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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

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HALL RENTAL

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Ascension of Our Lord Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	June 24	6:00 p.m.	Alvin & Gladys Besetzny, Victor & Cecilia Bujnoch	St. John
Sunday	June 25	9:30 a.m.	Beverly Zarosky Angell	Moravia

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 1	6:00 p.m.	L. A. & Vera Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	July 2	9:30 a.m.	Margaret Havrda	St. John

July 4

Tuesday	July 4	9:00 a.m.	Tom Farek	St. John
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<u>First Friday</u>	July 7	8:00 a.m. – Followed by Holy Hour – In Thanksgiving for Leo & Joyce Janda's 65 th Wedding Anniversary		St. John
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 8	6:00 p.m.	David Kubenka	St. John
Sunday	July 9	9:30 a.m.	Stuart Krischke	Moravia

June 25: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

You have been saved by the grace of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Hence, do not fear those who can take away your mortal life, for the Lord will protect and defend you unto life everlasting.

July 2: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him. He invites us to take up our cross and follow him, and to respond to those who are in need, as did the woman who extended hospitality to Elisha the prophet. Blessed is she who walked in the countenance of the Lord.

July 9: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, came to bring peace to all people. We are called to live in his spirit, to be gracious, merciful, and compassionate to all.

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 JULY: Diane Halata, Janet Spies

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR JULY: Dallas Canada, Greg Kubenka

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

<p><u>MORAVIA KJZT SOCIETY #44</u> – will have a meeting on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at the Moravia Dining Hall at 8:30 a.m. After the meeting members are asked to help clean the Moravia Dining Hall in preparation for the upcoming annual Moravia Church Picnic which is scheduled for July 16, 2023. A lunch will be served to all workers.</p>

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 24 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Mary Beth Krischke, Baye Shimek

Sunday, June 25 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Bryce, Cullen & Zoe Machicek

Saturday, July 1 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Kullen Kutac, Lily Janak

Sunday, July 2 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Layne, Trent & Kenley Sevcik

Saturday, July 8 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Dillon Goedrich, Baye Shimek

Sunday, July 9 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Dylan & Lindsay Orsak

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Theology of the Body – Discovering the Master Plan for your Life

Our world has lost the meaning of marriage, family, and gender; as well as their importance to us and the survival of civilization. Secular ideologies at work in the twentieth century have created a disregard of life, marriage and family; and as marriage and family goes, so goes the world. It is time, in the 21st century, to reclaim the Christian ethic.

St. Pope John Paul II, through his writings on the Theology of the Body, gives us a fresh approach that reveals the beauty of God's plan for man and woman and the joy of living it.

Join us for an 8-session DVD class on Theology of the Body presented by Christopher West, beginning Wednesday, July 5 through August 23, at 6 pm at the St Joseph School library in Yoakum. This class is free of charge. Please contact Sharon Janca at 361-293-8367 with any questions.

Everyone is preparing for our two upcoming picnics, St. John on July 4, and Ascension of Our Lord on July 16. We ask every one's help and cooperation in making these picnics a success. Thank you to each and every one for all you do for our parishes.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

We come together as the People of God, in a nation which is blessed by God in so many ways. One of our greatest blessings is that of our Religious Liberty which is enshrined in our Constitution. Another blessing we have from God is to be a nation under the Patronage of Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

On July 4, we gather to express our thanksgiving to Almighty God for our many blessings and freedoms. We thank God for our military personnel and all first responders who make our country safe. Finally, we pray Holy Mass and the Holy Rosary so that we may continue to be "One Nation under God, with Liberty and Justice for all."

[Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares, Diocese of Phoenix]

An Adorer is needed in the Sacred Heart ADORATION CHAPEL on Wednesday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact Charlene Bradbury if interested at 361-798-6191. Also, if you are interested in co-chairing with Charlene, please let her know. She needs help especially while her husband is getting treatments.

BLOOD DRIVE– hosted by Sacred Heart Church on **Sunday, June 25** from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the gym parking lot. All donors will take home a free tote bag. Donors must be at least 17 years old and in good health. Donors who are 16 years old must bring a permission form signed by their parents. Please bring a photo ID. Appointments: www.SouthTexasBlood.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

MANNA FOOD PANTRY would like to thank you for all your donations. The Manna Pantry will take any extra vegetables from your gardens when they open at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

The **CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS SOCIETY** emphasizes the dignity of Motherhood and helps members spiritually, intellectually, and socially. Sacred Heart Christian Mothers will hold their reception of new members and installation of officers on Wednesday, July 26 with a 6:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church. If you are interested in joining, please call Lynette Sykora at 361-799-9630 or Barbara Grahmann at 361-798-0659.

CDA Court #797 – **First Friday Fellowship** – will follow worship at the 7:00 a.m. Mass on July 7.

Memorials

St. John Seminary Burse – In Memory of **Stuart Krischke**: Kristy & Gary Clark - \$20

St. John Cemetery Fund – In Memory of **Margaret Havrda**: Caroline Mazoch - \$35

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND – Help for Marriages. July 28-30 weekend in Victoria. For information contact John or Jennifer Vincent at 361-580-2770, email: jbviov@sbcglobal.net or visit the website at www.helpOurMarriage.org.

