

November 15, 2015

Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday



Be Prepared!

As the liturgical year winds down the readings are sobering, scary, and hopeful. They shake up any complacency and pry us from misplaced confidences. We are told things will not always be the way they are now.

Those who are concerned about the end of the world are counseled to entrust the unknown and unknowable future to God's caring and capable hands.

The Good Shepherd has promised not to lose any of his sheep and it is this shepherd who is coming to fulfill his promise.

MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday, November 18

6:00 p.m. For the Welfare of the Parish

Saturday, November 21

4:30 p.m. Frank & Annie Cerny

Sunday, November 22

8:00 a.m. Spec. Int. – In Thanksgiving for
Brooks Edward Stryk

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Read ahead and be prepared for next weekend, *The Feast of Christ the King*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible:

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 93

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33b-37



BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for a bible study class after Mass on Wednesdays until 7:30 p.m.

C.C.D. Wednesday, November 18, 5 p.m.

2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

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| 2015 Assessment | \$7,532.00 |
| Contributions So Far | \$4,325.64 |
| Amount Yet to be Contributed | \$3,206.36 |

Our parish quota to the Bishop's office should be paid by the end of the year. We are way behind in our contributions. Do please consider making a payment so we can fulfill our obligation to the Bishop.

Restoring Maticka Praha



If you have not done so already, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a two-year pledge in honor of your loved ones. You however, are free to make a one-time donation or pay for an item of your choice.

A *Book of Memory* will be displayed at an appropriate place in the Church to honor all donors in these categories:

Category I – \$10,000 and above

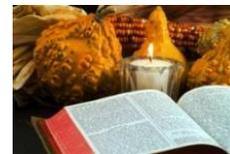
Category II – \$7,500 to \$9,999

Category III – \$5,000 to \$7,499

Category IV – \$2,500 to \$4,999

To make a tax deductible donation towards the restoration project: Restoring Maticka Praha contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES



Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, 6:00 p.m., **Praha**
(There will be an opportunity for individual confessions beginning at 5:00 p.m.)

Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:00 a.m., **Moulton**

Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offering will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for canned goods. You may drop your canned goods at any time.

Advent Confession Schedule

Praha – December 16, 5:00 p.m.

Moulton – December 17, 5:30 p.m.

REFLECTION



Trust in God

At the close of the liturgical year, the readings speak of the end of time, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to his disciples about the days of final tribulation. They are a terrible undoing of creation, an extinguishing of the light of the sun and moon, with the stars falling from the sky. Against the backdrop of this chaos, Jesus assures his disciples that he will come again in power and glory, gathering his elect from "the end of the earth to the end of the sky." No matter what horrendous suffering they endure life will rise again in them through his power, he tells them. The readings today give hope that everlasting radiance and tender new beginnings come after refinement in the fiery furnace of suffering.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 21 – Elmer Michna

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 15 – Lori & David Janecka
November 17 – Gail & Dennis Stryk

LOOKING AHEAD

The Feast of Christ the King – Nov. 22



Next Sunday, is the Thirty-fourth Sunday, or the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel proclaims Jesus king by the sign on his head on the throne of a wooden

cross (I.N.R.I. *Jesus nazarenus rex iudaeorum* – Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews).

The New Liturgical Year Begins Nov. 29

With the turning of the cycle of every Liturgical Year we bring ourselves to the symbols and stories of Advent with open ears and readiness for something new to happen.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development

Be generous.

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF THE DEAD

As the weather grows cooler, the leaves fall, and Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, it is natural that



our thoughts turn to those whom we have loved who are no longer with us.

As Christians, we don't travel through this world alone. Our salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others, and charity requires us to come to their aid. The same is true of the Holy Souls. We should pray for the dead throughout the year, but in this Month of the Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day to prayer for the dead.

We believe that those Holy Souls for whom we pray will continue to pray for us. If we live Christian lives, we too will likely find ourselves in Purgatory someday, and our acts of charity toward the Holy Souls there now will ensure that they remember us before the throne of God when we are most in need of prayers. It's a comforting thought, and one that should encourage us, especially in this month of November, to offer our prayers for the Holy Souls.

In keeping with the Church's tradition of praying for the dead, we display the Book of the Dead at the bulletin stand. It contains the names of our loved ones prayers were requested on the All Souls Envelopes. You are invited to leaf through the pages, and note the names. You may write the names of others you might want our parish family to pray for.

Liturgical Orientation

Every year, on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time the Church offers us a celebration explicitly centered on the mystery of the end-time. This Sunday makes the shift in the post-Pentecost season to the great themes of the end. This theme will be in the forefront from now until the First Sunday of Advent.

The Liturgy thus invites Christians to consider all things under the aspect of eternity by grounding themselves in their certainties guaranteed by faith: creation, which God made beautiful and good, will be transfigured by the Spirit; Christ will come again; those who prepared themselves to receive him will live with him forever; this future is decided in the present. It matters little to know when or how the new world will appear: at the end of a slow germination, invisible to human eyes, or with the dazzling suddenness of a flash of lightning? The images that evoke it must not mislead us. The day and the hour remain the secret to God alone.

We must note that in this Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we end the reading of Mark's gospel. On the following Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we read a passage from John.