

March 25, 2018

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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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 Friday8:00 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
Direct TV Channel 370

WEBSITES

Cemetery: www.victoriadiocese.org
(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)
Safe Environment: 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 Appelt832-643-4590 (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

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Kathy Guenther979-562-2124
..... 979-562-2328 (work)
.....979-743-0369 (cell)

MASS SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday	March 24	6:00 p.m.	Carolyn & Frank Okruhlik, Jr.	Moravia
Sunday	March 25	9:30 a.m.	Frank Berger	St. John

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday	March 31	6:00 p.m.	Evelyn Haas	Moravia
Sunday	April 1	9:30 a.m.	St. John & Moravia Parish Families	St. John

First Friday

Friday	April 6	8:00 a.m.	Father William Halata	St. John
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Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Saturday	April 7	6:00 p.m.	Aubrey Shanks	Moravia
Sunday	April 8	9:30 a.m.	Henry & Julie Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia

March 25, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9; 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

April 1, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or 41: Mk 16:1-7, or, at an afternoon or evening Mass 46: Lk 24:13-35

On this day of days, we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

April 8, Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, begotten by God. We give thanks to the Lord that he has formed us into a community of believers, united in the Spirit.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 24 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Heather Wilson, Harley Wilson

Sunday, March 25 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Wade Shimek, Alex Lozano, Mary Beth Krischke

Saturday, March 31 - 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Wade Shimek, Alex Lozano, Mary Beth Krischke

Sunday, April 1 - 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Carson Pustka, Carter Pustka, Dylan Goldberg

Saturday, April 7 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Heather Wilson, Harley Wilson

Sunday, April 8 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Wade Shimek, Mary Beth Krischke, Dylan Goldberg

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MARCH: Kathy Guenther, Dorothy Henke

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR MARCH: Anthony Hrcir, Thomas Brosch

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MARCH: Agnes Berckenhoff, Jan Morin, Sarah Berckenhoff

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR MARCH: Glen Lux

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR APRIL: Debbie Neskora, Joe Neskora

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR APRIL: Dwayne Burton, Phil Guenther

ST. JOHN CHURCH CLEANERS FOR APRIL: Elsie Farek, Joyce Janda

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR APRIL: Darrell Demel & Forrest Dittrich

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Desk of Msgr. John

This weekend is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Let us do our best to grow spiritually during this week by attending the Holy Week Services that are scheduled. Let us be able to truly rejoice with Our Lord on Easter Sunday.

We have a report from the Diocese of Victoria about the Diocesan Services Appeal (D.S.A.).

For St. John for 2017:

Parish Goal - \$7,987

Number of Parishioners Pledging – 12

Total Amount pledged and contributed by Parishioners - \$1,185

To meet the 2017 goal, the Parish owes \$6,802 out of Church funds.

D.S.A. Goal for 2018 is \$7,931.

For Moravia for 2017:

Parish Goal - \$6,972

Number of Parishioners Pledging – 17

Total Amount pledged and contributed by Parishioners - \$3,090

To meet the 2017 goal, the Parish owes \$3,882 out of Church funds.

D.S.A. Goal for 2018 is \$7,127

You should have received a brochure recently explaining the D.S.A. Please read it to see how the funds are spent.

During the Lenten Season, let's reflect upon the Seven Last Words of Christ:

continued...

Truly I tell you, Today you will be with me in Paradise.—Luke 23:43—*Lord, Jesus, of all the people to whom you might have offered your remarkable pledge of salvation, you chose a common criminal. It is so like you to turn our thinking upside down, we who envy status and angle for position. Give us your eyes to see the heart of a person, for heaven is not a badge of honor, but a blissful communion of saints and sinners. As with all of your gifts, it seems that the last shall be first in line.*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?—Mark 15:34

Lord, Jesus, I am struck by the stark, vulnerable honesty of your prayer. So often I hide such sentiments, not only from God, but from myself. I trumpet my devotion while burying my doubts, fears, and hurts. I long for your mature and childlike intimacy that can pray without pretense or reserve. Heal my prayer from undue anger, but also from artificial piety. Children of God, it seems, are most faithful when they pray from the heart.

