

April 2, 2017

**Lent
Fifth Sunday**



Do You Believe This?

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus is revealed as the Resurrection and the Life. In conjunction with the Gospels of the previous two Sundays, we discern three stages of faith. First, the Samaritan woman at the well, illustrated an initial coming to faith. Then the man born blind illustrated faith that acquired depth after he was tested. The Lazarus story today illustrates the deepening of faith that comes from facing death. The story points ahead to eternal life that God will give us through Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 8
4:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Okruhlik & Hajek Family

Sunday, April 9
8:00 a.m. Sp. Intention: Stazy Hajek In Thanksgiving
* No Lenten Mini-Retreat Mass or Class this week.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: 22
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

Praha Altar Society: In an effort to include all women in the parish, the Altar Society would like to be able to communicate by email with those that have access to the internet. Please email Robin Cerny at rlcerny@aol.com so that you can be included on the list. All women are welcome and encouraged to join. Dues are \$5.00 and the society supports the needs of the parish and its members. Thank you. Lori Janecka, President Altar Society

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially James "Burt" Finney.

Prepare to Celebrate Easter



Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, April 5 Praha 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7 Moulton 5:30 p.m.

Priests from the area will be assisting.

** No scheduled confessions in Praha during Holy Week.*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – See Insert.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

- Patricia Huffman, Richmond, TX - \$20*
- Michele & Kelly McManus, Ennis, TX - \$20*
- Anita & Nelson Francisco, Pearland, TX - \$20*
- Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$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.

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 My Family*
- For Rhonda Ronan*
- For Peace & Family*
- For Julia Ann Kainer*
- For Healing For Carmela*
- For Jackson, Sara & Melissa*
- For My Dad's Health, For My Family*
- For The Health of Adolph Tajeron*
- For My Grandma Dinas & My Family*
- For My Family's Health & Happiness*
- For My Brother Ruben In The Hospital*
- For Stephen Davis, His Parents & Family*
- In Memory of Guadalupe & Adolpho Tajeron*
- For My Friends & Family Going Through Cancer Treatment*
- In Thanksgiving For Two Children Graduating, For Health, Patience & Peace*

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

**Our Joyful Walk Toward Holy Easter
The Fifth Sunday of Lent**



**Jesus, Resurrection and Life.
Do You Believe This?**

In John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus is the last of the seven signs that Jesus works in order to manifest the glory of the Father and announce his supreme personal glorification at his Passover.

This all-important *sign* is especially appropriate to the Sunday before Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, after the Gospels of the Living Water and the Man Born Blind. The raising of Lazarus is the *sign* that prefigures the definitive triumph of Jesus on the Cross, God's glory and the glorification of the Son victorious over death, who awakens us, making us pass, already here below to the life that bodily death cannot touch.

This is an event-sign to which each of us must try to relate. It requires from each of us a personal answer. ***I am the resurrection and the Life ... Do you believe this?*** None of us can evade this question and be a believer. With the assurance of one day sharing in the Lord's resurrection, we cannot however forget the inescapable step of the cross. Christ, Resurrection and Life, has gone through it with us. The raising of Lazarus has as its immediate consequence the condemnation of Jesus to death; he freely gave his life so that we might live forever. Like Thomas, we say, ***Let us go to Jerusalem to die with him and with him to rise.***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 6 – Carl Henke

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



April 8 – Margaret & Michael Hanslik

Last Lenten Fish Fry of 2017 Next Friday

St. Joseph's Church, Moulton
Fridays of Lent

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$8.00 Per Plate
Fish, Hush Puppies, Sides & Dessert

Dine in the Parish Hall Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go

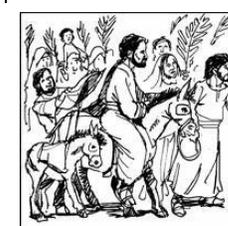
*All proceeds go to the Church's charities.

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl

Today Jesus proclaims, "I am the resurrection and the life." As we prepare to celebrate Christ's Resurrection we are both consoled and energized to do his will. Your contribution to the Rice Bowl helps farmers improve crop yields, brings clean water to communities, and provides basic health and nutrition services. *Use your Rice Bowl envelope to help make a difference in someone's life.*

Next Sunday we enter into Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.



We commemorate the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem according to ancient custom with a solemn procession. With songs and gestures we imitate the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing "Hosanna". In the procession we carry palm branches which are later taken home

where they serve as a reminder of the Victory of Christ.

Sunday is the only day that there are two gospel proclamations in the same liturgy. The first takes place in at the beginning of the liturgy before the procession. It recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The second gospel proclaimed takes place in the usual place at Mass. It is the proclamation of the Passion narrative. It is proclaimed without the usual ritual gestures: the greeting, the crossing of forehead, lips, and heart, no incense, no candles. This is the most pivotal moment in the life of the Lord and in our observance of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week.

Come let us celebrate!

Holy Week At A Glance

Palm Sunday Procession: We will gather in front of the School for the procession.

Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils): -April 11, 10:00 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria. Parishioners are invited to participate.

Holy Thursday:

- The Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Gifts And Canned Food For The Needy

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday: We gather for the Easter Vigil.

Easter Flowers: To make a donation in memory of your loved ones, drop your Easter Flower Donation envelope in the collection basket or mail. Donors list will be published in the Bulletin.

Lenten Food Drive: Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to Church.

Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations: We thank Gertie & Charlie Hajek for their recent donation (\$20) for Easter Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Gertie noted *...Our grandchildren love the hunt and look forward to it every year.* To make a donation, contact the Parish Office.