

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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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 **RADIO:** 99.9 FM & 94.3 FM

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.....361-217-0624

HALL RENTAL

St. John the Baptist Church

Frank Forestier.....713-501-9860 (cell)
Barbara Appelt832-643-4590 (cell)

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	February 15	6:00 p.m.	L. A. & Vera Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	February 16	9:30 a.m.	Tim Shimek	St. John

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	February 22	6:00 p.m.	Dolores & Laddie Valicek	St. John
Sunday	February 23	9:30 a.m.	Dominic Loth	Moravia

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	March 1	6:00 p.m.	Loretta & Gerard Kendall	Moravia
Sunday	March 2	9:30 a.m.	Edgar, Lillian & Kenneth Besetzny	St. John

February 16: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Blest are they who trust in the Lord. Blest are they who are poor and who endure insult, for their reward shall be great: eternal life.

February 23: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

In baptism we are called to mirror and image the mercy and forgiveness the Lord has won for us. As David would not harm Saul, his enemy, so we are challenged to love and pardon those who wrong us.

March 2: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

The fruit of our speech and actions will wither and die unless we first recognize the plank in our own eye. By humbly admitting our own sins, we can more fruitfully persevere in the work of the Lord.

Ministry Schedule has been made. If there is a change, you will be notified.

The Mass is live-streamed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Facebook. The link for the Mass is: <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicChurchHallettsville> and also broadcast on the Radio Stations FM 99.9 & FM 94.3 on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MARCH: Kathy Guenther, Dorothy Henke

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR MARCH: Robert Kendall, Tom Brosh

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR MARCH: Glenn Lux, Patrick Chaloupka

Catholic Radio is coming to this area! A representative from RED-C Catholic Radio will be speaking at both Masses the weekend of Feb. 22-23 to share exciting details about our new Catholic radio station!

We are in search of a hall manager for the St. John Hall. The manager will be paid \$40 for each hall booking. If you are interested, please call Barbara Appelt at 832-643-4590 or Frank Forestier at 713-501-9860.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 15 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Kullen Kutac, Lily Janak
Sunday, February 16 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Mary Beth Krischke, Dillon Goedrich
Saturday, February 22 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Luke Goedrich, Brielle Goedrich
Sunday, February 23 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Bryce, Cullen & Zoe Machicek
Saturday, March 1 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Baye Shimek, Lily Janak
Sunday, March 2 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Alaina Halata, William Halata

Donations are being taken for the big raffle. Deadline is March 9, 2025. Please contact Ann McBride 979-561-6261 or Theresa Eckhardt 979-561-7000

From the Desk of Father Michael

I saw a video of Bishop Robert Baron speaking of what to ask God for if He told you that He would give you whatever you asked for. We will often go to the immediate want or need such as wealth to provide for our financial needs or peace in our family to ease any discord. Bishop's response was one that got to the heart of all things. He said we should ask for Jesus. In him is all things. In him, we receive graces to rightfully use the gifts we have and thus deal with the problems of life. Many times we think too small, but when our minds and hearts are centered on Jesus, we look beyond the small and better see the infinite.

MINISTRY TRAININGS – If you are a current minister at either Ascension of Our Lord or at St. John the Baptist Church or if you wish to join as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, please plan to attend the following training. The training is for both parishes.

Sunday, February 16 at St. John the Baptist Church: **Extraordinary Ministers** after Mass

PRO-LIFE CORNER

God told us, "Love your neighbor as yourself." So first I am to love myself rightly, and then to love my neighbor like that. But how can I love myself unless I accept myself as God has made me? Those who deny the beautiful differences between men and women are not accepting themselves as God has made them, and so cannot accept and love their neighbor. They will only bring division, unhappiness, and destruction of peace to the world.

[From page 79 of Do Something Beautiful for God, the Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa]

MORAVIA KJZT SOCIETY #44 – Bakeless Bake Sale benefits the Hallettsville, Moulton and Schulenburg Fire Departments and Lavaca County Community Connections. Donations may be by cash or check with checks payable to Moravia KJZT Society #44. Mail to Kathy Guenther, 1103 CR 248, Schulenburg, TX 78956 by April 1.

