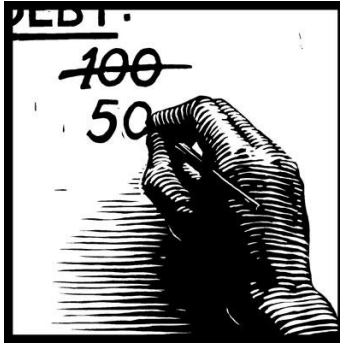


September 22, 2019

Ordinary Time

Twenty-fifth Sunday



God or Mammon What Is Your Choice?

The parable of the dishonest steward challenges us, Jesus' disciples to show as much intelligence in the use of wealth as the steward did in his own interests. Choosing to serve his own financial needs rather than the Master's, made him a dishonest servant. We cannot serve both the Master of the household (God) and our own personal interests (mammon).

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by
Gilleta & Stan Kouba
in memory of Venice Kouba.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are
in memory of Lillie & Henry Dornak,
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MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, September 27

8:00 a.m. Marvin Fishbeck

Saturday, September 28

6:30 p.m. Glenn Michal

Sunday, September 29

6:30 a.m. Christine & Adolph C. Darilek

9:30 a.m. For The Youth of Our Parish

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Annette Raab.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Robert Weitzel.

2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2019 Assessment \$17,333.00
Contributions So Far \$11,513.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 5,820.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Marian Kram
Lillian Supak
Richard Kalisek
Nallely Martinez
Pat & Jim Glueck
Niki & Chad Chaloupka
Mary Ann & Pat Wenske

Do please consider making a donation.

DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS OCTOBER 7 - 13, 2019

Bishop Cahill has announced a Diocesan Rosary Congress throughout the Diocese of Victoria.

The Diocesan Rosary Congress (October 7-13, 2019) is a time of intense prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament using the Holy Rosary to pray in reparation for the recent scandals in the Church and imploring God's mercy on our country. The theme for this period of prayer comes from St. John Paul II, - Pope: *To contemplate the face of Christ with Mary.*

The Congress will open with a Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria at 6:00 p.m.

The Moulton and Praha parishes will participate in the Rosary Congress as follows. All societies and parishioners are encouraged to join in the celebrations.

St. Joseph's, Moulton Parish:

Oct. 9 - High School C.C.D. classes will recite the rosary.

Oct. 11 - Mass at 8:00 a.m. and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 12 - Public Square Rosary held in conjunction with America Needs Fatima will include Rosary Congress intentions, 9:00 a.m., at the Gazebo downtown.

- Saturday evening rosary and Mass

Oct. 13 - Living Rosary with C.C.D. Students

St. Mary's, Praha Parish:

Oct. 8 - Holy Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction 6:00-7:00 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY - Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

WEDNESDAY - Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

THURSDAY - KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRIDAY - Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral Needs call the Parish Office at any time.

Bulletin Sponsorship Available - October 6, 13 & 27
To sponsor the Bulletin (\$35) contact the Parish Office.

REFLECTION

Making A Fundamental Option For The Kingdom

Today we hear a parable that has puzzled many people – the *Parable of the Dishonest Steward*. By telling this parable to his disciples Jesus makes it clear to those who decide to be his followers that discipleship is not a part-time job. The disciple's whole life revolves around the decision to be another Christ.

Being a parable it comes in the middle of a conversation. The lesson of a parable comes from a single comparison between the person (the audience) to whom Jesus is talking and someone in the story. In this case the disciples of Jesus are the audience. They are compared to the dishonest steward. Like the dishonest steward, the disciples too are stewards of property, not owners, because everything belongs to God, the Master. They are also in a temporary situation like the steward. The disciples should keep in mind that the way they act in their present situation will affect the circumstances in which they find themselves in their next situation. The Master commends the dishonest steward not for acting dishonestly, but for acting prudently. All of his actions were motivated by the fact that he realized his present situation was temporary. He immediately deals with the most pressing concern; securing his future. Ditch digger? Never! Beggar? What a horrible disgrace that would be for a man like him! His fertile imagination suggests an acceptable solution. If a dishonest steward can prudently plan for his future, surely, Jesus' disciples can do the same.

The parable challenges us to make a drastic decision for the coming Kingdom of God proclaimed by Jesus before it is too late.

RAFFLE WINNERS

1st – Margaret & Mike Hanslik, Moulton
25th – Sidonia Mayer, Moulton
50th – Steve Machart, Moulton
75th – Colton Smith, Weimar
100th – Marvin Dornak, Moulton
125th – Bob Brace, Moulton
150th – K.J.Z.T. Juniors, Moulton
175th – Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck, Moulton
200th – Zimmerman Family, Moulton
225th – Michael Blaschke, Moulton
250th – Kaylene Berckenhoff, Katy
275th – Edward Moeller, Moulton
300th – Janet & Jerome Raabe Jr., Moulton
325th – Toby, KayLynn & Easton Rothbauer, Moulton
350th – Jackie & Mark Mitchon, Moulton
375th – Mark F. Darilek, Moulton
400th – Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck, Moulton
425th – Scott Self, Moulton
450th – Ernest Novosad, Moulton
475th – Pat Glueck, Moulton
500th – Dennis Kloesel, Moulton
525th – Tony Janak, Moulton
550th – Edward Moeller, Moulton
575th – Margie & Darren Gold, Nada
600th – Hilbert J. Henke, Hallettsville
625th – Shirley Ann & Randy Noviskie, Fayetteville
650th – Pat & Tom Lawrence, Moulton
675th – Gladys Mikulencak, Moulton
700th – Rebecca & Bill Wilke, Moulton
725th – Forrest Kroschel, Hallettsville
Next to Last – Junior Albrecht, Moulton
Last Ticket Drawn – Ella Neskora, Moulton

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sept. 22 – Timothy Koncaba, Kenneth Kristynik,
Eric Rother
Sept. 23 – Robert Berckenhoff
Sept. 24 – Colby Blahuta, German Vasquez
Sept. 25 – Scott Chaloupka, Cynthia Cinadr, Alice Fisbeck,
Lisa Zidek
Sept. 26 – Daniel Mejias, Thomas Perez, B. Whittenborn
Sept. 27 – Ben Darilek, Jane Janecek, Theresa Rapoza

YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Today – C.C.D. Resumes
Sept. 23 – After School Program, Grades K-2
Sept. 25 – After School Program, Grades 3-6
– 9th 11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – Youth Mass (8th Grade); C.C.D.

Praha Picnic Report, see insert. We thank all parishioners who helped in various ways with the Praha Picnic. It was very successful. Thank you very much. We are working on our Picnic Report and hope to have it out soon.

Orientation: Stewarts of One Another

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to one another and to the world itself. The men in today's readings are not condemned because of their economic privilege but because they used it to their own advantage. As Christians we are not merely children of this world; we are children of light. Paul's admonition to pray for our civic leaders reminds us that we do indeed live in the real world, but we are called to live there according to standards worthy of our calling. We are more than insatiable consumers. Our value is not found in the measure of our possessions. It is in the quality of our relationships, in particular with our relationships with our deprived sisters and brothers.

We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that because of our total dependence on it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can.

Have you turned in your form for the 2020 At Home With The Word? If not, do so today.