

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

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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

St. John the Baptist Church

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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)
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Ascension of Our Lord Church

Kathy Guenther 979-562-2124 (home)
..... 979-562-2328 (work)
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CEMETERY

St. John the Baptist Church

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	February 19	6:00 p.m.	Evelyn Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	February 20	9:30 a.m.	Delaine Dittrich	St. John

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	February 26	6:00 p.m.	Evelyn Novosad	St. John
Sunday	February 27	9:30 a.m.	Dominic Loth	Moravia

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday	March 2	6:30 p.m.	Parishioners of both Parishes	Moravia
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<u>First Friday</u>	March 4	8:00 a.m. – Followed by Holy Hour – Frankie Chaloupka		St. John
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First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 5	6:00 p.m.	Willie, Albina, Irene & Willie E. Barborak	Moravia
Sunday	March 6	9:30 a.m.	Edgar & Lillian Besetzny & Kenneth Besetzny	St. John

February 20: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

In baptism we are called to mirror and image the mercy and forgiveness the Lord has won for us. As David would not harm Saul his enemy, so we are challenged to love and pardon those who wrong us.

February 27: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

The fruit of our speech and actions will wither and die unless we first recognize the plank in our own eye. By humbly admitting our own sins, we can more fruitfully persevere in the work of the Lord.

March 2: Ash Wednesday

Readings: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Be reconciled and return to the Lord by means of prayer, fasting and deeds of loving service.

March 6: First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Moses recounts great events of salvation history which find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. We confess him to be Lord, for God raised him from the dead. He is ever faithful, resisting temptation to forsake his Father's mission, trusting in God's 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 broadcast on the Radio Stations FM 99.9 & FM 94.3 on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

❖ **AMONG OUR SICK** – Please pray for Tim Shimek, nursing home residents & the homebound.

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MARCH: Kathy Guenther, Dorothy Henke

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR MARCH: Anthony Hrcir, Thomas Brosch

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR MARCH: Glenn Lux, Patrick Chaloupka

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 19 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Dylan Orsak, Dillon Goedrich
Sunday, February 20 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik
Saturday, February 26 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Kullen Kutac, Brant Redman
Sunday, February 27 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Alaina Halata, William Halata
Saturday, March 5 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Harley Wilson, Heather Wilson
Sunday, March 6 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Mary Beth Krischke, Dillon Goedrich

From the Desk of Msgr. John

The Hands of Matrimony

Beloved Wife, take your husband's hands and look at them: These are the hands, young and strong and vibrant with love, that held yours on your wedding day, as he promised to love you all the days of his life.

These are the hands that you placed with expectant joy against your stomach, until he, too, felt his child stir within your womb. These are the hands that looked so large and clumsy, yet were so gentle as he held your baby for the first time.

These are the hands that work long hours to earn the money for you and your family. These are the hands that are nicked and bruised from fixing things around the house to make you more comfortable.

These are the hands that have wiped tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow and tears of joy. These are the hands that have comforted you in illness, and held you when fear or grief racked your mind.

These are the hands that caressed your body throughout the years, to make the wonder of love come alive for you. These are the hands that tenderly lifted your chin and brushed your cheek as they raised your face to look into his eyes; eyes that were filled completely with his overwhelming love and desire for you.

Beloved Husband, take your wife's hands and look at them: These are the hands that held yours as she gave you her pledge to love you and accepted your ring on your wedding day.

These are the hands that were smooth and young and carefree then, but lined and rougher now from thousands of dishes washed, tons of laundry cleaned, and hundreds of meals prepared. These are the hands that are nicked and burned from knives and irons, hot skillet and pans.

These are the hands that held you in joy and excitement each time she said you were to have another child; that together you had created new life. These are the hands that have held each child in tender love, soothing them through illness, disciplining them, diapering them, sewing for them, baking for them, and wringing themselves in worry when trouble came.

These are the hands that massage tension from your neck and back after you've had a hard day. These are the hands that through the years have caressed you in the passion of love. These are the hands that held your face and wiped tears from your eyes, in wonder and awe that you would cry for her.

Beloved Couple: These are the hands of the Sacrament of Matrimony. These four hands are your armor and shield against the evils of the world. These four hands are God's plan for renewing His Church. These are the hands that will reach out to the teenager, bring hope to the lonely, teach the engaged the wonders of married love, heal the abused and hurting children of the world. These hands are the hope of a troubled humanity. These are the hands that will change the world.

by Larry & Mary Sue Eck, Fr. Tom Burr

PRO-LIFE CORNER

February is the Month of the Family – I remember my mother, my father and the rest of us praying together each evening. It is the greatest gift to a family. It maintains family unity. So go back to family prayer, teach your children to pray and pray with them. [St. Teresa of Calcutta]

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday – March 4, 2022 – Moravia – 7:00 p.m.

