

October 8, 2017

Ordinary Time
Twenty-seventh Sunday



Caring for God's Vine

In the gospel, we find Jesus once again sparring with the religious leaders of the people. He challenges them with another parable about a vineyard. Not only have they been unfaithful to their mission as stewards, but they have often persecuted and killed those whom the Lord had sent to them.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Julia Stryk in memory of Anton Stryk.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 14
4:30 p.m. Benjamin Smolik
Sunday, October 15
8:00 a.m. Theresa & Jerry Kubenka

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a
Responsorial Psalm: 23
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

PLEASE NOTE

Parish Office Hours next week will be 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. Mary Lou will be out of the office but someone will be available to take messages, etc. Non-emergency requests will be taken care of when Mary Lou returns.

*** For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.**

Altar Society Meeting Today After Mass

WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Anthony Pesek to St. Mary's. Fr. Pesek will be celebrating the Masses at Praha & Moulton this weekend.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of The Cerny Family - \$20

In Memory of Joseph L. Charba
Deane Charba, Corpus Christi, TX - \$50

In Memory of Frank Michalak
Geralyn & Charles Klmitchek, Hallettsville, TX - \$25

In Memory of Ruth Ellen & Jilji Riha
Carol & Stan Steele, Richmond, TX - \$250

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

A THANK YOU NOTE

Father Gabriel,
[Redacted] & I are so thankful for your generous gift to help us rebuild. It's been a learning process for us getting through the red tape, but I think we are close to starting our remodel. I hope to be able to invite you to our grand re-opening. God's Blessings to you!
[Redacted]

As stated in last week's Bulletin a Second Collection will not be taken up for the Flood Victims. Parishioners who wish to make a donation to the flood victims may make a check payable to St. Mary's Church indicating Flood Victims.

REFLECTION



A People Chosen To Bear Fruit

The first reading and the gospel describe attempts at deliberately destroying God's plan for the Kingdom. God worked tirelessly to ensure that the vineyard/kingdom would thrive and be a source of enjoyment and prosperity. Despite all God's plans and effort it produced an unacceptable crop, wild grapes. There was no mistake on God's part. God was in no way remiss in planting or tending. The vineyard was rebellious. In the gospel, however, the fault is not with the vineyard. It produced an abundant crop. Those who were trusted stewards turned out to be *traitorous usurpers*. They wanted the vineyard for themselves and were willing to use any means to acquire it in order to exercise control over it.

It is therefore appropriate that God would snatch it out of their grasp and entrust the vineyard to those who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

Jesus follows the parable by assuring the chief priests and elders that the Kingdom of God will be taken away from them, just as the vineyard was taken away from the servants. In the end, God's plan will prevail.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 8 – Gary Cerny
– Georgia Cerny
October 9 - Emil Lev
October 13 – Nichole Klekar
October 14 – Dennis Tousek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 9 – Mary Ann & Emil Lev

Area Picnics

Today 8 – Cistern Picnic (Rescheduled)
– Panna Maria, OVL Victoria, East Bernard, Nada

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 – 5:30 p.m.
Moulton – 7:00 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 the Graves at 5:00 p.m.
Mass at 5:30 p.m.
Moulton – Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Blessing of the graves after Mass.

All Souls Commemoration

During the month of November we remember our dead. Remembrance candles will be lit during the weekend Masses for them. Use the attached All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved, and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail slot at the rectory by Oct. 31.

Cross Catholic Outreach

Fr. Joseph Westfall of Cross Catholic will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

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 Liz & Lisa S.
For My Brother Bob
In Memory of Bill Brittain
For Spiritual & Mental Healing
For Financial Help & A New Home
Pray for Jeanie T. I. Who Has Cancer
For The Recovery of My Brother-in-Law
For Perseverance & Strength For Healing
For Peace In My Life & Peace In The World
Please Pray For My Two Daughters & For Myself
For My Daughter Who Struggles With Depression
For The Successful Marriage of Adriane & Brenden
Pray For Caitlyn, Cameron, Gabe & Uribe – All Active Military
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued