

JULY 10, 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

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.....713-501-9860 (cell)
Barbara Appelt832-643-4590 (cell)

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Kathy Guenther 979-562-2124 (home)
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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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 9	6:00 p.m.	David Kubenka	St. John
Sunday	July 10	9:30 a.m.	Andre Kainer	Moravia

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 16	6:00 p.m.	Raymond Vecera	St. John
Sunday	July 17	9:30 a.m.	Joe Barcak & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 23	6:00 p.m.	Former Pastors & Associate Pastors	St. John
Sunday	July 24	9:30 a.m.	Marvin & Franklin Filip	Moravia

July 10: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

The law of the Lord, the great commandment of love is not something “mysterious” or “remote.” Indeed, it is “very near” to us. Yet how difficult it is to fulfill, being neighbor to whoever is in need. But if we seek God, we must “go ahead and do the same” for we have been created in, for, and through Christ.

July 17: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Abraham, the just and upright man, graciously hosts three visitors. As Mary and Martha host Jesus, he speaks of only one thing as necessary for us who follow him: being open to receive the message and person of Jesus, and being receptive to the “mystery of Christ” as he comes to us through one another.

July 24: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer. Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to “ask...seek...knock.” May our prayer open us to God’s will, and so build up his strength within us. In baptism, we have died with Christ, and have been raised to life with him.

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 JULY: Diane Halata, Janet Spies

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR JULY: Dallas Canada, Greg Kubenka

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR JULY: Eugene Krupala, Leonard Sumbera

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 9 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich

Sunday, July 10 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Bryce Machicek, Wade Shimek

Saturday, July 16 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Kullen Kutac, Brant Redman

Sunday, July 17 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Mary Beth Krischke, Wade Shimek

Saturday, July 23 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich

Sunday, July 24 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Layne Sevcik, Trent Sevcik

AREA EVENTS:

➔ **Ascension of Our Lord, Moravia Parish Picnic** – Sunday, July 17, Stew & Kettle Fried Chicken & Trimmings, Auction, Country Store, Cake Walk, Games, Music, Raffle, Bingo

➔ **Holy Family KC #9088** – Fishing Tournament, July 22-23, Port O’Connor Community Center, Live & silent auctions benefitting Nazareth Academy School. Call Rex Mayes 361-649-2475, Tonia Fojtik 361-649-3317

From the Desk of Msgr. John

The Catholic Diocese of Victoria has advocated for the elimination of abortion as part of its faith tradition. Bishop Brendan Cahill explained how the recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court striking down Roe v. Wade as a guarantee of abortion rights at a national level is seen as a positive step and aligns with Catholic teachings.

“With the bishops across the country, we consider this a positive ruling by the court. In our judgment, and our faith tradition, it (the ruling) affirms the value of every human life.”

Although the Supreme Court’s ruling is “a legal procedure,” he emphasized “for us, we believe that from the moment of conception to natural death, human life is a gift from God.” He said the ruling “leaves it up to the states to affirm that reality.”

He said legislators in Texas “are very supportive of this understanding of the human person. And so, I think it’s good for us in the state of Texas, but say, the state of California or state of New York, their legislators might decide differently.” Leaving each state to apply its own rules is seen as the downside of the ruling. “But overall, we see it as very positive and very hopeful.”

In the view of the Catholic church abortion is “the taking of an innocent life. And so, we felt we had the need to protect it.” He added that this strong belief applies not only to the U.S. but to other parts of the world, as they are “a universal church. We have to protect human life in every culture.”

The Bishop said there is a movement that would like to see a constitutional amendment that “clarifies that human life begins in a mother’s womb, and we don’t have a right to terminate that pregnancy.”

There is a responsibility that comes with teaching on pro-life. He said in the Victoria Diocese the church offers the Bethlehem Maternity Home and the Gabriel Project for those who are facing a challenging situation.

“We have a responsibility, now especially with this decision. People will put it upon us as Christians, as Catholics. Are we really pro-life? So yes, we are. We want to take care of every family, every child, and provide our educational systems with the support they need for an education. Have our schools as safe places kids can learn. We have to double down on our support for families that are struggling – this is something we believe as a truth. And we need to let people know we’re there to help.”