It is finished.—John 19:30

Lord, Jesus, even in death a comforting sense of fulfillment imbues your words. We have tasted this feeling, but our accomplishments are but a shadow of your triumph. We rejoice over a faithful marriage, but you have wedded heaven to earth. We take pride in constructing a sturdy home, but you have built the house of God. We know peace after heroically saving a life, but you have saved the world. May we be blessed to finish our lives so well.

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.—Luke 23:46

Lord, Jesus, perhaps your final gift to us was the legacy of graceful surrender. Yet, we cling to belongings, youth, and to life itself as if letting go were the ultimate sin. Teach us the art of holy resignation. Help us to know when the time has come to let go of a want, a dream, or a life. Steel our hands to hold the gifts that endure—integrity, truth, and love. Then, as we share your cross, we too may confidently place our spirits in God's loving hands.

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!

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.*



THE EMMAUS CENTER AND HOSPICE OF SOUTH TEXAS are offering *Grief Support Group on Mondays, at Mary's House in Hallettsville.* These groups are for those adjusting to life changes, or struggling with the emotional roller coaster of coping with loss. Groups are held weekly for 8 weeks. Limited to 10 people per group. To register to attend, or to help determine if a grief group is right for you, please call our office at 361-572-4300 (Hospice) or 361-212-0830 (Emmaus Center).

THE EMMAUS CENTER has a change of address and information.

New Address: 1508 E. Airline St, Victoria, TX 77901

For appointments call – 361-212-0830

Now offering some services in Spanish: Mrs. Valeria Dubourdieu has joined the staff on a part-time basis.

Satellite Offices: Annie Coffey is now working in two satellite offices (Hallettsville & El Campo) several times a month.

AREA NEWS

- ✦ **Stevens Nursing & Rehab** 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.
- ✦ **Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling, Sunday, April 8, 2018, Yoakum Community Center.** Doors open at 10:00 a.m. BBQ Chicken Plates - \$9 each (10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) Music, Live Auction and more.
- ✦ **St. Mary's Altar Society** will host their **Annual Games Party, Tuesday, April 24, 2018**, at the Church's Activity Center, (401 S. Liberty St., Victoria, Texas), 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission-\$8.00, which includes lunch and door prizes. Country Store & Raffle. For reservations, call Dorothy B (361-573-3569) or Eunice D (361-576-1856).

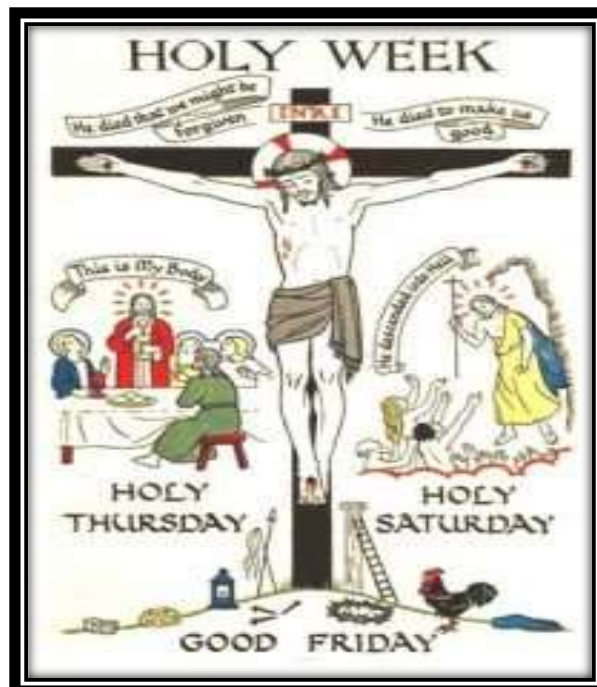


PRO-LIFE CORNER—

The Pro-Life Movement will win: The reason why we will win is that by His Resurrection, Jesus conquered death. Thus, we do not cower before the culture of death, rather, we stand before it with victorious confidence

ST. JOHN EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter Flowers donation envelopes, in “Memory/Honor” of your loved ones, is under March 25, 2018, in your Offering box. Please drop your envelope in the Collection Basket at Mass.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH INFORMATION:

Donations are currently being taken for the planting of 10-15 oak trees on the grounds of St. John. We can purchase a 15-gallon tree--8' – 10' tall and have it planted for an all-in price of \$140 per tree. This quote is from Colton Bubela who is a local tree grower and landscaper. If you would like to make a donation towards a tree please contact Bobby Mendel or Ann McBride or put your donation in the offering basket marked "St. John Tree Donation".

