

October 22, 2017

**Ordinary Time**  
**Twenty-ninth Sunday**



**“Give to Caesar,” “Give to God”**

The question “Is it lawful to pay the Census Tax to Caesar or not?” was to trap Jesus by goading him into choosing between the secular and the Sacred World. Jesus acknowledged the power of the secular world and the demands it makes upon its citizens. He however affirmed the even greater responsibility we owe to God. Living according to the loving overtures of God develops those qualities of character that will make us good citizens of the world.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday, October 28  
4:30 p.m. Katherine & John Pokluda  
Sunday, October 29  
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of St. Anne’s K.J.Z.T.  
Society #4

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



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

**First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18**  
**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**  
**Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40**

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
*Julius James Simper*  
and for the comfort of his loved ones.  
*May he rest in peace.*



**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 your All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail by October 31.

**St. Mary’s Restoration Endowment Fund**  
**Maintaining & Preserving Matıcka Praha**



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde TX - \$300*  
*(pledged payment)*

*In Memory of Frank Michalak*  
*Betty Patalik - \$25*

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

**ST. MARY’S MEMORIAL FUND**

*In Memory of Frank Michalak & Jim Schneider*  
*Mary & Charlie Bartos*

**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:**  
*Carol W. for Healing*  
*For Paul to Find A New Job*  
*In Memory of Francis Ulloa*  
*In Memory of Robert Gruss*  
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

## REFLECTION

### *Piety or Politics*

This controversy over the tribute due to Caesar and to God was one of a series of heated exchanges between Jesus and those who attempted to best him in debate. At issue here was the burden of the taxes levied on its subjects by the Roman Empire. These taxes were several: (1) income tax: equivalent to 1 percent of one's income; (2) ground tax: a 10<sup>th</sup> of all grain and a fifth of all oil and wine were to be paid in coin or in kind to Rome; (3) poll tax: a denarius or day's wage was exacted from all men ages 14-65 and all women ages 12-65.

Those who questioned Jesus about the legality of paying taxes to Caesar were asked to produce the coin of the realm. Inscribed on the coin would have been the image of Tiberius Caesar, whose power was indeed formidable. But Jesus' answer to his questioners puts Caesar's power into perspective. While the coin may rightly belong to the emperor, and Jesus acknowledged that tribute in coinage was expected, all else that a person is or has or does belongs to God. Therefore Caesar's role and the importance of empire fade into insignificance before the indebtedness in which sinners stand before God.

Tertullian suggested that just as the coin with Caesar's image acknowledged his proper ownership, human beings, who are God's coin, bearing God's image, belong completely to God. This belonging makes a far greater demand than a few coins, however difficult these may be to surrender.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 22 – Jenelle Cerny  
October 25 – Harvey Berckenhoff

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 26 – Frances & Leon Kubenka

## 2018 MASS BOOK OPENS OCTOBER 25



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 THIS WEEKEND

### *World Mission Sunday*

This day is designated to offer prayer and financial support for missionaries around the world. It is also a day to remember that the Church is missionary at its very core. All the baptized are called to carry on the mission of Christ and to proclaim the good news to the world.

*Please be generous.*

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

### ***White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign***

The campaign is held each year at the end of October. Norma Norris of Butler, PA began the White Ribbon Week after hearing a sermon against pornography delivered by her parish priest. Norma used a simple white ribbon as a symbol of decency to inform the public of the harm done by exposure to pornography. The National Center on Sexual Exploitation has expanded the campaign to include human trafficking and the physical abuse of women and children.

Members of the Catholic Daughters #2570, Court of the Sacred Heart of Mother Teresa, Flatonia will hand out white ribbons and a prayer card after Mass today. They encourage you to wear the ribbon and join them in prayer this week as they work to end the harm caused by pornography.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Ordinary Time – Weeks 30-34 November**

#### **Oct. 29: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

Matthew 22:34-40 – The two great commandments.

#### **Nov. 1: Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection Begins**

#### **Nov. 1: Feast of All Saints**

Matthew 5:1-12a – Jesus offered the beatitudes as the charter of the heavenly reign.

#### **Nov. 2: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)**

John 6:37-40 – Jesus rejects no one who comes to him.

#### **Nov. 5: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

Matthew 23:1-12 – Jesus warned not to show off but to practice the faith humbly before God.

#### **Nov. 12: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

Matthew 25:1-13 – Jesus told the disciples the parable of the bridesmaids.

#### **Nov. 19: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

Matthew 25:14-30 – Jesus told the parable about a man who went on a journey and gave his servants money.

#### **Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day**

#### **Nov. 26: 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Christ the King)**

Matthew 25:31-46 – The Son of Man will come in glory.

## **Annual Veteran's Day Memorial Service November 5, 2017**

## Area Picnics

**Today** – St. Michael's Church Bazaar, Needville