

February 3, 2019
Ordinary Time
 Fourth Sunday



Called To Be God's Voice

Jesus' own struggle to speak for God began in Nazareth - and like Jeremiah, Jesus was ill-received. Jesus' statement, "no prophet gains acceptance in his native place" proved to be true for him as it has been true for prophets throughout the centuries. The prophet's rejection by his own is simply part of what it means to be a prophet. Jesus has to establish his authority as God's prophet outside Nazareth and outside the circle of family, friends and neighbors.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 9
 4:30 p.m. Annette Novak
 Sunday, February 10
 8:00 a.m. Emma & Julius Stryk

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T #4 Meeting Next Sunday, February 10 in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are encouraged and invited to attend.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Preston Hutson.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of George Cerny.



2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment \$7,761.00
 Contributions So Far \$ 7,661.00
 Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 100.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Anonymous Donor
Ernest Chaloupka, Jr.

We thank all those who have contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. We are counting on all so we can pay off our debt.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

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THANK YOU NOTE

Celebration House Food Pantry would like to thank you so much for your donation of food items. They provided something extra and new to distribute to our clients.

We appreciate your thinking of our organization for these items. Your generosity has helped to supply food for those in need in our community.

*Board Members
 Celebration House*

** We thank all those who donated food during our Thanksgiving / Christmas Food Drive.*

REFLECTION

Call To A Deeper Level

Last week's gospel stopped short with Jesus' interpretation of the prophetic passage read during the synagogue service. This week we see the shocking reaction of those who heard Jesus' words.

In our moments of fervor we might wholeheartedly answer yes to the word of God, but in reality that yes is seldom uncomplicated. Even those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words but then later sought to throw him off a cliff. They turned quickly from their initial appreciation of him. Their acceptance was shallow. So many times we behave in ways we wish we would not, or what we want to do we fail to accomplish. In other situations we might stand in awe of others and yet turn against them.

Our motives and our reactions are generally quite complicated, even if our desires to be faithful are straightforward. Despite the struggles that accompany the proclamation of God's word, despite the misunderstanding it might cause, the word of God cannot be silenced. Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image placed before us as an example for us to follow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



February 6 – Gene Patalik

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



February 5 – Heather & Donald Jasek

WOMEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT – FEB. 21-24

You are invited to attend the next Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat hosted by St. Roch Parish, Mentz. Join us as we spend the weekend with God at Cathedral Oaks. Applications are located at the main entrance to Church. For more information contact Becca Edmiston at 979-732-1710 or www.holyrosaryacts.com.

Church Tours

According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 2,004 people toured the Church on registered tours between October to December 2018.



PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY TODAY

Pancake
Breakfast



ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The Altar Society is hosting Praha Pancake Sunday on February 3rd starting at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The breakfast will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice, coffee & milk. All are welcome. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and good fellowship. A free will donation will be appreciated.

ORIENTATION

No Prophet Is Accepted In His Own Native Place

Why does it seem like no prophet is accepted in his native place? It is indeed easier to accept God's truth from a stranger than from a familiar face? Sometimes our idea of integrity gets in the way. We know a person too well to allow them to speak God's truth authoritatively, because we recall a time when they themselves made mistakes. Who are they to preach? At the same time, God calls all of us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, the joy and hope of which outshines the imperfections of those who proclaim it. The proclamation of the Good News, through our imperfect lives, words, and deeds, is a testimony to God's grace working in our lives. Familiar prophets, whose pasts make us wonder about their right to preach, are in fact witnesses of God's healing grace, transforming those among us with checkered pasts into witnesses of the Gospel.

Fayette County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Program – A Matter of Balance begins February 5th. The series, which will be conducted free to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 4 weeks, emphasizes practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity level. Participants will learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and exercise to increase strength and balance. The classes are held in La Grange from 9:00-11:00 a.m. To register, or for more information call 979-968-5831.

An additional 9-week series, **Stress-Busting for Family Caregivers** will be offered every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. beginning February 6th. This series is for caregivers and emphasizes stress management and coping techniques. Participants will learn to take time for themselves, how to deal with chronic conditions, positive thinking and choosing a path to wellness. These classes are also free to the public. See phone number above for more information/registration.

Congratulation and God's blessings to **Lydia Rene & Lance Walker** who were recently united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary's.

