

October 21, 2018

Ordinary Time

Twenty-ninth Sunday



Servant of All, Like the Lord

Today's readings serve as a commentary on the life of discipleship. Jesus came to serve and to suffer for our sake. Our servant calling must likewise remain humble and open to the prospect of sharing in Christ's redemptive suffering. Are we willing to drink this cup?

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 27

4:30 p.m. Rosalie & Joseph Stryk
and Frances & Joe Koudelka

Sunday, October 28

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth & Charles Patek

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: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Altar Society Bake Sale – November 20th



The Praha Altar Society will be holding a Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 20th from 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Flatonia National Bank. The entire parish is encouraged to donate home baked/made items. They may be dropped off on November 20th at 8:00 a.m. at the bank. Thank you in advance for your contribution to kick off Thanksgiving with our community.

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment	\$7,761.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 4,511.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 3,250.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Susan Ivey

Gail & Dennis Stryk

Rosemary & Arthur Klekar

Do please consider making a donation.

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



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

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.

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 Graves at 5:00 p.m.

Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Moulton – Mass at 7:00 p.m., Rosary for the dead at the Resurrection Chapel 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 All Souls envelope, fill in the names of your beloved, and drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail by October 31.

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.

REFLECTION

The Call To Service

Jesus and his disciples were traveling from Caesarea Philippi in the North to Jerusalem in the South. On their way, Jesus has been instructing his disciples in the blessings as well as the rigors of discipleship. He has been frank, speaking more of service and suffering and less of power and prestige. This makes the request of James and John seem all the more strange. Indeed their request for seats at Jesus' right and left hand seems so inappropriate and unbecoming of their position as disciples. In essence, they asked Jesus for the privilege of traveling with him holding first-class tickets and enjoying the privileges thereof. Like James, John and the other disciples, we have yet to fully comprehend the role of the servant-leader. Jesus struck the path that we are to follow. Serving the needs of all, he always opted for a third-class ticket. This work is our primary responsibility. It remains our challenge to daily stay the course and, on this side of grace to accept the third-class status that Jesus himself elevated to holiness.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 22 – Jenelle Cerny
October 25 – Harvey Berckenhoff



Congratulations
Frances & Leon Kubenka
on your Golden Wedding Anniversary
October 26, 2018

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Priesthood Sunday. It is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

Serra USA designates the last Sunday in October as a day when we express our appreciation for all that our priests do for us. Our local Vocation Club in the Hallettsville area is sponsoring a program approved by Bishop Cahill in which all priests' names in the Victoria Diocese are placed in a basket. You are encouraged to draw a name from the basket and keep that priest in your prayer intentions for a year. **Serra Club**

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.*

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

29th – 30th Sundays in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel according to Mark, Jesus makes three predictions of his passion as he goes on his march to Jerusalem. In the gospel readings of the 29th and 30th Sundays in Ordinary Time, we are with Jesus and his disciples in the last phase of his journey to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus has just finished telling the Twelve what is in store for him at the end of the journey; arrest, insults, condemnation to death, and three days later – Resurrection. The disciples are following, but they are terrified. James and John, who have their minds on other things, believe that Jesus is announcing the beginning of an earthly Kingdom that has messianic dreams. As a consequence, they approached Jesus to ask that they be closely associated with his glory, in the first two places nearest him. Obviously, they have not understood anything. Jesus then moves to open the eyes of his blind disciples (29th Sunday).

Immediately afterward, the gospel reports that at that moment Jesus *was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, ... began to cry out and say, Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.* Moved by this man's faith, Jesus summons him and grants him what he asks: his sight. The man begins to follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem (30th Sunday). In these two stories we learn that it is the light of faith alone that allows us to see the true meaning of following Jesus.

Religious Education For Children In Praha

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 by the end of October to make arrangements to start the program.

AT HOME WITH THE WORD 2019

To foster full, conscious, and active participation in the Sunday Liturgy all parishioners are encouraged to prepare for the celebration. One way of getting ready for the Mass is to reflect on the liturgical readings at home. Copies of *At Home With The Word* are ordered for all those who sign up for them. A copy is \$8 but if you fill in the form below and return it in the collection basket, drop slot or mail it in by October 28, you get a copy for free.



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Yes, I use the booklet. Order me a copy.

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