Knights of Columbus – BBQ chicken meal with trimmings and dessert, \$12, Sunday, August 7 10:30-12:30 p.m., Hallettsville KC Hall. Drive thru only. Benefits KC Charity Fund. Tickets available at the KC Hall, Hoffers, Beauty Boutique, Peoples State Bank, SH Rectory and Credit Union.

GRIEF MINISTRY – for parents who have lost children of any age: monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the parish hall of Assumption Catholic Church, 108 S. 6th St., Ganado. For more information contact Pat Hoelscher 979-257-9984 or phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org.

GOD’S EMBRACE MINISTRIES: Our *GEM Weekend Retreat* will be held on August 12-14, 2022 at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria, TX. The retreat offers participants an opportunity to leave the busyness of the world and enter deep into the heart of our Triune God. The theme of the retreat: Developing a Eucharistic Lifestyle in and through Jesus will be led by Dr. Michael Fonseca. Retreat Details: Begins with dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday (5:00 p.m. check in), All Meals Provided, Daily Mass, Confession and Adoration, Group Spiritual Direction, ends with lunch at noon on Sunday. Reserve your spot today by calling the office 979-561-883 or by online at www.godsembrace.org/gem-weekend-retreat

Marian Pilgrimage: GEM will travel to Fatima, Lourdes and Spain from Sept. 26- Oct. 5, 2022 (with an optional post tour in Lisieux). Father Wayne Flagg will be the pilgrim priest as we travel to the site of Marian Shrines, Eucharistic Miracles and other wonderful locations. Spaces are limited - reserve your spot today by calling the office 979-561-8883 or visiting: www.godsembrace.org/pilgrimages

Next Bulletin: Sunday, July 24, 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, July 19, 2022

Ascension of Our Lord Church Picnic, Sunday, July 17

Our church picnic will be held Sunday, July 17. The picnic cleanup day for the kitchen and grounds will be held, Saturday July 9th starting at 8:00 a.m.

Parishioners and anyone interested in helping are asked to please come out for this general cleanup in preparation for the picnic. Lunch will be served for the workers. Cleanup after the picnic is Monday July 18th starting at 7:30 a.m.

For the picnic, items for the auction are needed, please bring them early that morning or contact Kathy Guenther, 979-743-0369, if you wish to leave them the day before. Please mark your items with your name on them so you may get credit for them. Suggested donations are: goody baskets, beer signs, antiques, home canned goods and baked goods, metal art, wood art, outdoor furniture, swings, and livestock.

Cash donations will be very appreciated toward the picnic meats to be given to Dorothy Henke.

There will be a lot of cakes needed for the dinner meal and cake walk. Cakes for the cake walk need to be well wrapped.

For the country store, please consider donating any homemade canned goods, homemade bread, any type of small plants, noodles, baked goods, any type of craft item and a child's toy for their enjoyment. These items may be brought on July 9th our cleanup day or contact Janis Hrnair 361-772-4309 if any questions.

Please check the picnic work list for your name and any extra help from anyone would be so appreciated.

Ascension of Our Lord Picnic Bingo – Donations are needed for our picnic's bingo this year. The Bingo will be held from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned dining hall. Donations can be given to Dorothy Henke the day of the picnic.

Ascension of Our Lord Picnic Raffle—Raffle tickets are now available in the back of church. Please pick some up to sell and help make our raffle a success. The donation per ticket or book has changed this year. We would like to thank our donors for supporting our church and helping us offer some great prizes. Also, thank you to Lavaca Printing & Design Co. for donating a portion of the printing costs of the tickets. Contact Arlene Becan @ 361-798-0304 with any questions.

MORAVIA PARISH COUNTRY STORE: Donations are welcome from Moravia parishioners for the Country Store. We hope to be able to provide a variety of items for sale on July 17. Items may include fresh vegetables, eggs, and fruits as well as canned vegetables, pickles, sauces, jellies and jams. Baked items could include cookies, kolače, muffins, strudels, breads, and noodles. Hand crafted items of all kinds and plants are also welcome. You may drop off your items on July 12th, the day of cleaning for the picnic, or bring them the morning of the picnic. We thank you.