LAVACA CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING – June 26 (every fourth Monday), Queen of Peace Family Life Center, Sweet Home. Mass at 6:30 p.m. in church; meal and program to follow. The Very Rev. Jacob Koether will present "Disciples" What are they and how do you make them? For info: Robert Lewis 817-897-2678 or visit www.lavacacatholicmen.com.

GOLDEN CRESCENT CASA – New Volunteer Training – 1st Session: July 8, 9am-3pm; 2nd Session: July 15, 9am-3pm; The Crossing 404 N. Bridge St., Victoria. Lunch will be provided. CASA volunteers are community members working collaboratively to support children and families involved in the foster care system. Apply at www.goldencrescentcasa.org. 361-573-3734.

Area Events:

- **Sts. Peter & Paul, Plum** – Sunday, June 25, Mass 10 a.m., Fried Chicken & Plum Sausage, \$14, Auction, Bingo, Music, Country Store, Cake Walk, Games
- **Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Dubina** – Feast, Sunday, July 2, Polka Mass 9:00 a.m., Fried Chicken & Sausage, \$12, Auction, Bingo, Antique & Classic Cars, Music, Washer Pitching

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Will You Say Yes?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Next Bulletin: July 9, 2023

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 Monday, July 3, 2023

Ascension of Our Lord Church Picnic, Sunday July 16, 2023

Our church picnic will be held Sunday, July 16. The **picnic cleanup day** for the kitchen and grounds will be held, Saturday July 8th 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 17th 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, plants, homemade spirits, and livestock.

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

Bingo will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cash donations will be appreciated and can be given to Dorothy Henke the day of the picnic.

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 8th on our cleanup day or contact Janis Hrncir 361-772-4309 if any questions.

Raffle tickets are now available in the back of the church. Please pick some up to sell and help make the raffle a success. Many thanks to all the donors with their donations of great prizes. Contact Arlene Becan 361-798-0304 with any questions.

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

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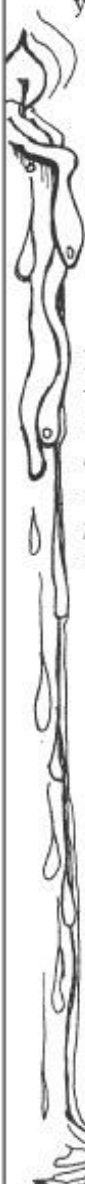
Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Room for God

"Make room therefore for Christ, and refuse entrance to all others. When you have Christ, you are rich and have need of (nothing) else." Thomas À Kempis



Give love

One way to give thanks to God for all the gifts He Has bestowed on you is to work for the poor and vulnerable. Sharing your gifts with those less fortunate is how God intends you to use what He gives you. *"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more"* (Luke 12:48).

Say, "Amen!"

The proper form when receiving Communion is to reply "Amen" when the Eucharistic minister raises the Host or Chalice and pronounces it, "The Body (or Blood) of Christ." By responding this way, you openly state your belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread and wine, as well as in His Body, the Church.



Respond to the gift of the Holy Spirit

God loves us so much, He gives us what He values most – His only Son (John 3:16) and His Holy Spirit in Baptism (Romans 5:5) so we can have access to God's divine life and love. The Holy Spirit's presence with the entire Church throughout the centuries is as a comfort, consolation, leader and guide. To accept this gift, we can ...



Listen for Him: Spending time with Scripture can help tune our hearts to hear the *"still small voice"* (1 Kings 19:12) of the Holy Spirit. The better we are attuned to God's voice, the more likely we'll hear Him amidst the noise of the world.
Consult Him: Jesus promised to send

the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, to lead His disciples to truth (John 14:6). He helps us to see, evaluate, and choose like Christ. Call on the Holy Spirit when you're facing a difficult situation or decision.
Take refuge in Him: Every day, entrust yourself to the Holy Spirit and dedicate your day to His service. Let Him guide your actions.
Actualize Confirmation graces: Upon our Confirmation, the Holy Spirit fortified and empowered our souls with His seven Gifts: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). When we rely on the Holy Spirit, we can overcome temptations to fear, distrust, and selfishness with His powerful gifts.

Why Do Catholics Do That? Why do Catholics fold their hands when they pray?

The custom of folding our hands comes from ninth century Europe where folded hands symbolized obedience by those subordinate to the lord or king. This gesture was also used by priests to show respect to bishops. The faithful adopted it to signify obedience to



God's will. In some cultures today, such as India and other parts of Asia, clasped hands are also a sign of reverence. In fact, Mother Teresa was often photographed greeting people with this gesture.

Use the Bible well

There's a saying, "Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't." The Church wants us to read the Bible daily because it contains everything we need to know to live a full, Christian life. Try these ideas to use your Bible well.

Choose the right version. We hear the New American Bible during Mass but any of the approved Catholic translations will do. Most important is having a modern edition that you can understand. If you need advice, ask your pastor or priest.

Use the aids. The Bible contains customs and terms that are foreign to us. Read the introductions and footnotes for helpful explanations.

