

September 9, 2018

Ordinary Time

Twenty-third Sunday



“Ephphatha!” – “Be Opened!”

The readings of this Sunday offer us a vision of when God himself comes running to us. Eyes will be opened, ears unstopped and hearts will leap for joy. They tell us that these marvels are brought about through God’s power and that, left to our own devices, we sometimes make distinctions that divide.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by Betty Patalik in memory of the Cerny & Patalik Family.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 15
4:30 p.m. Theresa & Jerry Kubenka
Sunday, September 16
8:00 a.m. Annie Bartos

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116
Second Reading: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 10 – Edward Koncaba, Jurgen Joseph Hutzler
September 14 – Robin Cerny

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment \$7,761.00
Contributions So Far \$ 3,830.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 3,931.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Susan Ivey
Gayle & Steven Hill
Cyndi & Allen Stryk
Rosemary & Arthur Klekar

Do please consider making a donation.

LADIES MINI RETREAT – SEPTEMBER 22

The Catholic Daughters #2570 of Flatonia will host a Ladies Spiritual Mini-Retreat with Sister Digna Vela of Victoria. Title is "**Living Contemplatively in a Busy, Hectic World!**" The day will begin with a breakfast buffet at 8:30 a.m. with the presentation to follow from 9:00 a.m. to noon. No charge for retreat or breakfast, but free will donation accepted. It is open to ladies of the parish from Praha, Cistern, Flatonia and surrounding CDA courts. Bring your Bibles. A signup sheet is in back of the church. Contact Kathleen Svatek at 214-280-7828 for more information.

Please join us for Prayer, Learning, and Fellowship.

Deadline to sign up is Wed. Sept. 12.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Grandpa was almost stone deaf. He finally went to see the doctor to see if anything could be done about his condition. The doctor fit him with a set of hearing aids that allowed him to hear like new.

When Grandpa went back to the doctor for his monthly checkup, the doctor said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.”

Grandpa replied, “Oh, I haven’t told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to their conversations. I’ve already changed my will three times!”

The word Jesus used when he healed the deaf man in today’s Gospel was “*Ephphatha*,” which means “Be opened.” At each of our baptisms, the celebrant prayed a prayer that our ears would be opened to hear God’s word, and our mouths be opened to proclaim it.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Sept. 14 – Helen & Ernest (Junior) Chaloupka
– Congratulations Elizabeth & Kyle Koncaba on your 5th Wedding Anniversary
Sept. 15 – Anna & Michael Fishbeck

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

**Catholic Communications Campaign,
Catholic University, Black & Native Americans**
Please be generous.

REFLECTION

Jesus Opens Our Eyes and Our Ears

From the time of our religious ancestors God promised to save us, to open eyes that are blind and ears that are deaf, to enable us to leap with the joy of being saved, to release us from the cruel bondage of hate and oppression and suffering. God made these promises, and God is faithful because these promises have been fulfilled by Jesus. He opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world. Touched by Jesus in this way, our hearts leap with joy; our world and our lives are charged with the presence of God.

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 Rain*
 - For My Vocation*
 - For Peace & Health*
 - For Luis Saucedo Garcia*
 - For Peace, Health, House*
 - For Ruben Lopez – Cancer*
 - For Justine & Ruben Velasquez*
 - Safe Vacation Travels For Family*
 - For My Cousin – Cancer Treatments*
 - For Charles's Citizenship & A Promotion*
 - For My Parents Home To Be Granted To Me*
 - In Memory of the Patalik-Firasek-Vanek Family*
 - So That DWI Charges Will Be Dropped For My Son*
 - For Kaela & David – We Are Trying To Have A Child*
 - For The Health Of My Husband And His Faith Get Strong*
 - Keep My Family Safe, Kind; Respect the 10 Commandments*
 - In Loving Memory of Mom & Dad; That Brother & Sister-in-law Will Sell House*
- Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH PICNIC NEXT WEEKEND

We thank the Praha Parishioners who have volunteered to work at the Picnic, made monetary contributions and/or donated auction items.

The Picnic will be held at the new Social Center on the Church grounds. See map opposite for the location and Drive Thru Plates-To-Go directions.

Come out and support your sister Parish.

MOULTON CHURCH PICNIC



Sunday, September 16, 2018
St. Joseph's Social Center (On Church Grounds)

Mass 10:00 a.m., St. Joseph's Church



FRIED CHICKEN & STEW DINNER

\$10.00 Per Plate

Begins at 10:30 a.m.

Drive-thru plates-to-go and meat-to-go available.

Train Ride, Ball Throw
Fish Pond, Ring Toss

Hamburgers, Sno-cones
Popcorn, and more...

Cake Walk, Plant Walk
Country Store

AUCTION

1:00 p.m.

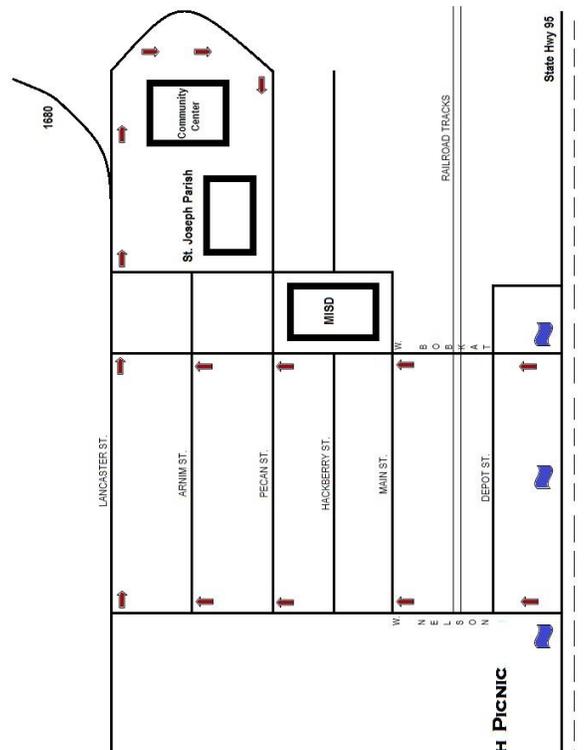
Livestock, quilts, hand-made Items

DRAWING

Grand Prize

\$5,000.00 Gift Certificate

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moulton, Texas Picnic Always Third Sunday of September



↑ TO-GO PLATE SIGNS
↑ CHURCH PICNIC SIGNS

St. Joseph Parish Picnic
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