Friday – March 11, 2022 – St. John – 7:00 p.m.

WHAT ARE FASTING & ABSTINENCE? – **Abstinence** from meat (all meats & fowl) is observed on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday**, and all the **Fridays of Lent** by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting is observed on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Fast days are also days of Abstinence from meat.

RAPHAEL'S REFUGE - A Holy Hour will be held at Raphael's Refuge on Wed., February 23 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents. Fr. Isaac Maunger of St. Rose will be presiding over Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Bring a friend. All are Welcome!

THE GABRIEL PROJECT – serves women in the Crossroads area who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy. There will be a **virtual volunteer training** on Thursday, February 24 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Call our hotline at 361-576-1156 to sign up.

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Preparations are underway for the Men's ACTS retreat which will start Thursday evening, March 17 and end with Sunday morning Mass on March 20. Registration forms can be found at the church entrance. Please consider giving up some of your time to experience more deeply the love Jesus wants us all to know by developing a closer relationship with him. We look forward to a weekend of shared camaraderie, great food, and getting closer to God.

2022 MEN'S CONFERENCE – presented by the Diocese of Victoria “What’s Your Role as a Catholic Man?” for men 18 and older will be Saturday, March 5 from 8am-4:30pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, 1309 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria. Featured will be popular author and speaker Fr. Larry Richards, Robert Rogers, Fr. Jacob Mendoza of Cuero, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Brendan Cahill. Go to www.victoriadiocese.org/men for tickets and registration.

2022 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – presented by the Diocese of Victoria “Meet Your Mother” on Sat., April 23 8am-4:30pm. For information go to www.victoriadiocese.org/women.

Memorials

Ascension of Our Lord Church

In Memory of Franklin W. Filip:

Alphonse & Tracy Kristinik - \$25
Elroy & Barbara Holik - \$20
Robert & Florence Sciba - \$20
Wayne Faircloth - \$100
Gilbert & Elaine Mican & Family - \$50
Andrew & Mindy Gertner - \$30
Dallas & Joyce Canada - \$25
Gerald & Debra Schultz - \$50
Robert & Peggy Mendel - \$25
Paul Orsak & Family - \$20
Andrew & Sandy Lindblade - \$50
Hilbert Henke - \$10
Scotty & Cheryl Brossman & Family - \$20
Pam Ward - \$100
Maurice & Connie Kasper - \$40
Andy Besetzny - \$25
Marvin & Monica Holik - \$20
Glen & Donna Lux - \$25
Sheryl R. Friedrich - \$50

Ascension of Our Lord Building Fund

In Memory of Franklin W. Filip:

Jerry & Judy Siegel - \$20
Harvey & Evelyn Hermis - \$20
Delores Janak - \$20
J.G. & Janis Hrcir - \$50
Lisa DeBord - \$20
John & Kathy Koch - \$25
Ricky & Barbara Steffek - \$20
John & Becky Vavra - \$20
Marcus & Sharon Bujnoch - \$20

Dorothy Bonewald - \$20
Paul & Nancy Jasek - \$5
Tim & Darlene Henke - \$20
Dorothy Olsovsky - \$25
Derik & Colleen Kubenka - \$25
Perry & Roxanne Deem & Caitlyn - \$20
Tom Neskora Family - \$40
Pam Besetsny - \$25
Erwin & Helen Chaloupka - \$20
Barbara & Dennis Janak - \$25
Gregory Kubenka - \$20
Glenn & Sophie Cernik - \$75
Dale Janak - \$20
Annette Biersdorfer - \$5
Brian Beck - \$10
Dennis & Carol Siegel - \$50
Leo & Dorothy Henke - \$20
Mark & Debe Klesel - \$50

Ascension of Our Lord Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Franklin W. Filip:

Julie & Glenn Schweers - \$50
Georgia Pavliska & Family - \$20
Bernice Barbarok & Family - \$20
James Vanek - \$25
Stuart & Cherri Fryer - \$50
Eddie & Agnes Kosh - \$20

St. John Seminary Burse

In Memory of Franklin W. Filip:

Joyce Hermes - \$10

St. John Altar Society

In Memory of Franklin W. Filip:

Patricia Berger - \$10

Next Bulletin: Sunday, March 6, 2022

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 1, 2022