

July 24, 2016

**Ordinary Time**  
Seventeenth Sunday



**Why Pray?**

**This question speaks to one of our most essential human needs. Jesus knows that his disciples needed to share in the relationship he had with God. He therefore taught us a simple, honest and profound prayer. We pray because the words we utter in God's presence are the breathing that sustains our lives. God is nearer to us than our own heartbeat. The day we cease to pray, we cease to live and to be who we are before God and others.**



**Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by an Anonymous Donor.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday, July 30  
4:30 p.m. Eugene A. Patalik, Sr.  
Sunday, July 31  
8:00 a.m. Cecelia "Sissy" Hajek

**Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy**



Next weekend is *The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

**Responsorial Psalm: 90**

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

**Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

*No Bible Study Wednesday, July 27*

**St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Praha Quarterly Meeting Today** in the School Chapel after the 8:00 A.M. Mass. Members and their families invited.

**St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund**  
**Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha**



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Susan Butler, Houston - \$100*

*A Friend of the Parish - \$15,000*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**On The Journey to Jerusalem**

*From the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In the framework of the *Journey to Jerusalem*, the Gospel according to St. Luke has incorporated certain teachings of Jesus that function as a course on discipleship. These teachings may appear to be disjointed and illogical, but they are not.

The four gospel passages read from the 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> Sundays are grouped under the heading: *In all things consider the End*. These teachings of Jesus are seen from the perspective of the End of all things – eternity, the Master's return, judgment, and entry into the Kingdom.

- The happy End of human life does not depend on wealth, and it is foolish to hoard it when what is needed is to grow rich *in what matters to God* – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday.
- One must therefore dedicate oneself to gathering a never-failing treasure, behaving as a *faithful and prudent steward* – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday.
- Such conduct and behavior contrasts sharply with the world's ways of acting often leading us to conflict with those who do not appreciate all things in the light of this *End* – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday.
- Yet entry into the Kingdom requires these choices – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday.

**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 silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



**Remember to pray for the following intentions:**

*For my wife*

*To bless my mother*

*For my departed husband, Gary*

*For Elizabeth Wesrdyke's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

*In thanksgiving for my sister's successful surgery*

*In thanksgiving for my brother's successful procedure*

*In memory of Kim Connelly, D. Connelly and for Rose*

*For my sons and daughter: Joe III, Joel & Adriana*

