

May 22, 2016

**First Sunday After Pentecost
The Most Holy Trinity
Solemnity**



This God We Constantly Await

Many have over the centuries devised a variety of symbols to explain the Mystery of the Trinity, three persons in one Godhead. Today, however through the Liturgy on this feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we are invited to acknowledge the Mystery by celebrating our experience of the God who has chosen to be revealed as Father, as Redeemer and as Sanctifier. The intimate communion of the Trinity in which we share, is the model placed before us today in our celebration.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 28
4:30 p.m. Wiedemann, Pokluda & Tupa Families
Sunday, May 29
8:00 a.m. St. Ann's K.J.Z.T. Society #4

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20
Responsorial Psalm: 110
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

No Bible Study Wednesday, May 25

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Adolph E. Motal
and the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment	\$7,618.00
Contributions So Far	\$1,985.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$5,633.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Consider at making a contribution.

Restoring Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent donations:

In Memory of Robert Benys

Betty Patalik - \$20

Liz & Leo Janak - \$20

Georgia Cerny & Stazy Hajek - \$35

In Memory of Alfred, Christine, Evan & Angeline

Tracy & Ken Demel, Houston, TX - \$50

A Book of Memory with the names of Donors will be on display. To make a donation to the project contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674 or send an email to st_joe@sbcglobal.net.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

Evelyn Darilek

For Good Health

Special Intention for my daughter

For my sons and daughter and family

SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY MASS – JUNE 19

To have your father specially remembered in the Mass Intention of the day, drop the attached Father's Day envelope in the collection or mail by June 13.

THANK YOU NOTE

We want to thank you for your recent donation of food and cash. Your help is deeply appreciated and will help us serve our clients better.

Thank you for your support.

The Directors of The Celebration House Food Pantry

REFLECTION

“In The Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”

This formula recurs so often in the Liturgy that we risk not paying much attention to it. Our yearly celebration of the Feast of the Trinity invites us to renew our awareness of the content and the import of our faith in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many fail to see what the mystery of the Trinity evokes. They believe in God, period, like so many others who belong to diverse religions, profess the existence of a God. By the same token, Jesus Christ is an outstanding prophet. He lived among us doing good and taught a particularly lofty way of living as religious human beings. Others do not see that the Trinity adds to faith in Jesus. They do not realize that if there is no Trinity, Jesus would no longer be Jesus. He is Jesus Christ, our Lord because he is “the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.” No one has ever seen God. The only Son of God, who is at the Father’s side, has revealed him to us. Besides, he spoke to his disciples of Another, coming also from the Father, the Spirit of truth sent to guide them “to all truth”.

Created in the image of God, human beings will be fully realized in as much as they live, in communion with others, a life similar to that of the Trinity, one God in three Persons. We all have our own existence, being distinct from all others. We however, become more and more ourselves by living in communion with others. Failing to do this, we shut ourselves up in the narrowest of prisons, that of our egos, where our personalities disintegrate. The most Holy Trinity is the most concrete model of life in the human community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



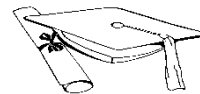
May 22 – Johnny Alvarado

Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph’s July 11-15, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This year’s theme is *Barnyard Roundup*. The program is open to young people of our community, age 4 through Fourth Grade. The fee for the VBS students will be \$10 per child to help cover the cost of craft materials, T-shirts and other incidentals. The program is subsidized by St. Joseph’s and supported by parish societies. *Praha Parish youth are invited to participate.*

**To register contact the Parish Office in Moulton
(361-596-4674). Registration deadline is June 13th.**

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



*Amy Nicole Koncaba
Haley Brooke Moeller*

We thank the Praha Altar Society and St. Ann’s K.J.Z.T. Society #4 for sponsoring the coffee, juice and donuts after Mass in their honor.

ORIENTATION

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Today’s solemnity commemorates the central dogma of Christianity: the Trinity. This dogma says that there is one God in three divine persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. “The faith of all Christians rests on the Trinity” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 232).

One of the greatest gifts of the Christian faith is the dogma of the triune God: God is three (tri) in one (une). The Christian God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is relational.

The readings for this solemnity speak of all aspects of the Holy Trinity. In the First Reading, we hear of the work of the Creator God, the Lord who established the heavens and the earth. We hear of the wisdom of God, an expression of God’s Holy Spirit, at work even before the creation of the world. In the Second Reading, we hear of Jesus Christ through whom we have been justified and been offered peace with God. Paul also tells us of the Holy Spirit through whom the love of God has been poured into our hearts. In the Gospel reading, we hear of the Spirit of truth who will come to teach us even more about God, leading us into a deeper relationship with the Father through Jesus.

Human beings were created to be in relationship with God from the beginning. May our relationships with each other reflect the relationships of the divine persons of the Trinity.

Praha Picnic

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

Picnic Update

Picnic Raffle prize donations are coming in. To make a donation contact Thomas Petru (512-751-6191), Liz Janak (361-596-8206) or the Parish Office (361-596-4674). The deadline is May 31st.

Bands For Picnic

Ennis Czech Boys – 11 a.m. - 1p.m. and 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Praha Bros. – 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
The All Around Czech – 7 p.m. -10 p.m.

MORE MOTHERS DAY BOUQUETS

Agnes Fajkus Agnes Kokes
Mary Ann Kokes Georgia Wendel