

December 3, 2017

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.  
(on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Sunday ..... 9:30 a.m.  
(on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>)  
First Friday .....8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Hour

**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.  
(on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Sunday ..... 9:30 a.m.  
(on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

**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](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)  
(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)  
Safe Environment: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)  
(Click on “Safe Environment Program,” then on “eAppsDB”)

**PARISH CONTACTS**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

Elsie Farek.....979-562-2159

**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

Robert & Mary Kendall.....361-798-9467

**HALL RENTAL**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

Frank Forestier  
Barbara Appelt .....832-643-4590 (cell)  
..... 361-865-2446 (home)

**Ascension of Our Lord Church**

Kathy Guenther ..... 979-562-2124 (home)  
..... 979-562-2328 (work)  
.....979-743-0369 (cell)

**CEMETERY**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

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

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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### First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 2	6:00 p.m.	Joe N. Steffek	Moravia
Sunday	December 3	9:30 a.m.	Special Intention	St. John

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday	December 7	6:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	St. John
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### Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 9	6:00 p.m.	George & Bernice Vasek	St. John
Sunday	December 10	9:30 a.m.	Henry R. & Julie Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia

### First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 16	6:00 p.m.	Julius Drozd & Annie Holub Drozd	Moravia
Sunday	December 17	9:30 a.m.	Eugene Pauler	St. John

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### December 3, First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7, Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Come and save us from our sins. Let us turn again to you and so be found blameless when you return in glory.

### December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Chosen by God, Mary reverses the sin of Eve. Because of her obedience, God's salvation is made known to all the nations.

### December 10, Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

As we await new heavens and new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth, and peace.

### December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 2 - 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Heather Wilson, Harley Wilson

Sunday, December 3 - 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Alex Lozano

Saturday, December 9 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Carson Pustka, Carter Pustka, Dylan Goldberg

Sunday, December 10 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke

Saturday, December 16 - 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Heather Wilson, Harley Wilson

Sunday, December 17 - 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Alex Lozano



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *From the Desk of Msgr. John*

We are going into the Advent Season to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' birth and also for the second coming of Jesus at the end of our lives. Let us use this time that the Church has set aside to prepare spiritually and spend some extra time in prayer and meditation

With the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new Church Year. The Church Year goes from the First Sunday of Advent until the Saturday after Christ the King.

During Advent, we have the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary on December 8th. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Ann.

We also celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. We will have a special Mass in English and Spanish with the Spanish Choir on Tuesday, December 12th, at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, followed by a meal in the Family Center. You may bring something, such as snacks or a side dish, if you wish. If you have not been to a Mass celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe, it would be well worth your time to attend.

“The message of Our Lady of Guadalupe helped to build bridges between cultures and worlds and began the transformation of our continent into a Christian Continent of Hope... Through her intercession, then and now, those throughout this hemisphere, have found a deep and shared sense of faith, hope and identity.”

May all of you have a blessed Advent Season and a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

**ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER:** Roxanne Deem, Collen Deem, Caitlyn Deem

**ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR DECEMBER:** J. G. Hrcir, Allen Becan

**ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER:** Sharon Bujnoch, Vicky Kainer, Tracy Kristinik

**ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR DECEMBER:** Scotty Brossman, Nathan Redman

**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](http://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com) or call 361-212-0830. *Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need.*

### **PRO-LIFE CORNER—**

When a mother hears her baby's heartbeat, she knows it is her child and not a “lump of cells.”

[Fall 2017, LifeLine – Newsletter of the National Pro-Life Alliance.]

*Please pray for the Veterans who have served Our Country and have sacrificed and given so much for our freedom.*

*Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life!*

### **Christmas Flowers—St. John**

This year Christmas Flowers for St. John will be handled by Patricia Berger and Dianne Roeder.

There is a flower donation envelope in your offering box. It has a space for “memory/honor” of your loved ones. Look under December 10 in your box for this envelope.

Patricia and Dianne would appreciate your donations earlier this season, so put the December 10 FLOWER ENVELOPE in the collection basket SOON, or give your donation to either of them.



### **Advent Penance Service**

*All Services begin at 5:30 p.m.*

Monday, December 11– Shiner

Tuesday, December 12 – Moulton

Thursday, December 14 – Yoakum

Friday, December 15 - Hallettsville

## AREA NEWS

- ✦ **Stevens Nursing & Rehab in Hallettsville** is hosting a **Community Bingo** on the last Friday of each month. Everyone is invited, prizes will be given—2:00 p.m. in Dining Room A
- ✦ **Holy Family Catholic Church, Victoria, Texas--Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz**, the moving, live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. Experience firsthand the story of the heroic priest, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, who courageously fought the forces of evil, and offered his life for another man in Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up. Admission is free. For additional information, contact Holy Family Parish Office at 361-573-5304 or visit [www.hfccvic.org](http://www.hfccvic.org).
- ✦ **Advent Solemn Vespers:** December 3, December 10, December 17. Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. It consists of praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day, and offering praise to God. Vespers concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 NE. Water Street Victoria. 5:00 pm- 5:45 pm in the Convent Chapel. For more information contact Sr. Emilie Eilers at 361-575-7111. Open to the public.
- ✦ **Vysehrad School Annual PTO Stew Dinner;** Stew, German potatoes, Green Beans, Sauerkraut, Bread Dessert, Sunday, January 14, 2018, St. Mary's Church Parish Hall, Serving 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.--\$9 a ticket; Stew by the Pound - \$9 per pound. Also a Raffle with 100 Chances to Win! \$5 a Book. Contact: Judy Opela - 798-2738 or Jill Opela – 798-2738, Vysehrad School Or any Vysehrad Student.



**The St. John Christmas Crib and Decorations** will be put up on December 17 after the Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass. Do stay to help make our Church more beautiful for Jesus.



Anyone wishing to donate toward the Christmas Flowers at Ascension Church may do so by contacting Dorothy Olsovsky, 979-562-2169 or may drop donation in collection basket. Please note who your donation is in Memory of.

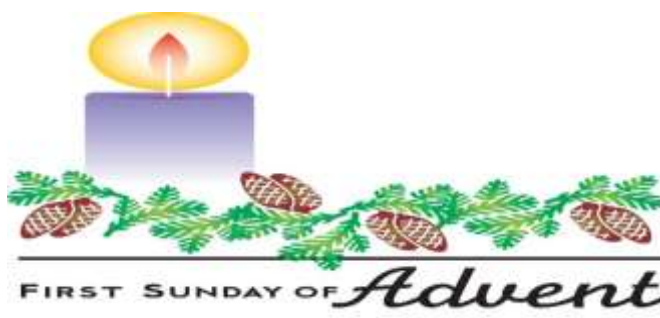


Thank you, Moravia Altar Society



**Choir Practice for the Ascension of Our Lord Christmas Eve Mass** will be held after the Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Mass. We will practice the Czech Carols. All singers are welcome!

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father John Kollannur. He was with us during the summer of 2010, when he came from India. Then he was assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes in Victoria to help Father Say. He recently passed away from stomach cancer in India.*



**Next Bulletin: Sunday, December 17, 2017**

All announcements can be sent by email to the Rectory at

[rectory@shcatholicchurch.org](mailto: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 Tuesday, December 11, 2017**