

July 7, 2019

Ordinary Time
Fourteenth Sunday



Messengers of the Gospel

Jesus, in today's Gospel, offers clear, concise directives to us, who are called to be his disciples. We are to remember that in all we do for the sake of the gospel it is God who is at work in us and that our relationship with God is more important than the powers we have been privileged by God to wield over evil. The mission is not our cause and the success is not our achievement. Even an apostle is a sinner in need of Divine Mother's caring love and direction.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, July 13
4:30 p.m. Spec. Int. – Cynthia & Edward Koncaba
Sunday, July 14
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Joseph & Mary
Janecek Jasek Family

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69
Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37



Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Nancy Petru.

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



2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2019 Assessment \$7,813.00
Contributions So Far \$ 2,385.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 5,428.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Ken Stryk
Patricia Masek
Helen Wiedemann
Anna & Michael Fishbeck
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 contributions:

*In Thanksgiving To God For Merlene & Edward Jurek's
75th Wedding Anniversary - \$500*

*In Thanksgiving To God For The Beauty of Your
Church & All Who Attend
Teresa Rogers, Katy, TX - \$20*

LOOKING AHEAD

From the 15th to the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

During these three Sundays, we read the end of chapter 10 of Luke's Gospel (15th & 16th Sundays) and the first thirteen verses of the next chapter (17th Sunday). These are teachings of Jesus given to the many disciples who follow him on the road to Jerusalem.

St. Luke, the evangelist did not arrange them in any logical order. He chose, rather, a different kind of presentation, one more striking: this whole section of Jesus' ministry is set in the framework of a "journey to Jerusalem," whose theological and practical import for Christian life we have already seen.

What makes the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Sundays such a distinct sequence is the concrete nature of Jesus' interventions. Actually, several chance meetings on the road give Jesus the occasion to teach: the encounter with a doctor of the Law with a specific question (15th Sunday); and amicable dispute between two sisters who welcome Jesus into their home, over the apparent indolence of the one who does not share in preparing the supper (16th Sunday); finally, seeking Jesus "one day," "in a certain place," in prayer, the disciples ask how they should pray (17th Sunday).

On the other hand, we notice that, on each of these occasions, the question put to Jesus and his response have to do with very concrete behavior. "What must I do to inherit everlasting life?" asks the doctor of the Law (15th Sunday), "My Sister has left me to do the household tasks all alone, says Martha; "Tell her to help me" (16th Sunday). And the disciples ask Jesus about praying, and even ask him to give them a prayer they can recite (17th Sunday).

The Christian must behave like Jesus, who, appears here as the model for us to imitate.

REFLECTION



Continuing Jesus' Mission

In between sending his 72 disciples to mission and their returning to him, Jesus offers some basic principles on discipleship. He warns his disciples about the challenging demands of following him. He gives instructions for how they are to travel and what to take with them. Jesus would not have his disciples be unaware as to the cost of belonging to him.

Theirs would not be an easy mission. Jesus' instructions to his disciples about the manner in which they would travel; the sparseness of their gear; and the way they should forego even the most basic social amenities *greet no one* may seem surprising to contemporary readers. However, similar directives had been given to Israel's prophets (see 2 Kings 4:29) as they embarked upon a God-directed mission. Besides comparing the disciples and their mission to that of the prophets, the stringent nature of Jesus' instruction underscored the immediacy of the Kingdom that Jesus had come to establish. With the reign of God looming on the horizon, there would be little else that deserved the disciple's attention, save for their efforts at effecting its realization.

Jesus compared the work that lay ahead of them to a rich harvest ready for reaping. As the harvest workers, the disciples were to be messengers of peace. By their greeting, *Peace to this house* the disciples were announcing the Good News of Salvation.

Does your life reflect that of a disciple of Jesus?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 13 – Allan Stryk
– Sarah Berckenhoff

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



July 8 – Congratulations Cynthia & Edward Koncaba
on your 30th Wedding Anniversary
July 10 – Christina & Spence Lesikar

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us in the Parish Hall for pancakes scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice, coffee and milk. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 27TH



The program is open to children of the parish, grandchildren of parishioners and the youth of the community. It offers the children an opportunity to come together before School starts, to learn about their faith, have fun with their friends and make new friends.

WHERE: Saint Mary's Catholic Church

WHEN: July 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FEES: \$5 per child, to help cover the cost of craft materials and T-shirts. (Make check payable to: Saint Mary's Catholic Church)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 22, 2019

Registration forms are available at the main entrance to church and on our website: www.stmaryspraha.org. Mail the completed forms and payment to: Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 821 FM 1295, Flatonia, TX 78941. Or, drop them in the collection basket.

CHURCH PICNIC BULLETIN BOARD

CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 15

Update on Picnic Chairpersons Meetings Continued

Refreshments, Outdoor Games/Booths: We purchased another big fan this year to help with the air circulation under the pavilions.

- Tim Pospisil reported that he has been in contact with the distributors and is getting things lined up for the Picnic.
- Jason Bartos has turned in the list of sodas/waters, etc. needed for the soda stand.
- Thomas Petru & Liz Janak did a wonderful job of soliciting raffle prize donations. Contact them to pick up additional raffle tickets to sell.
- Jane Schneider and Marcel Kleihege are preparing for a fun day of Bingo. Bingo donations are being solicited. They have submitted their worklist but they could use more help. Contact the Parish Office if you can help. The shifts are 1-3 p.m., 3-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m., 8-10 p.m.

Look for more information about the outdoor games/booths in next week's bulletin.