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MASS SCHEDULE

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Oct. 26	6:00 P.M.	Adolph B. & Adella Kutac	St. John
Sunday	Oct. 27	9:30 A.M.	Charles & Julie Neskora	Moravia

November 1st - All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday	Oct. 31	6:00 P.M.	People of the Parish	Moravia
Friday	Nov. 1	7:00 P.M.	Tom Farek	St. John

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Nov. 2	6:00 P.M.	Sylvester & Sheryl Janak	Moravia
Sunday	Nov. 3	9:30 A.M.	August Kubos	St. John

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Nov. 9	6:00 P.M.	All Souls	St. John
Sunday	Nov. 10	9:30 A.M.	Julia Jasek	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 Psalm 34:2-3,17-19,23 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14

Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord. God hears the cry of the poor and the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon him. Having heard Paul's cries for help, the Lord crowned him with eternal salvation.

Friday, November 1st - All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation

Readings: Revelations 7:2-4,9-14 Psalm 24:1-4ab,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.

Saturday, November 2nd - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2 Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 Luke 19:1-10

The Lord is full of mercy and compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. He has come to search out and save what was lost. Let us be more concerned with doing the Lord's work than with idle speculation about when he will come again.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14 Psalm 17:1,5-6,8,15 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27,34-38

In response to an attempt to ridicule his teaching about life after death, Jesus again proclaims a resurrection from the dead, that life is indeed stronger than death itself. This is our eternal consolation and hope. Then will our joy be truly fulfilled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

Morality in Media asks every American concerned about the floodtide of pornography pouring into our nation's communities, homes, and children's minds to participate in **White Ribbons Against Pornography (WRAP) Week**, which runs this year from October 25 through November 1, and to take action against pornography throughout the year. The Catholic Daughters display white ribbons as a reminder that involvement with pornography leads to behavioral, psychological, and social problems, and for the need to enforce obscenity and related laws. Please join the Catholic Daughters and participate in WRAP Week by displaying white ribbons.

Priesthood Sunday, the last Sunday in October, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and to affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Priesthood Sunday is coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International, an organization of lay men and women whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please take a name of a priest from the entrance of the church and pray for that priest.

There will be a Mass Saturday morning, November 2 at 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart for All Souls Day.

November is All Souls month. We visit the graves of our loved ones and we pray for the dead.

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NOVEMBER: Carol Siegel, Evelyn Hermis and Donna Lux

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR NOVEMBER: Garrett Kutac and Eugene Pauler

VISITING & BLESSING OF GRAVES

Saturday, Nov. 2 - 5:30 p.m. - Ascension of Our Lord - Moravia

Sunday, Nov. 3 - 10:30 a.m. - St. John the Baptist - St. John

Friday, November 1

Sacred Heart - Sacred Heart School after 8:05 a.m. Mass

Sunday, November 3

St. Mary - 8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart - 3:00 p.m.

St. Augustine, Worthing - 3:45 p.m.

St. Anthony, Witting - 4:30 p.m.

St. Ludmila, Wied - 5:15 p.m.



Rev. Angelus M. Shaughnessy, National Director of Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be visiting Hallettsville on Tuesday, Nov. 12. He is the editor of the "Mother Love Bulletin," a reputable speaker and travels extensively throughout the U.S. giving missions and retreats. Fr. Angelus will celebrate Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by a presentation "When the Lord comes again, will He find any faith upon the earth?" All are welcome; however, Christian Mothers members are especially urged to attend. A reception will follow at the Family Center. Christian Mothers members are to bring sandwiches, chips, dips or dessert.

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Free drive-thru medication disposal, Nov. 7, Lavaca Medical Center parking lot, 9am-1pm. All medications (prescription & over the counter), vitamins, medicated ointments & inhalers will be accepted. Also accepting syringes, needles & lancets in a sturdy container. These items will be disposed of properly in an environmentally safe process.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STAG SUPPER

Knights of Columbus Stag Supper (Men Only), Monday, Oct. 28. Doors open 6 pm. Admission \$12 (includes supper & drinks). Big Buck Contest entries and 101 gun give-away tickets will be available. For more details, call the KC Hall 798-2311 or go to www.kchall.com.

