermis Families	St. John

October 3: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gn 2:18-24, Ps 128:1-6, Heb 2:9-11, Mk 10:2-16

Conjugal love, lived in fidelity to God's original plan, is to be one of the principal manifestations of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. Through baptism into Christ, we join with him in having one and the same Father.

October 10: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 7:7-11, Ps 90:12-17, Heb 4: 12-13, Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

When offered the choice between true knowledge or riches, Solomon prays for wisdom of heart. When given the choice between following Jesus or remaining attached to his material wealth, the man chooses his possessions. God's word challenges us to be attached to Jesus, and to him alone.

October 17: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 53:10-11, Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22, Heb 4:14-16, Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 *or nos.* 872-876

True greatness (holiness) is found in serving one another and by giving ourselves as did Jesus, who suffered that we might be justified. He is our compassionate high priest in whom we have placed our hope.

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 OCTOBER: Diana Halata, Janet Spies

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR OCTOBER: Phil Guenther, Perry Deem

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR OCTOBER: Jo Marie Krupala, Evelyn Hermis

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR OCTOBER: Gary Mendel, Harold Kalich

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 2 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, October 3 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John–Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

Saturday, October 9 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John– Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik, Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac

Sunday, October 10 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Bryce Machicek, Alaina Halata, William Halata

Saturday, October 16 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson

Sunday, October 17 – 9:30 a.m.– St. John–Dylan Orsak, Brant Redman, Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Ever since Covid began, we have been missing having holy water in church. I've noticed people walking in and blessing themselves forgetting that there is no holy water in the fountains.

As soon as the order comes in, we will have Holy Water Dispensers at each font in the front entrance. All you have to do is run your hand under the dispenser and it will release a small amount of holy water drops with which to bless yourself. This will be very sanitary. Please do not let the children keep running their hands underneath the dispenser.

Father Chris Korang will be on vacation till October 27th. When he returns, he will be here for an indefinite time along with Father John and me.

There are three events for families coming in October that have been expressed as needs by families in our diocese. We pray these events may be a blessing to families in our communities.

1. Parenting workshops featuring national speakers (10/13, 10/20, 10/27), including Dr. Ray Guarendi from EWTN, Mike and Alicia Herson from the Messy Family Project, and author Katie Warner. These workshops will be offered online for just \$25 for all 3 sessions, and recordings made available for those who cannot attend live. Here is the website for online registration: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/parents>
2. Family Day of Reflection with Bishop Cahill on Mary, Queen of the Family (10/23). This morning for families will include Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration, fun and games, and creating a giant pool noodle rosary. Here is the website for registration: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/flat>
3. Grief Support Retreat for Parents Who Have Lost Children (10/29-10/31). This weekend retreat at the SRC will feature speakers including clergy, licensed professional counselors (LPCs), and parents who have lost children. Here is the website for online registration: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/grief-support-retreat>

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—

We are here to be witnesses of love and to celebrate life, because life has been created in the image of God. Life is to love and to be loved. That's why we all have to take a strong stand so that no child—boy or girl—will be rejected or unloved. Every child is a sign of God's love.

[Mother Teresa]

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. John Catholic Church, Hungerford, Annual Bazaar, Sunday, October 3, 2021.** BBQ Beef, Chicken, & Sausage. Dine-In & Plates to Go, Auction, Country Store, Cake Walk, & Dance
- ➔ **Queen of the Holy Rosary, Hostyn Festival, Sunday, October 3.** Fried Chicken, Sausage & all the trimmings, Plates \$12. County Store, Raffle, Cake Wheel, Bingo, Silent Auction & Music
- ➔ **St. Roch Catholic Church, 167TH Annual Mentz Picnic. Mentz, Texas, Sunday, October 3, 2021,** Dine-In & Plates-to-Go - \$14. BBQ Beef, Pork & Sausage. Country Store, Dessert Walk, Auction, Silent Auction, Bingo, Music
- ➔ **Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fall Festival, Flatonia, Texas, Sunday, October 3, 2021,** Fried Chicken & Sausage with Dressing & Trimmings, Plates - \$12.00; Dine-In or Drive-Thru or Walk-Up, Bingo, Live Auction, Music
- ➔ **St. Anthony's Catholic Church 56th Annual Shrimporee, Palacios, Texas, Sunday, October 10, 2021,** Shrimp or BBQ with all the Trimmings starting at 10:30 a.m., \$10 a plate, Dine-In or Take-Out, Auction, Games, Music
- ➔ **St. Anthony's Catholic Church Annual Parish Fall Picnic, Columbus, Texas, Sunday, October 10, 2021,** Beef and Sausage Meal from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., \$10 a plate, Dine-In or Drive-Thru, Auction, Games, Music, Cake Walk, Mechanical Bull
- ➔ **1st Fall Evening of Recollection for Women at Featherock Conference Center, Schulenburg, Texas, Thursday, October 14, 2021,** beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m.



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.



SACRED HEART WOMEN'S ACT RETREAT

The Sacred Heart Women's Act Retreat will be on Thursday evening, October 7, 2021 through Sunday, October 10, 2021. We would like for the women to join us for a life-changing weekend. This experience is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Deanery and will take place at Cathedral Oaks in Weimar, Texas. It will be an opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends. Transportation will be provided to and from the Retreat Center. All food will be provided. Forms are in the back of Church. If you have any questions the contact information is on the Form.

Your marriage deserves to THRIVE!

