

NOVEMBER 2, 2008

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

All Saints (Not a Holy Day of Obligation) - All Souls Day

Saturday	Nov. 1	6:00 P.M.	August Konvicka	Moravia
Sunday	Nov. 2	9:30 A.M.	Ross, Diane & Devan Goldberg	St. John

First Friday

Friday	Nov. 7	8:00 A.M.	Willie, Albina & Irene Barborak	St. John
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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Saturday	Nov. 8	6:00 P.M.	Charlie Hajek	St. John
Sunday	Nov. 9	9:30 A.M.	Jerry Tupa	Moravia

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Nov. 15	6:00 P.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	Nov. 16	9:30 A.M.	Charles & Emilie Halata	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

All Saints Day

Readings: Revelations 7:2-4,9-14 Psalm 24:1b-4b,5-6 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a

Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in god's holy place and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb.

The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Readings: Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 23:1-6 Roman 5:5-11 or 6:3-9 John 6:37-40

As suggested: The souls of the just are in God's hands. Christ the Good Shepherd, died for us while we were still sinners. He is the resurrection and the life. If we have died with him, we shall also live with him.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 Psalm 46: 2-3,5-6,8-9 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17 John 2:13-22

The waters flowing from the temple, the dwelling place of the Lord, bring forth life and growth. Jesus is the living sanctuary, and we his living body in the Spirit. Today marks the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral Church of Rome, on land owned by the Laterani family, by Pope Sylvester I, 9 Nov. 324. Honored as the Episcopal seat of the pope as bishop of Rome, it is the "mother and head of all churches of Rome and the world."

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Psalm 128:1-5 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,19-21

They are happy who fear the Lord, who use their gifts and talents in the service of one another, especially the poor and the needy. They shall be known as children of the light, and will be ready for the Lord's return.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today, we celebrate All Souls Day. We are reminded that dying is something that all of must do, but we need not be afraid if we have come to Jesus because we will be raised up with Him.

In the Book of Wisdom, we are promised, "In the time of their visitation (God's loving judgment of those who have been faithful to Him) they shall shine and shall dart about sparks through stubble."

Those who know the Son and believe are in peace. If we know that we have believed in our lifetime, we can trust the promises of today's Scriptures. We, too, can be in peace here and in the afterlife.

All of us will die. We need not be afraid if we have lived life turning to Jesus, if we have lived life righteously, justly, with faith in Jesus. We have been baptized and the Spirit has been poured into us. We can believe that "hope does not disappoint." We may need some purification when we die. However, it is the will of God that we not be lost, but that we be raised up and have eternal life.

Generations of Faith for youth & adults will be held on Wednesday, November 19th at the St. John Religious Education Center from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The topic will be "Reading the Bible". Turkey & Ham sandwiches and chips will be served. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

MORAVIA CHURCH CLEANERS & USHERS

November Church cleaners - Gene Marie Bohuslav, Helen Gertner & Diane Halata

November Church Ushers - Aubrey Shanks & Ervin Neskora Jr.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Almighty God, our Father, we are in need of rain. We realize now looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

THE YOUTH CONNECTION FROM SACRED HEART - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

November 8: CHAMPS meet in Sacred Heart Church at 2:30 p.m.

November 9: Jr. High Fiesta at Holy Family Church, Victoria. Mike Patin, keynote speaker, uses energy, humor & stories to affirm the goodness of God's presence among us while inviting others to take the "next step" in our journey with God. All Jr. High age young people are encouraged to attend. Doors open at 11 a.m. Liturgy concelebrated at 5:00 p.m. For registration information, please call Kris Hermes at 798-0655.

November 16: Youth gathering in Sacred Heart Church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall to follow at 6:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY FUND RAISER REPORT

Harlan's Sales Receipts total: \$56,017.10

Checks received: \$560.17. WE THANK YOU for your support and ask you to continue to save your Harlan's cash register receipts and drop them in the envelope in back of church as we continue our fund raiser. Money received is used to purchase candles and other items for the altar and church.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CLEANING LIST

St. John's Church cleaning list for November: Carol Siegel and Joyce Janda.

We are revising the Church Cleaning list for St. John's Church. If you would like to help with cleaning the church, we have a sign up sheet in the back of church or for more information you can call: Joyce Janda (979) 562-2682.

SACRED HEART BAND TAMALES SALE

Sacred Heart Band Tamale Sale: October 20-November 7. Regular & Jalapeno tamales \$6 per dozen; chicken tamales \$8 per dozen. Order tamales from any band member or call Lisa Adams 798-9903 Kris Allen 979-234-7779, Candy Hines 798-5554, Laurie Janak 798-4361, or the school office. Delivery date is Wednesday, November 12.

MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY

The Moravia Altar Society will hold a meeting on Monday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Moravia Dining Hall.

THANK YOU

On behalf of His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo who is at this time in Rome, I offer you and the good people of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, St. Mary, St. John the Baptist, and Ascension of Our Lord Catholic communities our sincere thanks for the contribution made to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The generous contribution in the amount of \$6,995.25 will help provide assistance to our brothers and sisters who were affected by Hurricane Ike. Though this amount may express the monetary value attributed to the contribution, I assure you that the spirit and prayerful support in which it has been given is priceless in our estimation. The road to recovery for Galveston will be a long one, but with the resilient faith of our diocesan community and the blessing of God's unwavering love, it is one that we will walk together. Please extend our grateful appreciation to your parishioners.

Sincerely yours, Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez
Auxiliary Bishop & Chancellor
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

PRO-LIFE CORNER

The touchstone issue of abortion for political candidates is vitally important. A touchstone is a point of reference against which other things can be evaluated. It may seem there is not much difference between candidates. However many times there is a radical difference in the candidate's position on life and family; a difference that decides who lives and who dies. (from 2008 Heritage House76, Inc.)

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Stop by the Sacred Heart Rectory Gift Shop and browse through our selection of Nativity sets, Advent Wreaths, ornaments, statutes & other Christmas items. We also have bibles, rosaries, medals and much more.

OLIVE WOOD GIFTS

There will be Olive Wood Gift sales after Masses at Sacred Heart on November 8 & 9. These items make beautiful Christmas gifts & help support the Christians living in the Holy Land. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.