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct. 31 - Vigil Mass

7:00 p.m. - Siegfried & Mary Golsch

Friday, November 1, All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

6:45 am - Joe J. & Stella Smolik

8:05 am - Charles & Mary Vana

12:05 pm - Hubert Grahmann

Saturday, November 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

8:00 a.m. - All Souls



MASS SCHEDULE AT MISSION CHURCHES FOR ALL SAINTS

St. Mary's: Friday, Nov. 1 - 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE: No First Friday Mass on Friday morning Nov. 1st at St. John.

PRO-LIFE MASS

Pro-Life Mass, 8:05 a.m., Monday, October 28 at Sacred Heart. Travel 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with the Sacred Heart School Senior Class to Houston's Planned Parenthood to pray for an end to abortion. Please call Angela McConnell (361-741-8730) to sign up to go. Spaces are limited. ***Please pray for an end to abortion!***

PRO-LIFE CORNER

The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God - it is not "produced" by the parents - and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection. (#366 Catechism of the Catholic Church)

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 26 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - April Brossman, Rylie & Regan Lux

Sunday, Oct. 27 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Seth Eckhardt, Blaine Besetzny, Dylan Goldberg

Saturday, Nov. 2 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - James Lofland, Jenna Kubenka, Caitlyn Deem

Sunday, Nov. 3 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Alex Lozano, Miranda Shimek, Blaine Besetzny

Saturday, Nov. 9 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Joshua Becan, Dylan Goldberg, April Brossmann

Sunday, Nov. 10 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Seth Eckhardt, Rylie & Regan Lux

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

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Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

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Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

November 2013

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Venerable Fulton Sheen

The last Year of Faith saint is Peter "Fulton" John Sheen.

Archbishop Sheen was a Catholic theologian with an unforgettable voice and a gift for communicating the Christian message in the early days of television. His popular television series won awards, yet he remained a dedicated priest. Each day he spent a Holy Hour in Eucharistic Adoration. Pope John Paul II told him, "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church!"



Need a map?

Christian morality is like a road map for life. If we don't know where we are headed, we don't need a map at all. A Christian road map will help us get to Heaven.

Trust God

If we let him, God will work in our lives. Because he's perfect, God can't make mistakes. When we trust him completely, we feel a sense of personal well-being, security, and peace.



Thankfulness is good for the health

"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). Studies show that people who are actively thankful are less likely to be depressed, anxious, jealous and find they enjoy ordinary pleasures like sunsets, good health and simply being alive. Here is how you can join them ...

Keep score. For three days straight, keep track of how many times you think grateful thoughts versus complaining. This is your Grateful to Grumbling Ratio. The higher your G2G Ratio, the happier you will be.

Poll others. Find out what others are thankful for. You will probably discover something you should also be thankful

for but haven't thought of.

"I get to ..." Instead of saying, "I have to ..." to describe tasks, say, "I get to ..." Think of every day as a blessing and chance to serve God.

Fast. Forgo something you like such as food, TV, the internet. It will make you more thankful for it when you get it back.

Watch the company you keep. Attitudes are contagious.

Do the people around you encourage gratitude or griping? Consider changing your environment or your friends to lean toward gratitude.

Purge often. Have you noticed that the people who have the least seem the happiest? Keep only what you need.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Catholics believe in one God with three distinct persons. The third divine person of the Blessed Trinity is called the Holy Spirit. He is consubstantial with the Father and the Son.

Other names for the

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Holy Spirit include the Paraclete, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, Consoler, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of God. We understand that the Holy Spirit is at work with the Father and the Son from the beginning to the completion of God's plan for our salvation.



Forgiveness is a gift for you

Right or wrong, when we hold onto an injury, we get trapped in the pain of it indefinitely. Forgiving frees us to move on. Forgiveness is something we do for ourselves:

Start with a sign. Even if you are the one injured, let the other person know you are ready to forgive by offering something tangible: flowers, a card, a hug. *“Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord”* (Isaiah 1:18).

Separate the offense from the offender. God doesn't abandon us when we sin. He loves us no



matter what and asks that we do the same for each other.

Forgive and forget. You can't have one without the other. Forgiveness entails cancelling a debt, whether by God or another person. *“(Love) does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things ...”* (1 Corinthians 13:5-8).

Celebrate. A mended relationship is stronger than one that has never been tested.

from Scripture

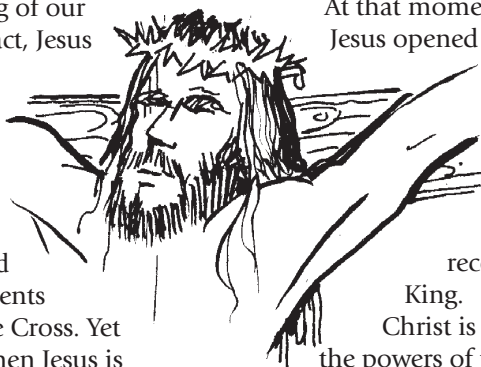
Luke 23:35-43, the true King

In 1925, Pope Pius XI, established the solemnity of Christ the King to remind the Church that our ultimate allegiance is to Jesus, the true king of our hearts and minds. In fact, Jesus is the only king still in power while all others have passed away.

At first glance, this gospel reading shows Jesus at his weakest and most vulnerable, moments before his death on the Cross. Yet it is at that moment when Jesus is actually at his strongest. It is at that moment when he is shouldering the sins of the entire human race and

restoring God's grace to each one of us then and now. No king could do that except Jesus.

At that moment on Calvary, Jesus opened the gates of Heaven, beginning with the man beside him who led a life of sin but recognized the true King.



Christ is our King so that the powers of this world cannot hold us in their grip. With Christ as our King, we will never be consumed by the world.

Q & A How can I “love” people I don't like?

In fact, Jesus addressed this very question in Matthew 22. The Jewish leaders didn't like Jesus. Jesus made them angry when he accused them of hypocrisy and insincerity. They



knew he was right, of course.

So some of the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus into saying something illegal in public. They asked Jesus which of the Jewish laws was most important. If he encouraged people to disregard any law, he could be harshly punished. This was an old debate, so the lawyer who challenged Jesus only asked hoping that Jesus would trip himself up.

Instead Jesus said everything starts and ends with love – love for God and each other. To love God is to love one another. They are as inseparable as the beams of the cross.

True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat those outside our circle. It means including people we may prefer to exclude or avoid. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even Pharisees. This is how God loves and we are to do no less.

Feasts & Celebrations

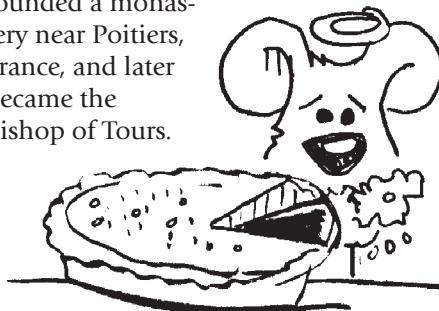
In November we pray for the dead, especially on **November 1st All Saints Day (A Holy Day of Obligation)** and on **November 2nd All Souls Day**.

Nov. 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, he was called to Rome by his uncle, Pope Pius IV, to be cardinal and bishop of Milan. He led by example to reform his diocese and tirelessly worked for poor and sick in his care.

Nov. 10 – Pope St. Leo, the Great (461). Pope St. Leo helped the Church stay united despite attacks from false

teachers and warring tribes. He is famous for his explanations of the faith.

Nov. 11 - St. Martin of Tours (397). The patron of soldiers, St. Martin was forced to join the army at the young age of 15 in what is now Hungary but left to become a priest. He founded a monastery near Poitiers, France, and later became the bishop of Tours.



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