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MASS SCHEDULE

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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| Saturday | Sept. 13 | 6:00 P.M. | Julius & Frances Hrcek | St. John |
| Sunday | Sept. 14 | 9:30 A.M. | Ray Tupa (Recovery) | Moravia |

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday | Sept. 20 | 6:00 P.M. | Dorothy Tykal | Moravia |
| Sunday | Sept. 21 | 9:30 A.M. | Evelyn Novosad | St. John |

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday | Sept. 27 | 6:00 P.M. | Henry & Martha Besetzny & Leo Schramek | St. John |
| Sunday | Sept. 28 | 9:30 A.M. | A. J. Kalich & Deceased Relatives | Moravia |

THE WORD OF GOD

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 78:1b-2,34-38 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up”, “God highly exalted him” and made him Lord! How unforgettable are his deeds!

Today’s feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church, the Anastasis, above the empty grave of Jesus, and a basilica, the Martyrium; in the square between the two churches, a shrine, Calvarium, marking the place of the crucifixion. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The two churches were rebuilt by Patriarch Modestus of Jerusalem Century 626, but were later destroyed by the Muslims in 1009. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders, was dedicated in 1149. Today also commemorated the discovery of the Lord’s cross by the empress, St. Helena (18 Aug.) in 320.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18 Philippians 1:20c-24,27a Matthew 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 both those who are quick to respond to his invitation, as well as those who are slow to hear his call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28 Psalm 125:4-9 Philemon 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Matthew 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DESK OF MSGR. JOHN

It has been a while since we had our pictures taken for the Pictorial Directory. The directories should be in within a few weeks. We thank you for your patience.

School is underway and many activities are now happening. It is important to prioritize our events and the time we have.

Think of a poster with a montage of pictures: a playing child -“too young to think of God”; a young fellow on a motorbike-“to self assured to think of God”; a newlywed couple-“too happy to think of God”; a man at a desk-“too busy to think of God”; a woman in bed-“too tired to think of God”; and a tombstone-“too late to think of God.”

If there is love, there is always time. Check your prayer life!

KJZT MEETING

The October KJZT meeting will be held on Oct 12th at 12pm at the Moravia Dining Hall.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 13 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Rylie & Regan Lux, Blaine Besetzny
Sunday, Sept. 14 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Seth Eckhardt, Kenna Kubenka, Caitlin Deem
Saturday, Sept. 20 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Joshua Becan, Alex Lozano, James Lofland
Sunday, Sept. 21 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Dylan Goldberg, Blaine Besetzny, April Brossmann
Saturday, Sept. 27 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Rylie & Regan Lux, Seth Eckhardt
Sunday, Sept. 28 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Miranda Shimek, Caitlin Deem, Kenna Kubenka

PRO-LIFE CORNER

The benefits of raising children transcend economics. Children are a source of joy, love and hope. They are our future. They transform and sanctify their parents. Our society and our world need to rediscover an appreciation for the gift of children. {Life and Family Advocates, Victoria, TX}

FALLING LEAVES GALA

The Falling Leaves Gala featuring The Original Triumphs, Saturday, October 11, 5:30-11:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, Hallettsville. Tickets on sale now! \$100 per couple includes a rib-eye steak dinner for two, open bar, dance and prizes (Grand prize \$4,000). Tickets may be purchased at the K.C. Hall in Hallettsville, online at www.kchall.com (click on the Falling Leaves tab), or at Sacred Heart Rectory. For more information, please call 361-798-2311.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin on Thursday, October 2 at the Sacred Heart Parish Youth House. If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith with the possibility of joining the Catholic Church, please call the Sacred Heart Rectory at 361-798-5888 to register. If you are already Catholic and are interested in helping with the RCIA process as a Sponsor or Team Member, please call the Sacred Heart Rectory. There are a variety of ways you can be of service.

SACRED HEART YOUTH NIGHT

Sacred Heart Youth Night Coming Soon! Sunday, September 21st, 5-7:30 pm. We welcome all the youth of the community 8-12th grade for an hour of adoration, song and prayer in Sacred Heart Church, followed by a meal and fun time at the youth house.

AREA CHURCH PICNICS

Sept. 14: Holy Cross, Yorktown Community Center. Holy Mass 9:30 am. BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner
Sept. 21: Our Lady of the Gulf, Bauer Community Center, Port Lavaca. Seafood Platter with all the trimmings 11am-1:30pm. Auction 12:30. Arts & crafts, bingo, raffle, cake spin, country store, kid's games. *Food! Food! Food!* (Egg rolls, sausage, nachos, tamales, Kolaches, roasted corn, bbq on bun, pizza, desserts).
Sept. 21: St. Joseph, Moulton City Park. Outdoor Mass 10am. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 10:30am. Auction 1pm. Cake Walk, country store, kid's games, raffle. Music by Los Kolaches & D.J. the DJ

CONFERENCE FOR CATECHESIS & MINISTRY

XXVII Annual Conference for Catechesis & Ministry, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, October 4, Holy Family Church, Wharton. The conference is open to all adult Catholics. There will be presentations and a variety of workshops in both English and Spanish. Do not miss the 'early bird' registration-now through September 4th. Registration forms are online! For more information, call 361-573-0828 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Bluebonnet Tours Day Trip

Join the Catholic Daughters of St. Rose on a day trip to Rockport, Wednesday, September 24. Bus leaves Frank's Restaurant, Schulenburg at 7:00 a.m. and returns 7:00 p.m. Bus leaves WalMart, Hallettsville at 8:00 a.m. and returns 6:00 p.m. Guided tour of historical area, lunch, hummingbird sanctuary, Stella Maris Chapel. Cost \$49.50. For information, call Judy Klesel 979-562-2306, 979-505-0002, or jdklesel@cvctx.com.

Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rain!!

Heavenly Father, We believe that is You Who created our world with all of its beauty and life. We believe that it is You Who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands. We believe that it is You Who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear then, this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of Your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well-being. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign: For the past 5 years, various Catholic schools from the Victoria Diocese have participated in the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign in Houston. This year, we are calling on all the schools and parishioners to join in this effort Wed., October 29. We will meet at Planned Parenthood, 4600 Gulf Fwy., Houston on that day at 10:30 a.m. and pray until noon. I hope your school and your parishioners can join us! For questions or more information, contact Fr. Tommy Chen, Pro-Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Victoria, at (361) 552-6140 ext. 100.



“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. — Jn 3:14-16

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