Focus on passages. The Bible will make more sense if you read the sections that are grouped together rather than sentence by sentence.

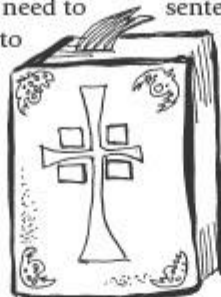
Mark it up. Underline passages and make notes in the margins as you read to make your book more useful.

Read aloud. The Bible began as an oral tradition. Hearing the passages may help them become clearer than just reading them.

Read slowly. Let the words sink in.

Place yourself in the scene. What would you do? How would you react?

Put it to use. What you read in the Bible will help you find strength to meet the challenges of life. Don't just read it. Live it.



from Scripture

Matthew 13:44-52, The only thing worth everything

Jesus used the parables in this Gospel passage to emphasize the life-changing value of the Kingdom. In the first parable, a man discovers – seemingly by accident – a treasure buried in a field. Recognizing its value, he sells everything he has to buy the field. In the second story, a merchant finds a valuable pearl after diligent searching. He also sells everything to possess the precious pearl.

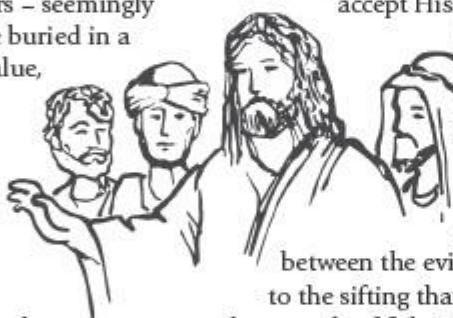
By these parables, Jesus taught that being part of God's Kingdom – accepting His love for us and loving others as He loves – is the only way

to live that will completely fulfill our hearts. God's unconditional love is worth everything we have. If we

accept His invitation (He forces no one), our lives may change as our hearts change.

Finally, Jesus compared the separation

between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch of fish is brought ashore. When we put our whole life in service to God's love, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love, and anything contrary to it falls away.



Feasts & Celebrations

July 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (1251). The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock in England, carrying the brown scapular, a sign of her favor of the Carmelite Order, and promised whoever wore the scapular until death would avoid the fires of hell.

July 23 – St. Bridget of Sweden (1373). Born in Uppland, Sweden to nobility, she was a wife, mother, reformer, and mystic. She is known for founding the Order of the Most Holy Savior, which was approved in 1370.

July 25 – St. James the Apostle (1st

Century). When Jesus called St. James and his brother, St. John, to become apostles, they promptly left their father in a fishing boat. He was one of the three apostles to witness Jesus' Transfiguration.

July 29 – Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (1st Century). These holy siblings often hosted Jesus at their house in Bethany.

Although Martha was corrected for being anxious about many things, Jesus rewarded her tremendous faith by raising Lazarus from the dead.



Q & A Is there a special prayer I can pray for healing of a serious illness?

Jesus knew that sickness can bring misery and isolation, and He dedicated much of his ministry to healing every kind of illness – physical or spiritual. He wanted us to see in His healing ministry God's saving power and concern for His children.

The Church continues Jesus' concern for the sick in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It is administered by a priest to a baptized person who may be in danger of death because of illness or old age, through prayer and the anointing of the body with special oil. The effects of the sacrament include a special grace of healing and comfort, and the forgiving of the person's sins.

Anyone baptized Catholic, regardless of age, can receive the sacrament if his or her health is seriously impaired. It can also be administered before surgery and can be received more than once if the original illness gets worse or if another serious sickness is diagnosed. Please see your pastor or parish priest to receive this important Sacrament.

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ST. JOHN PICNIC NEWS

- **TO BE ANNOUNCED:** Washing of pots, pans, etc. and getting the kitchen ready for the picnic.
- **THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023-** Cooler needs to ready for delivery of groceries.
- **SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023 AT 3:00 PM—** Preparation of chicken and potatoes
Bring yourself and a few friends. Volunteer help is appreciated.
- **WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023 AT 7:30 AM—**Clean up after picnic. Trash needs to be picked up. Things need to be put in order and cleaned up so that things can be put in place or storage where they belong until needed again.
- **PICK UP RAFFLE TICKETS!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- **PICK UP PICNIC POSTERS/FLYERS AND HELP ADVERTISE THE JULY 4th PICNIC.**
- **2023 St. John Picnic Workers Lists** are in the back of Church. Please check where you are working or can volunteer to help at the Picnic. All help is appreciated.

Picnic Donation Form: Contributions from parishioners and out-of-town friends of the parish are accepted and appreciated. Put your donation in the collection basket or mail to:

St. John Picnic c/o Dorothy Berger, 95 CR 957B, Schulenburg, TX 78956

MY DONATION TO ST. JOHN 4TH OF JULY PICNIC

MONSIGNOR JOHN'S CAKE \$ _____

(You may call Alphonse Kristinik 979-820-6424 for Monsignor's Cake donations)

DONATION FOR PICNIC \$ _____

NAME: _____ **ADDRESS:** _____