

October 7, 2018

Ordinary Time

Twenty-seventh Sunday



No Longer Two, But One

This Sunday's Gospel relates Jesus' position on divorce. Jesus suggests that divorce corresponds to a stage of human development marked by the weakness resulting from sin. With his coming, the messianic times, people must resolutely go back to the primordial purity of marriage and to the creator's intention: "Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by Virginia & William Migl in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their wedding.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 13
4:30 p.m. Theresa & Jerry Kubenka
Sunday, October 14
8:00 a.m. Lillie Zimmerhanzel

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: Wisdom 7:7-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment \$7,761.00
Contributions So Far \$ 4,356.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 3,405.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Pat Masek
Georgia Cerny
Melvin Hutzler*

Do please consider making a donation.

PRAHA PANCAKE TODAY – OCTOBER 7

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



The Altar Society is hosting Praha Pancake Sunday on October 7th starting at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The breakfast will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, coffee and juice. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and good fellowship. A free will donation will be appreciated.

Will you consider helping one Sunday? It's always the First Sunday of the month. The time commitment is from 7:30-10:30. We need 8 volunteers to make the kitchen HUM! Please contact Lori Janecka at: (361) 772-4307 or lorijanecka@gmail.com to get on the volunteer list.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY



Respect Life Sunday is celebrated today. The purpose is to raise consciousness and provide resources on various issues that affect the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

We pray for – and renew our resolve to bring about – a culture of life and an end to the killing of innocent human beings, especially those who are vulnerable due to age, size, health or dependency.

The Sacrament of Marriage

The tone is set today with the two familiar readings: Adam and Eve becoming one flesh and Jesus' lesson on the permanence of marriage. No matter when is the anniversary of your wedding, celebrate your sacred togetherness. Make time this week to talk and pray together about where God is leading you in your marriage. Enjoy the affection, romance, and playfulness God has graced you with; and also feed the friendship, cultivate the spiritual companionship, and listen compassionately to each other's hearts, just as Christ is listening and caring for your shared heart.

Mass Count: Bishop Cahill has asked that a Mass count be taken up at every weekend Mass during the months of May and October in all parishes of the diocese. Records indicate that on average 231 people attended Mass at St. Mary's on the weekends of October 2017.

REFLECTION

Jesus is put to the test by the religious authorities about divorce. In response he takes them back to the foundations of their faith. When questioned, Jesus frequently turns the tables, posing questions to those who ask questions. Here, what begins as a legal question about divorce becomes an issue about all human relationships and responsibilities.

The creation accounts in Genesis provide the setting for Jesus' teaching. The relationship between humanity and God is a fundamental aspect of creation and not merely a social convention regulated by law.

In those days divorce was all too often an irresponsible male action against a woman, it left the wife and children destitute. Divorce was essentially an act of injustice against women. In criticizing divorce, Jesus called into question the current understanding of the marriage union. Jesus said that this union was meant to reflect the permanent union of God and human beings intended from the beginning and not just a social convention that men should cast off at will. Jesus called men to their responsibilities to women and children with their marriages.

God's relationship to creatures is primarily one of faithfulness. The stories of the Bible are so often about this relationship and about the deadly results of breaking faith from God and with one another. To those committed to faithfulness for example in marriage – breaking faith is no small matter. Creation is charged with the presence of God, and as part of creation people are called to responsibility. In Bible terms, this relationship of responsibility is called a covenant, a relationship characterized by love, mercy and forgiveness and by a legal contract.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 8 – Gary Cerny, Georgia Cerny
October 12 – Joshua Hutzler
October 13 – Nichole Klekar

PENNIES FOR LIFE



The Catholic Daughters of The Americas is sponsoring *Pennies For Life*. During the month of October, we are asking that you donate one penny for each year of your life in thanksgiving to God for the life He has given you. At the end of October, the monies collected will be sent to the Victoria Diocese Respect Life Office.

For more information contact Georgia Cerny.

THANK YOU NOTE



The Flatonia Fire & Rescue

Thanks you for your contribution

and greatly appreciates your support.

*Respectfully,
DeDe Elliott
Firefighter*

St. Mary's recently made a donation of \$250 to the Flatonia Volunteer Fire Department. We thank the volunteers for coming out to Praha to wash down the Pavilion prior to the Picnic each year.

The Praha Picnic was a success. We thank all those who worked at the picnic, donated towards and bought at the Picnic. We could not have done it without you – our dedicated parishioners, friends of the parish and our generous benefactors.

The Picnic Report was a little delayed this year because Praha and Moulton Picnics are back to back and there was a lot to prepare for Moulton Picnic. I am happy with the Picnic Report because we all worked together to make the plan come together and we thank God for his providence.

God bless,

Religious Education For Children In Praha

Fr. Gabriel met with some parents about the C.C.D. Program in Praha and a decision was made to have two streams: - a Wednesday Program and a Sunday after Mass Program. Parents interested in either program are to contact Fr. Gabriel as soon as possible to make arrangements to start the program.

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 Nicole & Garrett
For Leighton Nagelmueller
For My Niece & Her Family
Welfare of The Catholic Church
Blessings for the Czuprynowski Familiy
For Spirt, Healing For Family Members, Stan & Steve
For Aubrey Schultz – Being Treated For Lung Cancer
The Family of Mark Anderle As They Struggle With His
Absence*

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued