

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter



**“If You Love Me,
You Will Keep My Commandments”**

For Jesus, his disciples demonstrate their love for him by keeping his commandments. This is an invitation to share his heart. Loving Jesus brings us to share in his relationship with the Father. All that Jesus did in his life was aimed at one thing; to entice us into falling in love with God and the way to do that is through loving him. Keeping Jesus’ commandments is a matter of the heart, a heart willingly invaded by God.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by Michelle & Dale Fojtik in thanksgiving to God and in honor of the 2020 Moulton High School Graduates.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Koranek

Thursday, May 21

5:30 p.m. Gerald Kalina, Eugene A. Patalik, Sr. (Praha)

Friday, May 22

8:00 a.m. Frank Heinrich, Mary & Anton Pulkrabek

Sunday, May 24

**9:00 a.m. Mariella Lemon & Harry Herzik,
Jim Schneider (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.

Mass with a congregation will be at 9:00 a.m. under the Social Center pavilion.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Ascension of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles: 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Willie Ed Maresh.

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment \$17,685.00
Contributions So Far \$ 1,570.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$16,115.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Doris & Allen Barta

Niki & Chad Chaloupka

Margaret & Victor Molnoskey

Do please consider making a donation.

CHURCH DONATION

A donation of \$250 was made to St. Joseph’s Church by Mr. & Mrs. Francis Bradley with this statement:

In honor of Loretta & Tony Janak, the most generous and “the Best” clock guy in all of Texas. Who wouldn’t take money for his work.

Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Bradley for the donation.

WORK INSIDE THE CHURCH BEGINS

Work inside the church has begun. The cracks in the church walls are being chipped and replastered. With the availability of funds, the church will be repainted. The project is being coordinated through the Business Office of the Diocese.

DONATION TOWARDS COPY MACHINE

Thanks to the anonymous parishioner who made a donation of \$5,000 towards the purchase of a new photocopier machine for the Parish Office. In addition to the day-to-day office use the copier is used for in-house printing of the bulletin and other church publications. The present copier is five years old and has 633,000 copies. It will be moved to the Youth Center office for Sophia’s use upon the purchase of the new machine. The price of the new machine is \$11,850.

God bless. Thanks for the donation.

Additional Mother’s Day Remembrance



Georgie
Evelyn Albrecht
Anna Bartos
Georgia Berckenhoff
Elyse Chaloupka
Evelyn Darilek
Lorene Fishbeck
Rosie Fishbeck
Barbara Hermes
Claudia Jalufka
Hedwig Jasek
Hallie Klesel
Ella Kloesel
Annie Steinocher
Peggie Sustr

REFLECTION

The Spirit – Presence of the Lord

Liturgically, the Church awaits the feast of the Ascension of the Lord and the Pentecost that follows closely thereafter.

In his farewell discourse, Jesus informs his disciples how he will provide for them his departure. He promises to send the disciples *another Advocate*. Jesus himself was the first Advocate. Jesus fulfills a necessary part of his promise by asking the Father to send the Advocate *to be with you always*. This Advocate is not synonymous with the Holy Spirit. Rather, it is a particular way of describing the function of the Holy Spirit, also held in common with Jesus. In other words, what the Advocate does is not new. It is a continuation of the work of Jesus.

Jesus promises his disciples that he will not leave them orphans. He assures them that he will return at some point in the future. With mutual love as a foundation upon which the disciples will carry out the work of Jesus, plus the sending of the Advocate to assist them in their work, they are firmly set to continue on when Jesus returns to the Father. Jesus has taught us and the disciples everything that the Father has revealed to him. Our success as his disciples will depend on our faithfulness in living our lives of love.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 20 – Calvin Klimitchek, Tina Trejo

May 21 – Scott Filipp

May 23 – Doris Simper

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 17 – Betty & Ronnie Roznovsky

May 18 – Congratulations Julia & Brian Beran
on your 45th Wedding Anniversary

May 19 – Bernice & Dennis Ellinghausen
– Mary & Kenneth Kristynik

May 20 – Gloria & J. Isaias Manzano

May 22 – Ann & Leonard Kalisek
– Carla & James Meisetschleager

May 23 – Lisa & Kenneth Zidek

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The marriage was on the rocks. But the man loved his wife and wanted to prove his love, so he decided to swim across the ocean. She was not impressed. Undaunted, he walked across the Gobi desert. He sent her a victory picture of him at the Chinese border with parched, cracked lips. She still was unimpressed. He decided to climb Mount Everest. They took a picture of him standing atop the 29,142 feet peak, holding up his black, frostbitten thumb. He was sure he had won her back. When he returned home, the divorce went through. He asked her, "Why?" She answered, "Well, you were never home!"

In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't expect us to swim oceans, cross deserts or climb mountains. He only asks that we keep his commandments. That alone is proof of our love for him.
– Deacon Dick Folger

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



Retired Priests of the Diocese of Victoria

Priests devote their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ. In retirement, they continue to serve. They are the living roots of our sacramental community. *Please be generous.*

CONGRATULATIONS



M.H.S. CLASS OF 2020

Candido Barbosa

Erin Blaschke

Katelyn Buehring

Ryan DeHoyos

Christina Fojtik

Charles Kubicek

Tristan Meisetschleager

Gabriella Perry

Jared Raabe

Trevor Richter

John Wenske

Matthew Berckenhoff

Cody Broussard

Matthew Carlile

Garrett Drabek

Anthony Guzman

Jaycee Loewe

Macey Moeller

Jesus Pinedo

Laci Ramos

Olivia Tesch

Luis Zuniga

We pray for God's blessing for them.

THANK YOU NOTE

*Celebration House would like to thank you for your monetary donation to the Food Pantry. It is greatly appreciated during these troubling times. Those in need in our community will greatly benefit from your generosity.
The Board Members*

* St. Mary's Church, Praha donated \$1,000 to The Celebration House Food Pantry in Flatonia.

** St. Joseph's Church, Moulton donated \$1,000 to L.A.M.B. in Hallettsville in addition to the food items donated by parishioners.

Catholic Daughters Court #2018 Financial Review with the District Deputy tomorrow, **Monday, May 18**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to ensure that we have plenty of spacing. Our monthly **Rosary** will be at **6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting** also in the Parish Hall.