Choosing to L.O.V.E. is a retreat for couples seeking to enrich their marriage by focusing on what brought it into existence: ***their marriage vows.***

Developed by Bishop Gary Janak and several couples from the El Campo area in 2009, it has served over 200 couples since its founding.

Meant for couples wanting to strengthen their bond, and not those experiencing serious marital challenges, the weekend includes inspiring talks by married couples and clergy, within a leisurely schedule, so couples can also have private time. October 8-10, 2021 at the Spiritual Renewal Center.

Registration is simple & easy! Register online at www.victoriadiocese.org/choosingtolove.



Next Bulletin: Sunday, October 17, 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, Tuesday, October 12, 2021

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October 2021

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

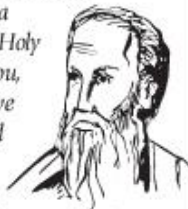
God is Love

God is the creator of the universe, who made everything from nothing. Yet, He is not a remote, uninvolved God. Nor is He an unforgiving judge waiting for us to mess up. Rather, God is our Father who loves us more than we could ask to be loved.

His temple

St. Paul teaches that *"your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own."* We understand it is unhealthy to overeat or abuse drugs or alcohol. Yet, we don't always acknowledge the harm of watching movies and television shows with violence or sex, or listening to music with profane lyrics. God's temple deserves respect. *"Therefore, glorify God in your body"* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

"Daily prayer is the foundation of sanctity. Some prefer it in the morning. Some late at night. However, whenever, wherever, it's a must!" Timothy Cardinal Dolan



"Lead us not into temptation ..."

No one is exempt from temptation. Being enticed by the attractions of this world is part of our human condition, but successfully fighting it makes us stronger and holier.

Watch for it. Temptation strikes when we are least able to fight it. Identify what tempts you most and try to anticipate when you are weakest. Then devise a plan of action – not just a resolution – to help you resist.

Pray through it. When Jesus caught His disciples sleeping in the garden instead of praying, He said, "Watch

and pray that you may not undergo the test" (Matthew 26:41). Overcome temptation by being alert to it and praying instead of indulging in it.

Run from it.

Sometimes fleeing temptation is the best way to resist it. *"God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Avoid people, places or situations that give you trouble.

Don't start it. It is easier to resist temptation if you stop it when it starts. Then it won't have the force of habit. Though it is never too late to ask for God's help, the longer you live with the temptation, the harder it will be to turn to Him.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics turn to Mary?

In Old Testament kingdoms, the queen mother played a significant role in her son's governance of His kingdom. Her power and authority flowed from her position as it related to her son.



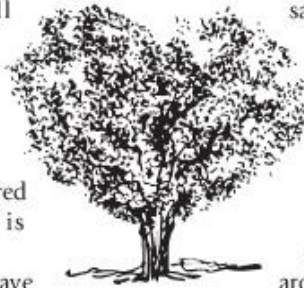
His subjects often petitioned her to speak for them. As Queen Mother of Heaven, Mary's purpose is to further her Son's kingdom. When we turn to her, she acts with her authority to bring our concerns to her Son, and He is always inclined to fulfill her wishes.

God's love never changes

It's only human to want to be loved. Unfortunately, even the best friend or lover will let us down once in a while. That can leave us lonely or searching for the wrong kind of love. Fortunately, God will never let us down. His love is the right kind of love to have.

His love never changes. Standards set by humans change over time. Something considered "in" today, can be "out" in no time. God's love is unchanging and unending.

Friends come and go. Sooner or later, you have



to leave your friends or they leave you. But Jesus said, "... behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God never leaves.

He loves us for who we really are.

There's nothing God doesn't know about us, and He adores us anyway. If God likes you, others will, too. To please God we have to fill ourselves with love for Him and other people, and that makes us even nicer to be around. Pass it on.

from Scripture

Mark 12:28-34 - The first Commandment

The Jewish authorities often tried to draw Jesus out and get Him to say something counter to Jewish law. That way He could be discredited – or worse. Yet, the strategy never worked for them. In fact, one of the scribes was so impressed by Jesus' response to a challenge by the Sadducees that he posed a question of his own. He sincerely wanted to learn from Jesus' answer.

The scribe asked which of the commandments was most important. Jesus said everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of each other. To love God is to

love one another. They are as inseparable as the beams of the cross. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult.



But true love of neighbor is measured by how we treat those who are neither family nor friends. It means including people when the natural inclination is to exclude or avoid them. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even His political enemies. This is how God loves and He calls us to do no less.

Q & A Why is a Catholic Funeral important?

Although no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the church funeral and just "get it over with," but our faith



provides the strength we need to deal with death. The Church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death.

Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at Church (with or without Mass), and the Internment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church's special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved one.

Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees. (For specific questions, check with your local parish.)

Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary especially on the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th**. The Rosary helps us to meditate on Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

October 6 – St. Bruno (1101). Bruno was born in Germany, studied in France and became a theology professor. With six other companions, Bruno founded the Carthusian Order in 1084 and helped reform the clergy in Rome.

October 14 – St. Callistus I (222). A Roman slave, Callistus obtained his

freedom and was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callistus's election caused an eighteen-year schism, spawning the first anti-pope. In a time of trial and confusion, he reopened the Church to all. He was martyred in Rome.

October 20 – St. Paul of the Cross (1775). Paul was inspired by a vision to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ.

He founded the Passionists in 1720, lived a penitential life, worked miracles, and cared for the poor and sick.



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