Donations are currently being taken thru April 5th for the small raffle for the St. John Picnic. Please contact Theresa Eckhardt, Ann McBride, or Lisa Redman if you would like to make a donation. Theresa 743-4435, Ann 561-6261, Lisa 743-1140

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (MORAVIA) CHURCH INFORMATION

Anyone wanting to donate to the Easter Flowers at Ascension of Our Lord Church in memory of loved ones may do so by contacting Dorothy Olsovsky.

Donations may be sent to her at 1721 CR 248, Schulenburg Texas 78956 or dropped in the collection basket. Please note who you wish to make the donation in memory of.

MORAVIA KJZT SOCIETY #44 -THE ANNUNCIATION

Is Sponsoring

A BAKELESS BAKE SALE AS A COMMUNITY FUND RAISER

Please submit your donation by April 1, 2018. This community fund drive is being held to benefit the Hallettsville, Moulton and Schulenburg Fire Departments.

Your donation maybe made in cash or check. All checks should be made payable to Moravia KJZT Society #44. Please forward your donation by **April 1, 2018 to:**

Dorothy Olsovsky
1721 CR 248
Schulenburg, Texas 78956

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH (MORAVIA)

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the Easter Vigil Mass after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass.

ST. JOHN HOLY THURSDAY FLOWERS

Decorating the Altar of Repose with yard and wild flowers is a St. John Tradition. Bring flowers blooming in your fields or yard to Church by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2018. (You are welcome to stay and arrange them in vases that will be provided.)



Holy Week Information for Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John the Baptist, Ascension of Our Lord (Moravia) Churches

MORAVIA—ST. JOHN 2018 HOLY WEEK SERVICES PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 25

Blessing of Palms – In the foyer of the Church
Moravia – Saturday, 6:00 p.m.
St. John – Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 28

Moravia Confessions – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 29

St. John

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 p.m.
Adoration after Mass until 8:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 30

St. John

Confessions – 11:45 – 12:30 p.m.
Good Friday Services – 1:00 p.m.
Holy Land Collection

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1

Easter Vigil Mass – 6:00 p.m., Moravia
Easter Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m., St. John

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 2018 HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, March 23, 5:30 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 25

Blessing of Palms – In the foyer of the Church

CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday, March 26

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28, 10:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY – MARCH 29

7:00 p.m. – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;
The Liturgy of the Eucharist; Transfer of the
Eucharist; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Soup and Sandwiches
in the Family Center after Mass.

9:00 p.m. – Midnight – Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30

12:00 Noon – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion;
Veneration of the Cross; Communion

2:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion;
Veneration of the Cross; Communion

6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY – MARCH 31

7:00 p.m. – Solemn beginning of the Vigil;
The Service of the Light; The Liturgy of the Word;
The Liturgy of Baptism;

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – APRIL 1

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hallettsville, Texas

2018 HOLY WEEK SERVICES

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 24 – 10:00 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 25

Blessing of Palms – By the Grotto
before Sunday Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30

3:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion;
Veneration of the Cross;
Communion

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 1

9:15 a.m.

**The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy
Sunday. There will be a Holy Hour at Sacred
Heart Church on Sunday, April 8, 2018,
from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Lent 2018

Begins Wednesday, February 14. Ends Saturday, March 31.



My Easter Prayer

Dear Jesus, You are the Lamb of God. You are risen from the dead! Thank You for dying on the cross for me. Thank You for forgiving me of all my sins. Thank you for loving me and for being my good Shepherd. You save me from the evil one. You give me new life. Dear God our Father, through the prayers of our Blessed Mother Mary, may Your Kingdom come, may Your Will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
Amen.



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Next Bulletin: Sunday, April 8, 2018

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 Tuesday, April 2, 2018