

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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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

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Frank Forestier.....713-501-9860 (cell)
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Kathy Guenther 979-562-2124 (home)
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CEMETERY

St. John the Baptist Church

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	September 16	6:00 p.m.	Joe Mozisek	Moravia
Sunday	September 17	9:30 a.m.	Adolph B. & Adela Kutac & Anna Marie Kutac	St. John

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	September 23	6:00 p.m.	Allen Roeder	St. John
Sunday	September 24	9:30 a.m.	Evelyn Novosad	Moravia

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	September 30	6:00 p.m.	For Rain	Moravia
Sunday	October 1	9:30 a.m.	Anton & Joyce Orsak	St. John

September 17: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

As the Lord is kind and merciful, so should we be forgiving toward one another. Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. He alone is Lord.

September 24: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

How different are the Lord's ways from our own! Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous in compassion and love to those who are quick to respond to his invitation, as well as to those who are slow to hear his call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.

October 1: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on a cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we but repent. Remember, the Lord's compassion and kindness are from of old.

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 OCTOBER: Diana Jasek, George Jasek

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR OCTOBER: Phil Guenther, Perry Deem

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

The Moravia Altar Society will hold a meeting Tuesday, September 19 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the parish dining hall. Members are asked to attend.

Memorials - In Honor of Peggy Stevens by Nancy & Tom Scott - \$35

Ascension of our Lord Church: In Memory of the Living & Deceased Members of the Kresta Family - \$200

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 16	– 6:00 p.m.	– Moravia	– Dillon Goedrich, Lily Janak
Sunday, September 17	– 9:30 a.m.	– St. John	– Alaina Halata, William Halata
Saturday, September 23	– 6:00 p.m.	– St. John	– Kullen Kutac, Baye Shimek
Sunday, September 24	– 9:30 a.m.	– Moravia	– Dylan Orsak, Lindsay Orsak
Saturday, September 30	– 6:00 p.m.	– Moravia	– Brant Redman, Barrett Redman
Sunday, October 1	– 9:30 a.m.	– St. John	– Mary Beth Kruschke, Dillon Goedrich

From the Desk of Msgr. John

At the Last Supper Jesus “took the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’” (Luke 22:19) We take Jesus at his word. At Mass on Sunday the priest extends his hands over simple bread and wine and asks the Holy Spirit to transform them into the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

If the Holy Spirit can do that to bread and wine, imagine what he can do with you if you open yourself up to the experience of Communion.

You are not just a body. You are a delicate composition of body and soul. If you haven’t already, one day you will discover you need to feed your soul in order to live a full and happy life. And when that day comes I want you to remember today, because there is no better way to feed your soul than with the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is astonishing. God himself wants to nourish us. God himself wants to feed us spiritually. God wants to dwell in you.

Some people say that the bread and wine are just a symbol of Jesus’ body and blood, but that is not what we believe as Catholics. And the evidence found in Divine Revelation suggests that it is not just a symbol. The Scriptures don’t suggest a symbol. Jesus didn’t say, “Unless you eat a symbol of my flesh and drink a symbol of my blood you will not have life.” And remember there are two aspects of Divine Revelation: Scripture and Tradition. And from the earliest times, Christians have believed that the Eucharist was the body and blood of the Risen Jesus, and not just a symbol.

At the heart of the mystery that is the Catholic faith in the Eucharist, I hope with every passing year of your life you will explore and embrace the mystery of the Eucharist more.

The wiser you become, the closer you will want to be to God. And God wants to be close to us. St. Francis de Sales wrote, “In the Eucharist we become one with God.” To be one with God is a beautiful thing, and whether you are aware of it or not, it is your deepest yearning. You have an insatiable yearning to be one with God. I hope you will start listening to that yearning.

If you want to have a life-changing experience, go and visit an Adoration Chapel. Sit there in Jesus’ presence for one hour. You will be amazed how powerful Jesus’ presence is, and how much he will teach you about yourself and your life in one hour.

[Beautiful Eucharist, First Edition, Wellspring, 2023]

PRO-LIFE CORNER

“Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed,
Each of us is loved, Each of us is necessary.” [- Pope Benedict XVI]

THAT MAN IS YOU! - the men of our local parishes meet at the Schulenburg Hall from 6 to 7:30 a.m. on Friday’s began September 8th. For more information and registration call/text Mark Hudec at 713-854-1335.

LAVACA CATHOLIC MEN’S GATHERING – September 25, Queen of Peace Family Life Center, Sweet Home. Adoration and Benediction at 6:30 p.m. in church; meal and program to follow. Deacon Joseph Blackburn will speak on “Why we do what we do at the Mass, Part 2.” Info: 817-897-2678 or www.lavacacatholicmen.com.

