

February 23, 2020

Ordinary Time
Seventh Sunday



"I the Lord your God am holy,"

Summoned to Holiness

An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth – punishment for injury – this primal law seems to be written in our human nature. But God, in giving the law to Moses, and Jesus teaching his disciples on a mountaintop, asks for something more. We are called to be holy – to be like God.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of John Lewis Beran sponsored by his family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend, are donated by Loretta & Tony Janak in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 26

8:15 a.m. For the Youth of the Parish

6:30 p.m. For the Welfare of the Parish

Friday, February 28

8:00 a.m. Boyce John Michalec

Saturday, February 29

6:30 p.m. Shirley Orsak

Sunday, March 1

6:30 a.m. Evelyn & Walter Schoenvogel

9:30 a.m. Ella & Frank Kloesel

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The First Sunday of Lent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: 51

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat - March 12-15

The Retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday after Mass. *All 2020 Retreatant fees have been paid in full by an anonymous donor.* For more information contact David Raab. Registration forms available at the main entrance to church.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Betty Martinez.

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner Today

Come out and support the ladies – they do so much for the Church. Raffle tickets available for a quilt and other prizes.



ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER

We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

In Memory of Trent Roznovsky

Sheri & Glenn Grohmann- \$25

Barbara & Eugene Anderle - \$15

Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck - \$25

Betty & Ronald Roznovsky & Family - \$1,000



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS PLATES-TO-GO
MARCH 11, 2020

The Moulton KC Council #3244 will have Plates-To-Go [*drive through only*] on Wednesday, March 11th at the American Legion Hall, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

One-half BBQ Chicken with all the trimmings
\$10 per plate.

Tickets available from KC Chair Officers, at both Banks, Don's Auto, Nina's and Beran's Gin. Tickets sold by advance purchase only – no plates sold at the door. Your patronage is appreciated.

DIOCESAN EVENT – MARCH 21

Get In The Game! Men's Gathering with Bishop Cahill and Damon West. Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m. – noon, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria. Tickets \$10 each, includes breakfast. To Register: Text name & email to 321-217-1117 or email name & number to jreyes@victoriadiocese.org or go to www.victoriadiocese.org/get-in-the-game. Walk ins welcome.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

WEDNESDAY – *Ash Wednesday, see Mass schedule.*

Distribution of Ashes to the Homebound and to the Residents of the Nursing Home.

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

– Fish Fry, serving begins at 5:00 p.m., Social Center

THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

– Lenten Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., YMC

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

FRIDAY – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament After Mass

– Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m. Church

– Fish Fry, serving begins at 5:00 p.m., Social Center

– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral

Needs call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Jesus Takes The Law To The Next Level

Today's Gospel, a continuation of Jesus' instruction of his disciples, begins with a statement of intent and a general principle. Jesus' words and position, as recorded by Matthew, answer the twofold question: What attitude should we take concerning the traditional commandments and what is the relationship between "righteousness" taught to us by the Old Testament and that preached by Jesus?

Jesus states with utmost clarity that he has come not to abolish the law of the prophets: "I have not come to abolish but to fulfill". Jesus has come so that all its potential may unfold, that it may be understood and observed in the Spirit that enlivens it more and more, and in order to "fulfill" it, to take it to its completion. From now on, whoever rejects one of the least commandments of the Law and teaches others to do so will be last in the Kingdom of Heaven. To give a bad example by contemptuously disobeying a commandment, even a "little" one is a scandal. Worse still is to teach others to do the same. The warning addressed to the scribes and Pharisees is directed also to all the disciples of Christ. The practice of justice specified by the Law, down to its least commandments, is the condition of entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven.

On the contrary, whoever observes the least commandments and teaches them to others will be declared great in the Kingdom of Heaven. This judgment must be understood in connection with the Beatitudes and in the general context of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus says to those he addresses as blessed, "Your reward in heaven is great."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb. 23 – Lucille Gold, Leroy Mikulencak Sr.,
Henrietta Mican
Feb. 24 – Carolyn Freytag
Feb. 25 – Richard Kalisek, Victoria Simper, Alicia Valadez
Feb. 26 – Cecil Wood Jr.
Feb. 27 – Stephen Moeller
Feb. 28 – Marvin Dornak, Daniel Jasek, Kenneth Zidek
Feb. 29 – Linda Machacek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 23 – Loretta & Tony Janak
Feb. 26 – Donna & Thomas Perez

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Feb. 24 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Feb. 26 – **Ash Wednesday. See Mass Schedule**
– 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9th-11th CCD
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

Praha Pancake Sunday – Next Sunday

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:

St. Joseph's, Moulton: 8:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary's, Praha: 4:30 p.m.

"Come and admit you are a sinner in need of redemption" is hardly an invitation the typical American would find favorable. The power of Ash Wednesday however, calls believers to their place of worship in droves to confess their sin, and even to wear a public sign of their repentance.



The blessing and administration of ashes opens this season of sorrow and mercy. Ash Wednesday has been observed throughout the universal church for over nine hundred years. It invites the baptized faithful into a spirit of repentance. Even those who do not frequent the Mass come to express their sorrow and to receive the symbol of repentance. This is a day of fast and abstinence. The faithful are asked to abstain from meat today. That includes poultry but not fish and seafood. Still, the idea is to eat simply, not lavishly as a sign of self-denial and repentance.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour after Mass for adoration and personal prayer on Fridays of Lent and all-day on the First Friday of the month. This could be a good substitute if you cannot participate in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

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

Lenten Bible Study: All those participating are asked to bring their bible (or At Home With The Word or Lector's Workbook).

Lenten Fasting and Almsgiving: As Jesus' disciples we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters at home and in all nations. The Season of Lent provides us the opportunity to help those in need.*

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

***Lenten Second Collection (Rice Bowl):**
Begins next Sunday.

Lenten Fish Fry: As part of our Lenten sacrifice, we participate and support the Lenten Fish Fry. All proceeds from the Fry go to charity. It is a way of reaching out in compassion and ministering to others. Consider baking a cake(s) for dessert, making a monetary offering to support this noble cause.

Fish Fry Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent: \$10 per plate
Ash Wednesday Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
Next Friday's Menu: Fish, Hush Puppies, Rice Pilaf, Cole Slaw, Dessert

* 20-25 desserts are needed for every Fish Fry.