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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	May 13	6:00 p.m.	Ross, Diane & Devon Goldberg	St. John
Sunday	May 14	9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Mothers	Moravia

The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday	May 20	6:00 p.m.	Julius Drozd & Annie Holub Drozd	Moravia
Sunday	May 21	9:30 a.m.	Larry Berger	St. John

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday	May 27	6:00 p.m.	Albert Berckenhoff	St. John
Sunday	May 28	9:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving	Moravia

May 14: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

The people of Samaria come to worship the Lord and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is this same Spirit who leads us into the truth. In the body, Jesus was put to death; in the Spirit, he was raised to life. We are called to this same glory.

May 21: The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

May 28: Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, our comfort and refreshment, was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth."

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 MAY: Mary Ann Pratka, Jeanette Chudej

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR MAY: Daniel Steffek, Dale Janak

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR MAY: Harvey Hermis, Ralph Besetzny

MORAVIA PICNIC RAFFLE DONATIONS are being accepted until May 19 for the Moravia Ascension Church Picnic on July 16, 2023. Please contact Arlene Becan at 361-798-0304.

WORKDAY AT ST. JOHN

We will have another work day on May 20th. All are welcome. With questions or concerns please call Ed Kusy at 979-743-5879.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 13	– 6:00 p.m.	– St. John	– Dillon Goedrich, Kullen Kutac
Sunday, May 14	– 9:30 a.m.	– Moravia	– Alaina Halata, William Halata
Saturday, May 20	– 6:00 p.m.	– Moravia	– Brant Redman, Barrett Redman
Sunday, May 21	– 9:30 a.m.	– St. John	– Mary Beth Krischke, Dylan Orsak
Saturday, May 27	– 6:00 p.m.	– St. John	– Kullen Kutac, Dillon Goedrich
Sunday, May 28	– 9:30 a.m.	– Moravia	– Bryce, Cullen & Zoe Machicek

From the Desk of Msgr. John

We congratulate Fr. Luke Prihoda and Fr. Ryan Kapavik on their ordination to the Priesthood Saturday, May 13th. Fr. Luke will be an associate in Schultenburg at St. Rose and mission churches St. Mary in High Hill, St. John the Baptist in Ammansville and St. Wenceslaus in Holman. Fr. Ryan will be the associate at Holy Family in Victoria. Please pray for them as they begin their ministry and for all priests.

Today we celebrate Mother's Day. It is a day in which we can honor our mothers for their having said yes to bringing us into this world. We also honor our grandmothers, godmothers, aunts and other women who have been like mothers to us. Let us pray for them – living and deceased. Let us do something extra nice to show our love and appreciation for them.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral – a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother? – Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty.

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty's respect for mothers was deep and abiding. He wrote one book entitled *The Mother* and had planned two more; however, his imprisonment by the Nazis and then the communists prevented the completion of his work.

A Prayer for Mothers

Loving Lord, we thank you for mothers and for the grace you have given them to love as Mary did Jesus in raising their children. Bless all mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine in their families. May we respect and honor all they give and sacrifice. Amen.

Marianist Mission, Province of the United States – www.marianist.com/mission

LAVACA CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING – May 22 (every fourth Monday), Queen of Peace Family Life Center, Sweet Home. Mass at 6:30 p.m. in church, meal and program to follow. Deacon Joe Machacek will present "Reflections on Father Charles Kram" in conjunction with the Association for the Canonization of Father Kram. For info: Robert Lewis 817-897-2678 or visit www.lavacacatholicmen.com.

BLOOD DRIVE – hosted by Sacred Heart School on **Tuesday, May 16** from 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the Family Center. 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 can be made online. Walk-ins are welcome.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND – Help for Marriages. Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille offers hope to hundreds of couples every year across the world. For more information about the July 28-30 weekend in Victoria, contact John or Jennifer Vincent at 361-580-2770 or email: jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or visit the website at www.helpOurMarriage.org.

The Gabriel Project - Lavaca County Chapter is looking for volunteers to help support expectant mothers. The Lavaca County Chapter **meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month (May 16)** at 6:00 pm at Mary's House, 300 S. Dowling St, Hallettsville
Visit <https://victoriagabrielproject.org/> or call/text Chelsea Steffek, 512-557-0394 or Email chelseasteffek@gmail.com.

Area Events:

- **St. Michael's, Cuero** – Festival, Sunday, May 21, Roast Beef Dine-in plates or drive-thru at 11:00 a.m., \$12; Live Auction 12:15 p.m., Silent Auction, Live Music, Raffle, Beer Garden, Country Store, Bingo, Food
- **Sacred Heart, Hallettsville – Spring Picnic - Sunday, May 28, at the KC Hall, Hallettsville, Texas.** Country fried chicken & stew dinner, dine-in or drive-thru 10:30 a.m., \$12; Cake Walk, Bingo, Country Store, Religious Articles Booth, Washer Pitching Tournament, Auction, Raffle, Music by Texas Sound Czech and Red Ravens.
- **St. Cyril and Methodius, Shiner** – Annual Memorial Day Picnic – Sunday, May 28 – Food, Music, Auction
- **St. Mary's, Hallettsville** – Parish Picnic, Sunday, June 11 – Stew & Sausage Dinner, Dine-in or drive-thru, \$12; Live Auction 1:00 p.m., Live Music, Country Store, Games, Bingo, Plant & Cake Walks

20 GRAND GIVEAWAY RAFFLE – A total of \$20,000 will be given away in a total of 10 prizes on Sunday, **September 3 at the FALL Parish Picnic.** Tickets: 1 for \$20 or 6 for \$100. Available from David Smolik, Local Businesses, Sacred Heart School, Rectory or Credit Union. Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Parish.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Ascension of the Lord

Have you ever noticed how often we use “up” and “down” to judge things? Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony is “high” art, while professional wrestling is “low.” If I’m having a good day, I’m on “cloud nine.” A bad day means I am “down in the dumps.” A successful career is “moving up the ladder.” Failure in work or personal life can be “falling from the heights.” Life is filled with “ups and downs” — no one has the slightest problem understanding that means life has both “good and bad.”

Now consider Jesus’ ascension. He ascends not just to some level slightly higher of goodness, but “above all the heavens,” to use the words of Saint Paul (Eph.4:10). That expression means to the source of all goodness. He has gone all the way down — to the farthest depths of human suffering, and death. And now he has taken our humanity all the way up into God. In doing so he has demonstrated what he says in the Gospel of John to the Father: **“Everything of yours is mine.”** He now reigns over every possible aspect of creation in and through his human nature. That’s what the ascension is all about.

So what? No matter what the lows and highs, ups and down we face this week, we are totally encompassed by the one who descended and ascended. So, we should happily and confidently entrust ourselves to him. He has shown us not only his power, but especially his love, in filling all our ups and down with his presence.

— *Father John Muir*

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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, May 23, 2023