

September 8, 2019

Ordinary Time

Twenty-third Sunday



The Inconvenient Truth of Discipleship

In the life of the disciple, Christ and the claims of the Gospel are foremost, and all other considerations even family and possessions, are secondary. Jesus did not demand that we suddenly surrender all property or sever our ties to our family. What Jesus asks of us is a spirit of detachment such that in the interest of Christ, we are ready to leave all else so as to be firmly attached to Jesus.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by Mary & Charlie Bartos in thanksgiving to God for all his blessings.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 14
4:30 p.m. Marie & John Chunda
Sunday, September 15
8:00 a.m. Mariella Lemon

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

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

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

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

Sanctuary Light Bookings Available: Sept. 15, 22 & 29
To book (\$20) contact the Parish Office.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week for a Special Intention.



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

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Julia Stryk

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DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS OCTOBER 6 – 13

Bishop Cahill has announced a Diocesan Rosary Congress throughout the Diocese of Victoria, October 6-13, 2019. The theme of the Diocesan Rosary Congress is *To contemplate the face of Christ with Mary* (Pope St. John Paul II).

The Diocesan Rosary Congress will begin with an Opening Mass celebrated by Bishop Cahill at Our Lady of Victoria Cathedral in Victoria at 6:00 PM on Sunday, October 6, 2019. The Liturgy of the Vigil of the Solemnity of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary will be celebrated.

Then, organized by deaneries, local parishes will organize periods of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with continuous recitation of the Holy Rosary before the Most Blessed Sacrament every hour *in reparation for the recent scandals and imploring God's mercy on our country*, October 7-12, 2019. Hopefully, somewhere in the Diocese of Victoria, October 7-12, there will be continuous Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Holy Rosary before Our Lord once every hour.

REFLECTION

Discipleship – A Dear And Daily Cost

Discipleship is a costly business, not to be taken lightly! Anyone who experiences its attraction ought first of all to weigh the pros and cons and decide, realistically whether true discipleship is possible. There is no compromise; Jesus himself is the model of obedience and fidelity.

Bearing the cross summarizes discipleship. When Jesus is crucified upon Calvary, there is little else that could so effectively separate him from his family, friends, origins or cultures - his was a Roman death - crucifixion. In carrying out his mission of the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, he has to bear such separation. The same will be required too, of the disciple, the true follower.

It is this separation that the word "hatred" covers. A disciple is not being asked to nurture deep personal loathing for family and origins, but to understand that God's Kingdom calls for a radical change in life. The Kingdom of God takes precedence over everything else and it must therefore be assessed realistically, as a carpenter, planning to build, assesses the scope of the project. In Jesus' day, it may have been the building of a tower to protect home or vineyard. Today it could be planning one's "dream home." The dream may be fine, but can the project be finished?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 8 – Hilary Grahmann, Kolbe Ray Hutzler
September 10 – Jurgen Joseph Hutzler, Edward Koncaba
September 14 – Robin Cerny 0

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Sept. 15 - Congratulations Helen & Ernest (Jr.) Chaloupka
on your 45th Wedding Anniversary
– Elizabeth & Kyle Koncaba

Area Church Picnics

Next Sunday – St. Joseph's, Moulton
Sept. 22 – Victoria County Czech Heritage Festival
Oct. 13 – Holy Cross, East Bernard

C.C.D. NEWS

C.C.D. Teacher's Orientation, September 9, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., St. Joseph's Family Room, Moulton. Supper will be served.

C.C.D. Begins September 22. Contact the Parish Office for more information/to register.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

*Catholic Communications Campaign
Black & Native Americans
Catholic University*
Please be generous.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

*For Rain
For My Family
For Little Emma
For Daughter: Kelly
Hope For All People
For Jack: Brain Tumor
For New Relationship
For Family & Health
To Bring Sam Back To Us
For My Wife & Daughter
For The Brunning Family
For Ethan Who Has Lukemia
For Roger: Job Until Retirement
For Safe Travels For Jennie & John
For Healthy Baby For Our Daughter
For Peace, Health & Safety of My Family
For the Ramos Family & Morena Family
For Peace, Health & Safety of My Family
For My Son's Successful Semester at School
For Our Family: Good Health, Cancer Cure & Marriage*

Votive candle intentions to be continued

Praha Picnic Report and Moulton Church Picnic

We apologize for the delay in the publication of the Praha Picnic Report this year. Praha Picnic and Moulton Picnic are back to back. We worked hard to get Praha Picnic behind us. It was all good. Bear with us as we prepare for Moulton Picnic. The Picnic Report will be out as soon as we can.

Meanwhile we encourage you to come out and support the Moulton Picnic as Moulton parishioners came out to support us.

2020 AT HOME WITH THE WORD

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