

May 3, 2020

### Fourth Sunday of Easter



**To Be Shepherd  
To Be Gate.**

**In today's gospel, Jesus is represented as both the gate through which the sheep gain entrance to the enclosure called the sheepfold and as the shepherd who knows and is known by his sheep. As the gate, Jesus is the way all who would be saved must pass through. As shepherd the shepherd who knows his own, he is the leader. All who recognize his voice and accept him as their Savior will follow.**

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

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 6  
8:00 a.m. Larry Supak  
Thursday, May 7  
Mass in Praha – 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 8  
8:00 a.m. Joyce Dillman, Larry Seifert  
**Sunday, May 10**  
**9:00 a.m.** Mass in Praha

*This Sunday's Mass will be on demand from St. Joseph's, Moulton for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website [www.stjosephsmoulton.org](http://www.stjosephsmoulton.org).  
Mass with a congregation will be at 9:00 a.m. under the pavilion at the Social Center.*

#### PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.  
**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33**  
**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9**  
**Gospel: John 14:1-12**

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially James Filipp.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Agnes Jasek.

#### 2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

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

Do please consider making a donation.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER

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

*In Memory of Tivo Mejia  
Dana & Steve Blahuta - \$25*

#### FISH FRY UPDATE

Number of Plates Sold ..... 1,891  
Net Profit ..... \$14,430.78

Our Annual Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser was very successful. We thank all parishioners for their participation in the Lenten Fish Fry Project. Special thanks to the following: the community for their support, Donna & Tommy Perez for coordinating the project, Dolores Scott for coordinating the desserts, Hair By Nina and Fishbeck's for letting us put the signs at their businesses, the C.C.D. youth, all those who baked cakes weekly for desserts and/or gave up their Friday afternoons to make this possible. It was good to see many people so dedicated and willing to help. As in the past the proceeds will go to help members of our community and our other charities. Once again thanks to all who participated in our Parish Lenten Project.

#### PARISH CENSUS CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

It has been several years since we have updated our parish census contact information. Many parishioners have disconnected their home phones, have email addresses, and/or have changed mailing addresses. In order to update our records, we ask that you complete the form below and drop it in the mail slot, or mail. Thank you for helping us update our records.

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**St. Joseph's Parishioner Contact Information Update**  
*Please Print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

\* If you are not registered and would like to become a parishioner, contact the Parish Office or find the registration form online at our website: [www.stjosephsmoulton.org](http://www.stjosephsmoulton.org).

## REFLECTION

*Jesus*

### *The Shepherd to Emulate*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally *Good Shepherd Sunday*, but John 10:1-10 refers to Jesus as the gate as much as the shepherd. The claim of Jesus to be both the gate and the good shepherd of God's people follows immediately upon a rather heated exchange between Jesus and some of the Pharisees. The Pharisees are represented as the strangers to whom the sheep will not listen because they do not care for the sheep as Jesus does. While the Pharisees were content to criticize and condemn, Jesus had compassion, called sinners to forgiveness and healed both body and spirit. Jesus through his fresh interpretation of the law, opened the gate then enabled sinners to come home to God. Eventually, Jesus laid down his life for his sheep.

If this is the manner in which Jesus exercised his mission, then we, his disciples are to do likewise. Being a gate means offering witness that lights the path and eases the journey of others. Being a gate as Jesus was, involves a willingness to lay down our lives and spend ourselves in service for the sake of others. Such is the daily challenge of those called disciples of Jesus.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 4 – Lillian Hrcncir  
May 5 – Dennis Berckenhoff  
May 6 – Lorene Fishbeck, Mary Alice Lewkoski,  
Windi Michal  
May 7 – Irena Fikac, Mark Pilat  
May 9 – Brooke Rothbauer

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 4 – Barbara & Eugene Anderle  
May 5 – Shannon & L. A. Simper  
May 6 – Albina & Clarence Bohuslav

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed as usual for adoration after Mass until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Parishioners are invited to come pray for our Special Intention, the end of the Corona Virus.

## Communique from St. Joseph's, Moulton and St. Mary's, Praha Parish Office – April 28, 2020

In the light of Governor Abbott's press conference on Monday, concerning the Corona Virus and the loosening of restrictions in Texas, Bishop Cahill has come out with new directives for the celebration of Masses in the Diocese of Victoria, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bishop Cahill's new directives concerning the celebration of Mass with a congregation on Sundays beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> were discussed with a group of parishioners from Moulton and Praha Churches. The following decisions were made:

1. Mass will be on demand on our Facebook page and website as usual at 9:00 a.m. from either Moulton or Praha Church on Sundays until further notice for all those who for some reason cannot participate in person at Mass.
2. Mass will be celebrated under the pavilion at the Social Center at 9:00 a.m. this Sunday in Moulton. Next Sunday's Mass will be celebrated under the auction pavilion in Praha. Parishioners from Moulton and Praha may participate in the Mass of their choice. Social distancing protocol will be observed. Parishioners are encouraged to follow the safety guidelines proposed by our state and local officials.

In addition:

1. The Church Bulletin will be mailed weekly to parishioners as in the past. Extra bulletins will be available in the Church.
2. Morning Mass will be celebrated in Moulton on Wednesdays and on Fridays at 8:00 a.m. in the Family Room. On Thursdays, Mass will be celebrated at Praha Church at 5:30 p.m. Social distancing protocol will be followed.
3. For any pastoral needs feel free to contact the Parish Office.

Your support and prayers at these challenging times are greatly appreciated. Hopefully soon, all of us will be able to come together to celebrate the Eucharist.

## SPECIAL MOTHERS DAY MASS MAY 10



To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop your Mother's Day envelope in the drop slot or mail **by May 4**.

## ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The May Altar Society meeting has been canceled.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

*Tiburcio "Tivo" Mejia*

and the comfort of his loved ones.

*May he rest in peace.*

