

October 30, 2016

Ordinary Time

Thirty-first Sunday



Out on a Limb

Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, who is featured in today's Gospel, was not a very popular person because of his occupation. Determined not to allow any obstacle to separate him from salvation, Zaachaeus risked going out on a limb to see and be seen by Jesus. For his repentance, for his sincere desire to make restitution and for his outreach to the poor, Zaachaeus was assured of salvation. His courage challenges each of us to do likewise.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, November 1

4:30 p.m. Fr. Dan Morales

Wednesday, November 2

4:30 p.m. Our Dead Specially Remembered Today

Saturday, November 5

4:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Lala – Tousek Family

Sunday, November 6

9:30 a.m. All Veterans

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm: 17

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat – November 3 - 6

Applications and Prayer Poster available in Church. You do not have to be an A.C.T.S. member to sign up to pray for the retreatants. Return Mass, 10 a.m. in Schulenburg. The retreat is put on by the Hostyn A.C.T.S. Core. Yes, it is opening weekend of deer season but please remember that Christ gave up his life for our Eternal Salvation. For more information contact Johnnie Hoffman (865-2342).

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

November 1st – *The Feast of All Saints*

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level.

Mass Schedule: Praha – 4:30 p.m. Moulton – 6:30 p.m.

November 2nd – *The Feast of All Souls*

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

Mass Schedule:

Praha – Blessing of Graves 4:00 p.m., Mass 4:30 p.m.

Moulton – Mass 6:30 p.m., blessing of graves after Mass.

Book of The Dead: In keeping with the Church's tradition of praying for the dead, we will display the Book of the Dead. It contains the names of our loved ones prayers were requested for 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.

*Return your All Souls envelope by October 31.

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

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Wolfgang May

George C. May, Dickinson, TX - \$50

Elyse & Eugene Chaloupka - \$200

(Pledged Payment)

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Dorothy Vyvjala Migl

Mary & Charlie Bartos

Praha Memorial Chapels

We thank the Praha All Veterans Memorial Club for their donation of \$2,000 towards the restoration of the chapels.

The chapels were built in 1945 in remembrance of the Nine Boys of Praha who lost their lives during the Second World War. The Praha community suffered the highest percentage casualty rate of any community in the U.S.A.

Work Done: In remembrance of the soldiers and in preparation for the Celebration of the Veterans Day Mass next Sunday, new tile floors have been installed in the chapels. Stained glass has been placed in the windows, the inside of the chapels have been repainted and fitted with lights. Colored pencil portraits of the Nine Boys of Praha now adorn the chapels. A new flower bed has been placed around the chapels and a new walkway leads to every chapel.

REFLECTION

The Lord Shows Mercy to All People

The unexpected conversion of Zacchaeus is wonderful and quite radical. "Half of my possessions, Lord I shall give to the poor." See how this rich tax collector immediately enters on the gospel path of the proper use of wealth. With "elusive wealth" he makes friends, the poor. He understands that one cannot serve both God and mammon. He firmly opts for God. He publicly vows to make restitution to those whom he may have wronged. By his occupation Zacchaeus had excluded himself, in the popular estimation, from his people. He was a traitor, who had thrown in his lot with the hated occupying Roman power for the sake of money. But for Jesus this does not disqualify this tax collector from salvation. He also is a son of Abraham. For Jesus it is not the Law of Moses that ultimately determines a person's relation to God but a person's attitude toward Jesus himself. Zacchaeus' determination to see Jesus and his climbing up into the sycamore tree are taken as a sign of genuine faith, which break through the barriers between God and Humans. Now he hears the word, "Today salvation has come to this house." This is the mission of Jesus fulfilled. In Jesus, God is seeking and saving the lost.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 4 – Ernest (Junior) Chaloupka, Jr.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 6 – Congratulations Mary & Charlie Bartos on your 45th Wedding Anniversary

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



The last Sunday in October is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and to affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Priesthood Sunday is coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International, an organization of lay men and women whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

We pray for all priests who are ordained to serve the Church, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by the people they serve.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Archdiocese for the Military Services

This collection is taken up once every three years. It offers each of us a substantial way to "serve those who serve." Funds raised will help bring the Church's full range of pastoral services to the men and women in uniform as well as their families and patients in the nation's VA Medical Centers.

A special envelope for the military will be included in your monthly envelope mailing. ***Please be generous.***

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:

For All Elected Officials

In Thanksgiving and For Family

For The Fruitful Health of Our Daughter

For A Peaceful Solution to A Difficult Problem

So My Son Anthony N. Is In Heaven Paradise Always

For Recovery and Healing of My Husband After Surgery

Continued Healing and Recovery of Sister-in-law's Open

Heart Surgery

For My Dad's Dementia, My Mom – Caretaker and For

Buffie – Christian Husband

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

54th Anniversary ALL VETERANS DAY

Honoring All Veterans Of All Wars

PRAHA CEMETERY



Praha Church 9:30 A.M.

Mass To Be Offered For All Veterans

Assembly - 10:30 A.M. • Veterans Memorial Service - 11:00 A.M.

Flyover By Commemorative Air Force - 11:30 A.M.

– Special Tribute To All Veterans –

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Sponsored By Praha Veterans Club & Vietnam Veterans Chapter 870

54th Annual
Ceremonies

Flower
Drop

Conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars,
American Legion,
Pearl Harbor Survivors, Catholic War Veterans
and Disabled Veterans,
Vietnam Veterans and All Veterans,
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

Guest Speaker:

Mark McLaughlin
Retired Captain, United States Navy

Please bring
lawn chairs
as seating
is limited!

Commemorating
71 years of
V.J. Day

Moulton
School Band

Praha Style Fried Chicken Dinner w/ Trimmings \$9.00

Begins at 11:30 a.m. Take Home Plates Available.

**Meal prepared by St. Rose Home & School Association
Proceeds benefit St. Rose Catholic School, Schulenburg**