

April 7, 2019

## Lent

### Fifth Sunday



#### Do You Believe This?

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus is revealed as the Resurrection and the Life. In conjunction with the Gospels of the previous two Sundays, we discern three stages of faith. First, the Samaritan woman at the well, illustrated an initial coming to faith. Then the man born blind illustrated faith that acquired depth after he was tested. The Lazarus story today illustrates the deepening of faith that comes from facing death. The story points ahead to eternal life that God will give us through Jesus.

#### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 13  
4:30 p.m. Stazy & Frank Hajek  
Sunday, April 14  
8:00 a.m. Parish Family

#### Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 22  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 22:14—23:56

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Hattie Stryk.

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

April 14 May 5, 19 & 26

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Stazy & Frank Hajek.



#### PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY



**ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**  
Join us in the Praha Hall for pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice, coffee & milk. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

\* Next month will be the first anniversary of the Praha Pancake Sunday sponsored by the St. Mary's Altar Society. The ladies are planning something special. Look out for more details.

#### Prepare to Celebrate Easter



#### Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Monday, April 8 Moulton 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 10 Praha 4:30 p.m.

*Priests from the area will be assisting.*

*\* No scheduled confessions in Moulton during Holy Week.*

#### Altar Society Membership Drive

All men and women of the parish are encouraged to join. The dues are \$5.00 per person. To join provide your name, address, phone number, email address and date of birth. You may drop your details and check for \$5.00 payable to the Praha Altar Society, in the collection basket or mail it to Barbara Prause, 8323 FM 340, Moulton, TX 77975. *Thank you.*

#### Easter Egg Hunt Donations



We thank the following for their donations:

*Pat Masek – 5 Dz. Candy Filled Eggs*  
*Barbara & Bennie Jasek – 40 candy filled eggs.*  
*Staci & Scott MacDonald & Family – candy filled eggs*

To make a donation, contact the Parish Office.

#### St. Joseph's Lenten Fish Fry - Fridays of Lent

5:00-7:00 p.m., \$10.00 Per Plate

Fish, Hush Puppies, Sides & Dessert

*Dine in the Social Center Or Drive-Thru Plates-To-Go*

*\*All proceeds go to charities.*

#### Moulton Easter Picnic – April 21



## Our Joyful Walk Toward Holy Easter The Fifth Sunday of Lent



### **Jesus, Resurrection and Life. Do You Believe This?**

In John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus is the last of the seven signs that Jesus works in order to manifest the glory of the Father and announce his supreme personal glorification at his Passover.

This all-important *sign* is especially appropriate to the Sunday before Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, after the Gospels of the Living Water and the Man Born Blind. The raising of Lazarus is the *sign* that prefigures the definitive triumph of Jesus on the Cross, God's glory and the glorification of the Son victorious over death, who awakens us, making us pass, already here below to the life that bodily death cannot touch.

This is an event-sign to which each of us must try to relate. It requires from each of us a personal answer. ***I am the resurrection and the Life ... Do you believe this?*** None of us can evade this question and be a believer. With the assurance of one day sharing in the Lord's resurrection, we cannot however forget the inescapable step of the cross. Christ, Resurrection and Life, has gone through it with us. The raising of Lazarus has as its immediate consequence the condemnation of Jesus to death; he freely gave his life so that we might live forever. Like Thomas, we say, ***Let us go to Jerusalem to die with him and with him to rise.***

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 10 – Rory Lesikar  
April 12 – Alex Berckenhoff  
– Barry Jackson  
– Donald Jasek

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



April 8 – Margaret & Michael Hanslik

## LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

### **Second Collection Today – Rice Bowl**

Today Jesus proclaims, "I am the resurrection and the life." As we prepare to celebrate Christ's Resurrection we are both consoled and energized to do his will. Your contribution to the Rice Bowl helps farmers improve crop yields, brings clean water to communities, and provides basic health and nutrition services. *Use your Rice Bowl envelope to help make a difference in someone's life.*

### **Next Sunday we enter into Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.**



We commemorate the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem according to ancient custom with a solemn procession. With songs and gestures we imitate the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing "Hosanna". In the procession we carry palm branches which are later taken home where they serve as a reminder of the Victory of Christ.

Sunday is the only day that there are two gospel proclamations in the same liturgy. The first takes place in at the beginning of the liturgy before the procession. It recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The second gospel proclaimed takes place in the usual place at Mass. It is the proclamation of the Passion narrative. It is proclaimed without the usual ritual gestures: the greeting, the crossing of forehead, lips, and heart, no incense, no candles. This is the most pivotal moment in the life of the Lord and in our observance of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week.

***Come let us celebrate!***

## **Holy Week At A Glance**

**Palm Sunday Procession:** We will gather in front of the School for the procession.

**Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils):** - April 16, 10:00 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria. Parishioners are invited to participate.

### **Holy Thursday:**

- The Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Gifts And Canned Food For The Needy

**Good Friday:** Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

**Holy Saturday:** We gather for the Easter Vigil.

*See Triduum/Easter Bulletin insert for more details.*

**Easter Flowers:** To make a donation in memory of your loved ones, drop your Easter Flower Donation envelope in the collection basket or mail. Donors list will be published in the Bulletin.

**Lenten Food Drive:** Leave your canned goods for the needy at the main entrance to Church.

**Stations of the Cross** Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt Donations:** See list of donors.