

November 11, 2018

Ordinary Time

Thirty-second Sunday



Two Daring Women

The scriptures set before us today two widows whose courage in the face of difficulty challenges our own behavior as Jesus' disciples. Neither the widow who offered hospitality to Elijah nor the widow who gave all she had to the temple treasury could be described as prudent in our world because they did not consider themselves first. In their actions, both widows gave all they had.

The widows are examples not only of generosity, but of profound faith in God's providential care. We are challenged to model our lives after them.



The Flowers on the altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God by Leo Janak's family on the occasion of Leo's 90th Birthday celebration.

The Flowers at the Marian Grotto are donated by Staci (Bartos) & Scott MacDonald in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of Mary & Charlie Bartos' 47th Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, November 17
4:30 p.m. Richard O'Brien
Sunday, November 18
8:00 a.m. Laura Saucedo

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY



We salute our Veterans, we welcome them, their families and visitors to St. Mary's Church, Praha. (see insert)

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.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 21 – Thanksgiving Vigil Masses:
5:30 p.m., Praha 7:00 p.m., Moulton
Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Day Mass, 6:30 a.m., Moulton



Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offerings will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county.

Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for your canned goods and non-perishable food items (rice, pasta, dry beans, etc.). You may drop your food items at any time. Drop the envelope for monetary donations in the collection basket during the month of November.

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. Parishioners are encouraged to donate home baked/made items or make a monetary donation to the sale. You may drop off your items (already packaged to sell) on November 20th at 8:00 a.m. at the bank or call the rectory (361-596-4674). Proceeds go to the cleaning of the Church, supplies and other items. Thank you in advance for your contribution to kick off Thanksgiving with our community.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Mary Ann Lev.

REFLECTION

Secure Before God

If we were to focus on just the widow who put two small coins into the temple treasury in today's Gospel, we could contrast the excessive show of the scribes with her religious zeal. Only God would notice how important her seeming slight gift is. Jesus voices what God has noticed – she has given everything. Like her, Jesus is soon to be asked to give his “whole livelihood”, a total offering of his life to God. He too will hold nothing back from God.

There is a reckless quality in the widow's giving. Who among us would not hesitate if the donation we consider giving would take all that we have? The Gospel is not calling us to put all we own in the next collection but to consider the example of the widow, who is a model of radical trust in God.

Her trust challenges our less-than-total commitment and dependence on God. She is highlighted for us because her gift indicates how much her life was turned to God. Her total self-giving reminds us how distracted we are by material matters that pertain more to our abundance than to our real needs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 12 – David Janecka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 15 – Lori & David Janecka

50th

CONGRATULATIONS

Gail & Dennis Stryk

On your Golden Wedding Anniversary
November 17, 2018

EVENTS IN THE AREA

Area Catholic Schools Information Fair today, 6 p.m.
at St. Michael Church parish center in Weimar.

A.C.T.S. Family Social Gathering, November 17, St. Roch's Church, Mentz. Begins at 4:30 p.m.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Stazy C. Hajek
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development

The Campaign works to transform lives and communities, focusing steadily on breaking the cycle of poverty in thousands of communities across the U.S. *Be generous*

Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus!

Christian faith and life, and the Church's journey point toward the resurrection of the dead and the coming of the Son of Man. This faith is expressed in every Liturgical celebration.

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.*

Each of us proclaims it in the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven ...
Thy Kingdom come ...*

The whole liturgical year is symbolic. It takes place through the signs and sacraments - a journey which leads from the first revelation of God and his plan of salvation to the Passover of Christ, death, resurrection, ascension, drawing us along behind him. As we approach the Feast of Christ the King, the Last Sunday of the Liturgical year, the parable to be proclaimed on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time insists on the urgent necessity of active watchfulness. Since no one can say when the Son of Man will come the celebration on this Sunday urges us to a fresh awareness of an essential dimension of our lives as well as of the Liturgy. We are expecting your glorious coming.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Czech Advent/Christmas Concert At St. Mary's Church - Praha, December 2nd



You are cordially invited to our Second Annual Czech Advent/Christmas Concert in Praha. The performance will be by Dr. Thomas Sovik, Professor of Music Theory in the College of Music at the

University of North Texas, and his students. They will perform *Giovanni Pergolesi Stabat Mater*. Following the performance, Fr. Jaroslavi Krivanek, a Hussite priest from the Czech Republic would deliver a Christmas sermon in Czech. The event will end with the singing of traditional Czech Christmas songs and a social reception.

The concert will be at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 2 in the Church followed by a reception in the School. You will have an opportunity to meet the performers at the reception. This event is being sponsored by the Czech Educational Foundation of Texas in partnership with the College of Music at the University of North Texas.

** There is no charge to attend the Concert. A free-will offering will be taken up at the Concert for the St. Mary's, Praha Church Restoration Fund.*