

May 8, 2016

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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 Friday..... 8:00 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

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

The Ascension of the Lord (Mother's Day)

Saturday	May 7	6:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Mothers	Moravia
Sunday	May 8	9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Mothers	Moravia

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday	May 14	6:00 p.m.	Johnnie Chaloupka	St. John
Sunday	May 15	9:30 a.m.	Those Being Confirmed	St. John

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday	May 21	6:00 p.m.	Matt Vanek	Moravia
Sunday	May 22	9:30 a.m.	Juliet Krause	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

May 8, The Ascension of the Lord (Mother's Day)

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Jesus ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, entering into the heavenly sanctuary. We are to be his witnesses, mindful of the great hope to which we are called.

May 15, 2016, Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit, who bears witness that we are children of God (2b) that same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples (1) to teach them everything and to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth."

May 22, The Most Holy Trinity

Readings: 166: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

We are at peace with God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. This Spirit, who is Wisdom itself, will lead us into all truth. How wonderful the name of our triune God in all the earth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. In most dioceses, the Feast has been transferred from last Thursday to this Sunday so that more people will celebrate the Feast by attending Sunday Mass. Read more about the Ascension in another part of this bulletin.

Today is Mother's Day. We pray for all mothers, living, and deceased. During the month of May, we also honor the Mother of Jesus and our spiritual Mother, Mary.

Today (Sunday) we congratulate those youngsters who receiving Holy Communion for the very first time. Let us keep them in our prayers and pray that they will always have a great love and respect for Jesus in the Eucharist.

Next Sunday, May 15, is Pentecost Sunday. It is the birthday of the Church. We celebrate the Holy Spirit's coming down on the Apostles and giving them and us the strength to go forth and live our faith and share our faith.

On the Feast of Pentecost, we welcome Bishop Brendan Cahill as he confers the sacrament of Confirmation on some of our high school parishioners. Congratulations to those being confirmed. Let us keep them in our prayers that they will always walk closely with the Lord and live their faith.

THE EMMAUS CENTER—Counseling in the Catholic Tradition—Sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria—1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140, Victoria, Texas 77901. For an appointment, go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com or call 361-212-0830. *Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need.*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 7 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Caleb Krischke, Dylan Goldberg, Caitlin Deem

Sunday, May 8 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – James Lofland, Kenna Kubenka

Saturday, May 14 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Alex Lozano

Sunday, May 15 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Dylan Goldberg, Rylie Lux, & Regan Lux

Saturday, May 21 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Caleb Krischke, Dylan Goldberg, Caitlin Deem

Sunday, May 22 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – James Lofland, Kenna Kubenka

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MAY: Mary Ann Pratka and Jeanette Chudej

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR MAY: Daniel Steffek and Dale Janak

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MAY: Lorine Kubenka and Adele Kubos & Diane Roeder

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

We are desperately in need of a Hall Manager for Moravia Hall. Please contact the Sacred Heart Rectory (798-5888) if you are interested in this position.

Donations are now being accepted for Church Picnic Raffle for Ascension Church Picnic in Moravia in July. We appreciate your generosity. Please contact Arlene Becan at 361-798-9320 by May 15.

ST. JOHN WORKDAY

On Saturday, May 21st. at 7 a.m. we will be removing the tin roof off the stew room and replacing it with a new one. Also we will have our annual tree trimming and clean up that day. A few chain saws, trailers, rakes and leaf blowers would be handy. Lots of younger help is needed. Please try and make this a great work day.

PRO-LIFE CORNER—A Tribute to Mothers on Mother's Day

Motherhood is a rewarding and often difficult job. A mother is a child's first teacher and affects a child's life like few others can. Loving and selfless mothers can inspire their children to love themselves and others, work hard, make healthy choices, serve causes greater than self, and achieve their dreams. Mothers who protect, teach, and nurture their children with all their hearts strengthen their families and help build a better future for our country.

Yet, mothers and expectant mothers today face greater challenges than ever before. Our culture of death often tells young women that precious life is cheap and that they can engage in sex without consequences. Let us pray this Mother's Day that the younger generation will fully understand the gift of LIFE, the blessing of children and the honor of motherhood.

Victoria Gabriel Project--Lavaca Chapter is collecting inventory items during May 7 and 8 services. If you are interested in donating baby items (newborn clothes, diapers, baby wipes, etc.) or maternity clothes to our ministry, a collection area will be in the foyer of the church. The Lavaca Chapter provides assistance to all of Lavaca County. For more information call: Julie Kubena 361-798-3579.

Quo Vadis Vocation Camp for Young Men: The Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Victoria is sponsoring a camp for young men who have completed 8th grade to 21 years of age. The camp will take place on July 3-6 at Cooper's Farm near La Grange, TX. The days will include many outdoor camp activities as well as discussions on discerning God's will in life. Priests and seminarians of the Diocese will facilitate the camp. Registration forms are available at the parish rectory.

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES—*Can the goal of 1,000,000*

Rosaries for unborn babies be reached?

Absolutely! But, only if many people will pray at least one Rosary (May 6-8) for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons.

Please, be one of the persons who will participate in the multinational **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES.**



Please fill out & put in collection basket or send to the Rectory

Name: _____

I am registering Rosary/Rosaries as part of the May6-8, 2016 ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event.

Fullness of Truth—Catholic Evangelization Ministries-- *“The Gospel of Divine Mercy”, Fullness of Truth Conference, Friday, June 24, 5-9 p.m. & Saturday, June 25, 8 a.m. -5 p.m., Prince of Peace Catholic Community, 19222 Tomball Pkwy, Houston, TX 77070—Dr. Scott Hahn*, and his colleagues will enliven your experience of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy at the Fullness of Truth “Gospel of Divine Mercy” Conference on Friday night, June 24th and Saturday, June 25 at Prince of Peace Parish, 19222 Tomball Pkwy., Houston, TX 77070! Your inspired encounter with the Divine Mercy of Jesus will equip you to extend His Mercy to others. Experience Christ’s healing and forgiveness during this Jubilee Year of Mercy conference that restores relationships, repairs divisions, and renews faith. Shop in the magnificent Fullness of Truth gift and book store. Limited Child care is available at childcare@pophouston.org Explore our VIP “Seraphim” package. **Register Now!** <http://www.fullnessoftruth.org> or call 1-877-21TRUTH.

The Ascension of the Lord

"They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Jesus had just left the disciples. In a dramatic and supernatural moment, he had bid them farewell and then "was taken up to heaven." One might think this departure would have left the disciples feeling very melancholy, but apparently it was not so. They were full of joy as they went back to the city where Jesus had told them to stay, "until you are clothed with power from on high."



This, of course, is a reference to the coming of the Holy Spirit that would happen soon enough at Pentecost. But the disciples did not know the details. They only knew that Jesus was promising them the "Advocate" and some amazing power from heaven, and sending them off with a great mission to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins... to all the nations." And this filled them with joy, even while they waited.

What we often need to remind ourselves is that after the Ascension, the disciples were in a very similar position to us. They were no longer in the physical presence of Jesus. They no longer walked with him, watched him, or heard his voice. Now, carrying on the work of the Gospel was up to them. And so too, now it is up to us. The mission of preaching the good news to all the nations is our mission. And, thankfully, the powerful "clothing" from on high is ours as well.

So, like the disciples we have cause for rejoicing. Jesus reigns in heaven. His Spirit has come upon us. And we are entrusted with the most noble and rewarding task of all, to share our faith with others and bring them to experience the joys of belonging to the kingdom of God.



Next Bulletin: Sunday, May 22, 2016

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 Monday, May 16, 2016