GABRIEL PROJECT – will hold their largest fundraiser **Let's Taco 'Bout Babies** on Feb. 27 with an evening of Bingo, Live and Silent Auctions, and amazing prizes to be won. Food and drinks will be catered by Ventura's. Go to www.victoriagabrielproject.org. **Mentor Angel Training** will be Feb. 22 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at 101 W. Convent, Victoria. Learn how you can provide guidance, hope, and support to moms in need.

LAVACA CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING – Feb. 24, Queen of Peace, Sweet Home. Adoration at 6:30 p.m. in church; meal and program to follow in the Family Life Center. Bruce McConnell will present "Extraordinary Mystical Phenomena of the Catholic Church. For Info: www.lavacacatholicmen.com.

Sacred Heart CDA #797 – Meeting will be on, Monday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center. **Fun Day** is March 3 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Family Center. **2025 Dues** are now due. Please send your \$25 dues to Catherine Lyssy, 380 CR 170, Hallettsville, TX 77964

Sacred Heart JCDA – Juniors (5th-12th) will meet Sun., March 2 at 3:30 p.m. at the Family Center. **Juniorettes** will meet Wed., March 5 at 3:30 p.m. in the Family Center. For information contact Krisie Janak at 713-876-1788 or Tammy Whited at 361-772-6756.

A Catholic Small-Group Faith-Sharing book is again available for Lent 2025 (Cycle C)! By Heather Spears Kallus and Rev. Gabriel Bentil, "A Lenten Walk with Jesus" takes you on a journey of reflection on the words and actions of Jesus Christ as it pertains to your life today. It can be used for personal reflection, or in a small group setting. Info: www.hfccpublishing.com or to order.

Lavaca Catholic Women's Gathering - Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Queen of Peace, Sweet Home. Judi Kubena will present one more session on "Arming Yourself for Spiritual Warfare." Info: Judi 281-794-2462 or judikubena@hotmail.com.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Feb. 17 – School Holiday, President's Day

Feb. 24 – Junior High Track Meet; Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.

"Lord, as we enjoyed the Super Bowl Football game, we were mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." St. Rose Catholic School and Church, along with the area churches of St. John the Baptist Ammannsville and **St. John, Ascension of Our Lord Moravia**, and St. Mary's High Hill were part of this movement that shared God's love with those in need. Together \$1764.25 was collected for the Schulenburg Food Pantry. St. Rose School would like to thank everyone for their generosity and a reminder that the Schulenburg Food Pantry is always accepting donations.

BLOOD DRIVE – The Sacred Heart Church blood drive will be held **Sunday, March 9** from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the blood bus in the Gym parking lot. Please bring your ID. To schedule or for information <https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/city>. Sign-ups are encouraged, walk-ins are welcome.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Planted Near Water

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun. That's why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground.

For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water.

Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because He hates to see us smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer? We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

AMOR MEUS SPIRITUALITY CENTER

located at **Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria, TX 77901**

- **Silent Guided Retreat** – "**Are We There Yet**" by Stephanie Stewart is Sat., March 15; 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sign-In: 9:30 a.m. Park in front of the convent. Bring your lunch.

HOLY FAMILY ALTAR SOCIETY, VICTORIA will host its annual half-day Lenten Mini-Retreat in the main church on March 1st following First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m. Retreat Leader will be Fr. Joseph Blackburn, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Sorrows. Coffee and breakfast sweets will be served in St. Peter's Hall, as well as a light lunch at 11:30 a.m. Women and men of all parishes are invited. There is no fee to attend. Please RSVP by leaving a voice message at 361-576-6508 or by calling Mary Alice Hernandez at 361-571-9726.

Next Bulletin: March 2, 2025

All announcements can be sent by email to the Rectory at

rectory@shcatholicchurch.org or can be called in to the Rectory at 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, February 25, 2025