BLOOD DRIVES – The **SH CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE** is today, Sunday, September 17 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Gym parking lot. All donors will receive a 23 oz. vacuum insulated stainless steel bottle.

The **SACRED HEART SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE** will be Monday, September 25 from 10:30-6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Donors must be at least 16 years old (with parent permission form) and in good health.

Please bring your ID. Sign-ups are encouraged, walk-ins are welcome. To schedule or for info <https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/city>.

LIFE CHAIN – Bring the whole family and join this annual prayer vigil on Sunday, October 1 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in front of the KC Hall on US Hwy 77 South. For more information call 361-798-6227.

Golden Crescent CASA – Become a CASA Volunteer. New Volunteer Trainings – October 17, 19, 24 & 26 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at The Crossing, 404 N. Bridge Street, Victoria. A CASA volunteer is a consistent presence in a child’s life during their time in foster care. For information: call 361-649-2575 or charlenem@goldencrescentcasa.org.

SACRED HEART 71st ANNUAL APPLE STRUDEL BAKE – will be **Saturday, October 14**. We are in **great need of pecans**. If you have any that you would like to donate, please bring them to school by October 1 or call Barbara Grahmann. **Place orders before October 2** to guarantee order fulfillment. Unbaked strudels - \$18, baked - \$22. Pickup will be 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Family Center in Hallettsville. **Online order form and worker signup** is at <https://strudel.shsfundraiser.org>. **All volunteers are welcome!** Orders may also be placed with Annette Henke 361-772-0929 or Barbara Grahmann 361-798-0659 or email shsstrudelbake@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS - Member's **annual dues** of \$10 are now payable. You may also mail them to Darlene Appelt at 782 CR 132, Hallettsville, TX 77964. Call her with questions about dues at 361-798-6828.

HALLETTSVILLE KC #2433

Falling Leaves Gala

Saturday, October 21, 2023, Hallettsville KC Hall, 5:30-11:30 p.m. Only 300 tickets sold!

Featuring Blue Denim Band

Call the Hall at 361-798-2311 to reserve your ticket.

STROKE SCAN PLUS – Stroke Scan Plus will be hosting a Stroke, Vascular & Abdominal Ultrasound Screening in the Sacred Heart Family Center on **Saturday, October 21**. **Sign-ups will be available after all Masses on October 7 & 8**. Stroke Scan Plus offers all 7 screenings for \$169.

GOD'S EMBRACE MINISTRIES

~ **Mary, Mother Most Holy Seminar**: \$30 per person, Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. including lunch. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and coffee and a light breakfast will be available. GEM Conference Center, 2911 FM 2672, Schulenburg. Register at GodsEmbrace.org or 979-561-8883.

~ **Weekend Retreat**: October 27-29 at the Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria. Check-in 5:30 p.m. Led by Dr. Michael Fonseca. Daily Mass, Confession, Adoration, group spiritual direction. Information and registration at GodsEmbrace.org.

~ **Pilgrimage**: GEM will travel to the Holy Land from January 9-18, 2024. Fr. Wayne Flagg will be the pilgrim priest with group leader Dr. Michael Fonseca. For information and to reserve your spot: visit www.godsembrace.org/pilgrimages.

Area Events:

- ➔ **St. Joseph, Moulton** – Sunday, Sept. 17, Mass 10:00 am, Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner \$14, Auction, Drawing, Music, Country Store, Cake & Plant Walks, Games
- ➔ **St. John the Baptist, Koerth** – Parish Picnic, Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Sweet Home Community Center, Picnic Stew & Sausage \$12, Raffle, Live & Silent Auctions, Country Store, Cake Walk, Games
- ➔ **Sts. Peter & Paul, Meyersville** – Sunday, Sept. 24, BBQ Meal \$12, Raffle, Country Store
- ➔ **Holy Cross, Bay City** – KC Hall, Bay City, Sunday, Sept. 24, Fall Festival & Turkey Dinner \$15, Live & Online Auctions, Raffle, Country Store, Games.
- ➔ **Queen of the Holy Rosary, Hostyn** – Festival, Sunday, October 1, Mass 10:00 a.m., Fried Chicken & Sausage \$14, Live & Silent Auctions, Music, Country Store, Drawings, Cake & Plant Wheels, Bingo, Games
- ➔ **St. John, Hungerford** – Bazaar at Hungerford Hall, Sunday, October 1, Mass 9:30 a.m., BBQ Dinner, Auction, Country Store, Cake Walk, Games

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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 at 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, September 26, 2023