

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)



Celebrating Our Roots

In this Second Week of Easter, the early Christian community and especially Thomas stand as witnesses to us. Their stories encourage us to allow Christ's word of peace and reconciliation to touch us and move us into mission. They remind us that locked doors are ineffective against the appearance of grace and that Christ approaches closed minds with love and often even a touch of friendly humor.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 22
8:00 a.m. Marvin Fishbeck
Thursday, April 23
Mass in Praha – 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 24
8:00 a.m. Alfons Cejka, Emily & Johnnie Wagner
Sunday, April 26
9:00 a.m. Mass Live-Streamed from Praha
Daily Mass participation limited to 9 parishioners (+ priest = 10). *This Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from St. Joseph's, Moulton for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and afterward on our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org.*

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially James Filipp and Joe Nieto, Sr.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Bob Olle.

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment \$17,685.00
Contributions So Far \$ 1,080.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$16,605.00

We thank the following for their kicking off the 2020 D.S.A. contributions:

K.J.Z.T. Society #14	Quinton Raab
Nick & Chad Chaloupka	Gladys Seifert
Catholic Daughters Court #2018	Joyce Pavlicek
Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck	Richard Kalisek

Do please consider making a donation.

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 Mildred Fojtik Dixon - \$100

Family of Mildred Fojtik Dixon

In Memory of Susan Jasek

Anonymos Donor - \$50

Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck - \$25

In Memory of Agnes Jasek - \$50

In Memory of Irene Portales - \$50

Anonymous Donor

We also thank the anonymous donor for the recent donation of six commercial fire extinguishers (\$927 value).

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Anne Darilek

Mary Lou Dierschke

Linda & Bill Shirley

In Memory of Barbara Supak

Mary Lou Dierschke

Diana & Harvey Kloesel

In Memory of Brenda Barta, Agnes Jasek,

Susan Jasek, Irene Portales, Maria Vazquez

Mary Lou Dierschke

FISH FRY DONATIONS

We thank the following for their donations to the Fish Fry:

Daniel Jasek - \$20

Arlene Holmes - \$20

Robert Berckenhoff - \$20

Anonymous Donor - \$10

Shannon & L. A. Simper - \$50

Floris Ann & David Simper - \$20

Georgie & Rudy Roznovsky - \$10

We thank all those who helped in various ways and those who supported our Annual Fish Fry.

Additional Easter Flower Fund Donations

We thank the following for their contributions towards our Easter Lilies.

K.J.Z.T. Society #14

In Memory of Dyrel Holmes

REFLECTION

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

All three readings for this Sunday invite us into the sacred mysteries of the season. The themes set the tone for the entire Easter Season.

Most of us are like Thomas, who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We may not be as straightforward in our demands as he was. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, as obstinate as he first appeared, he was open to the power of the resurrection. Thomas is the model of those who are willing to listen to the good news that comes through the words of others.

We find the same situation in the reading of the Acts. The Christian Community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been through the ages. Although we were not eyewitnesses of the actual events, we are the ones called through the teaching of others to witness to the power of the resurrection in our day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr. 19 – Roy Drabek, Martha Gold, Kendall Kristynik, Carolyn Whitmire

Apr. 20 – Patricia Anders, Justin Pilat

Apr. 21 – Cynthia Beran, Talan Darilek, Nicholas Perez

Apr. 23 – Samuel Fishbeck

Apr. 25 – Jaydon Nieto

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Apr. 19 – Congratulations Patricia & James Anders on your 40th Wedding Anniversary

Apr. 23 – Lisa & Duane Fojtik

Apr. 25 – Melissa & Robert Berckenhoff

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies – May 1 -3

The event is coordinated by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization. Persons participating in this pro-life prayer event will pray at least one rosary for the following intention: For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. Ideally, one rosary per day would be excellent.

Unfortunately, the Rosary for the Unborn will not be prayed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Moulton publicly this year due to the current restrictions. Please prayerfully consider being one of the persons who participate in this event by praying in your homes. *If you would like to pray the rosary for this intention during these three days, please contact Sharon Etlinger, 361-772-2618, text or call, or email at sharonetlinger@gmail.com, so she may register the number of rosaries being prayed. Leave a contact number if you'd like to be reminded. If calling, please leave a message as unidentified numbers are usually left to voicemail. Let Sharon know by May 6 how many rosaries you have prayed.*

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Home Missions.

ORIENTATION – OCTAVE OF EASTER

Today marks the conclusion to the octave of Easter. It is the eighth day: the day of new creation.



Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come. In a similar way to Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy.

This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings for today and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church's Easter faith.

Dear Friends,

I believe a little while longer and we will be back worshipping as a community again. I have a sense you miss it and that you are ready for all this to be over already. I am ready too!

Our Easter celebrations went over well even though you participated by social media. Thank you for the positive encouraging comments. I thank all who readily said, yes, when asked to help. Hopefully, we will continue to live-stream the Masses until the ban is lifted.

Here, at the office, work is progressing steadily. Sofia is busy at the Youth Center working on Church records while Mary Lou is keeping it all together from her office in the back. As usual, we are committed to serving you.

During the week, on Wednesday and Friday there will be Mass in Moulton at 8:00 a.m. with the limit of 9 parishioners. Thursday Mass will be in Praha at 5:30 p.m. with the limit of 9 parishioners.

Lastly, I thank you for not forgetting the Church even in these difficult times. Your prayers and your support are keeping us going. Keep up the good work.

Fr. Gabriel

SPECIAL MOTHERS DAY MASS MAY 10

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop the attached Mother's Day envelope in the drop slot or mail May 5.