

November 13, 2016

Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday



Focus on the Present

This Sunday we continue our reflection on the theme of the end-time. As this Liturgical Year dovetails into the next, we are resolved to renew our efforts at living lives of faith and not in fear of things to come. Our lives are only secured by our perseverance and our trust in Jesus' promise of being with us.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by Mary & Charlie Bartos in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, November 19
4:30 p.m. Benjamin Smolik
Sunday, November 20
8:00 a.m. Marie & Tony Masek

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Feast of Christ the King*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
Responsorial Psalm: 122
Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Praha Altar Society Meeting Today after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day Mass, **7:00 a.m., Praha**
Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:30 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.

I will be away for a few days. Fr. James Ramsey will be here for the weekend Masses in Moulton and Praha. For any pastoral needs do please contact the Parish Office. I thank you for your continued support. Remember me in your prayers as I do you.

Fr. Gabriel

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Karen & Doyle Coburn, Livingston, TX - \$500

Kay & Carroll Scrogin, Moweaqua, IL - \$25

In Memory of Dorothy Vyvjala Migl

Wendi & Darren Guentert & Family, Schulenburg - \$50

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

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 Shelly

For My Son Joseph

IMO Millie & A.G. Faykus

For My Daughter & Family

For Margaret & Ben Roeder

For the Success of My Business

The Death of My Beloved Husband

In Thanksgiving for Recovery of Tina Masek

For the Physical, Mental & Spiritual Healing of Family

For Our Country – May It Return to God's Goodness & Love

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Louis George Stryk

and for the comfort of his loved ones.

May he rest in peace.



REFLECTION

The Day of the Lord Has Come And Is Coming

This Sunday we reflect on the theme of the end-time introduced last Sunday. The Gospel is an account of a teaching given by Jesus in Jerusalem before his passion.

Luke's Gospel begins in the Temple of Jerusalem, with the vision of Zechariah, where the birth of John the Baptist was foretold. The infant Jesus was presented in the Temple and was recognized as the anointed of the Lord by Simeon and Anna. Beginning at twelve, Jesus went every year to Jerusalem on the Passover pilgrimage and once stayed three days in the Temple and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. It is at the Temple that Jesus gives his disciples and the crowd his final teachings, the central part of which are proclaimed today. Imagine what Jesus must have felt when he spoke of the destruction of the Temple, the heart of Jerusalem, the sanctuary of the presence of God among his people. The destruction of the Temple is tantamount to the end of the world. It is a signal of the end-time, the apocalypse. Jesus was aware of this connection and warns his disciples not to confuse the destruction of the Temple with his return as the Son of Man. Before all these things – before the end of the world, the Jesus who had met controversy throughout his ministry especially in Jerusalem now predicts the same treatment for his disciples. Fully aware of the conflict we would face Jesus encourages us to accept persecution as a sharing in the cross, an opportunity for bearing witness to him. During the coming season of Advent we have the opportunity for rethinking the witness value of our lives and renewing our energies in the service of the Gospel for Jesus is coming.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 15 – Lori & David Janecka

November 17 – Gail & Dennis Stryk

2017 MASS BOOK OPENED

Mass Offering Stipend – Make a donation.



Called in requests will be honored only upon receipt of donation.

** Owing to the large volume of Mass requests for loved ones each family is limited to 3 Masses per year. The stipend for the Mass is an offering to God. \$5 is the least you can offer. It is recommended you give generously from your heart and not the least possible. To book a Mass call the Parish Office or put your intention and offering into the collection basket, or mail.*

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development (CCHD)

The CCHD works to transform lives and communities, focusing steadily on breaking the cycle of poverty in thousands of communities across the U.S. *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 votive candle 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 indaeoreum* – Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews).

The New Liturgical Year Begins November 27

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* are available at the Church entrance for those who put in an order. To order a booklet call 800-933-1800.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* is available in the sacristy. Lectors pick up your copy.
- The *2017 Respond & Acclaim* CDs are ready. Organists and Song Leaders pick up your copy at the organ.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Moulton – December 15, 5:30 p.m.

Praha – December 21, 5:00 p.m.