

July 5, 2020

Ordinary Time

Fourteenth Sunday



Learn From Me

For I Am Meek And Humble of Heart

Through Jesus' ministry, God's true face has been revealed and all prior human imaginings of God as a punisher of peoples or judge have been put to rest. Even though desparate situations may cause us to cry out for a vengeful God who would right the world's wrongs, Jesus teaches us that there are other alternatives. Jesus invites us to be willing to set aside our *wise and learned* ways and become *Little Ones* who can see him as he truly is. He assures us that we will be able to see God's face only if we look carefully at Jesus.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of Susan Jasek, sponsored by her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, July 8

8:00 a.m. Alice & George Cinadr

Thursday, July 9

5:30 p.m. Fred Henry Holub (*Praha*)

Friday, July 10

8:00 a.m. Agnes Jasek, Lynda Kocian

Sunday, July 12

9:00 a.m. Mary & Cyril Dornak, Susan Jasek

Mass with a congregation this Sunday, July 5 will be at 9:00 a.m. under the auction pavilion in Praha.

Mass on Sunday, July 5 will also be on demand for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

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

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment \$17,685.00
Contributions So Far \$ 5,745.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$11,940.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Lillian Supak

Anonymous Donor

Sharon & August Etlinger, Jr.

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER FUND



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

In Memory of Frank Darilek

Nancy Sivyer - \$25

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND



We thank the following for their contribution:

Patricia Lombardo - \$1,000

To make a tax-deductible donation you may go to our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org and donate online or make a donation directly to St. Joseph's Church.

*** This week the pews are being taken out and stored in the bingo room of the Social Center so that the repair work can continue. ***

RESURRECTION CHAPEL FUND

In memory of Frank Darilek

Helen & Erwin Chaloupka

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Bea & Clarence Bohuslav, Rosalie Konkaba, Gail & Matthew Maskey and Lee Whittenborn.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Margie Maresh

and for the comfort of her loved ones.

May she rest in peace.



REFLECTION

The Mystery of the Kingdom Revealed to the Little Ones

Jesus' prayer and invitation, as expressed in today's Gospel, follows immediately upon his reproof of those who have heard his words and seen his works but remained unrepentant. In sharp contrast to the wise and learned who refused Jesus were the "little ones" whose humility and openness to God and to grace enabled them to see and believe the truths that Jesus set before them. Implied in this statement is the idea that those who were highly educated in the Jewish law could find that learnedness an obstacle to grasping the wisdom revealed in Jesus. Moreover, Jesus claimed to be a source of revelation, in direct contradiction to the idea that God's revelation is fully contained in the law and the prophets. The exclusiveness of the relationship shared by Jesus and the Father reminds us that human beings do not have the capability, on their own, to fathom the knowledge of God. We know God only because such knowledge is a gift. Even our efforts to know the Son are futile unless the Son wills to be known ... and, thanks be to God, the Son does desire to be known and to make God known as well. This revelation provides us with a release from the weighty obligations of the interpreted law. Unlike the Pharisees, who "tie up heavy burdens and lay them on the shoulders of others" and then offer "not a finger to move them" (Matt 23:8), Jesus offers a shared burden, a lighter load, and rest.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- July 5 – Gernadette Geissen
- July 6 – Elliott Bartos, Cameron Petrek, David Reindl, Easton Rothbauer, Phyllis Schoenfeld
- July 7 – Bernadette Kresta, Leroy Mikulencak Jr., Bernadette Nieto
- July 8 – Conner Blahuta, Kathy Fishbeck, Ann Kalisek, Bailey Wagner
- July 9 – Gloria Jasek
- July 10 – Marcel Kleihege, Janet Raabe, Dennis Simper
- July 11 – Laura Pustejovsky, Dale Seifert

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



- July 5 – Linda & Joseph Pilat
- July 8 – Lorrie & Michael Janecek
- July 9 – Julile & Daniel Beyer
 - Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck
 - Congratulations Angie & Chad Rothbauer on your 15th Wedding Anniversary
- July 10 – Tamara & Benjamin Siegel
 - April & Robert Lee Simper

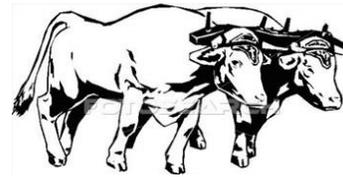
Dispensation From The Obligation Sunday Mass Extended

Bishop Cahill has extended dispensation from the obligation for Catholics to participate in Sunday Mass in person until June 31, 2020, in order to pastorally care for those who have physical and emotional concerns regarding Covid-19.

* *We will continue the 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass on demand on our Facebook page throughout the month of July. Open-air Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. in Moulton and Praha alternatively. We encourage all who can participate to do so.*

ORIENTATION

For My Yoke Is Easy, And My Burden Light



How life-giving these words must have been for Jesus' contemporaries who were eager to love and serve the Lord, but who were finding strict observance of the law

increasingly difficult. Particularly burdensome was the enormous compendium of oral law that were added to the commandments mediated by Moses on Sinai.

In sharp contrast to these laws, Jesus offered to lessen the burdens of those who came to him. He did this by being their yokemate. Usually, beasts of burden were paired in a double yoke so they could combine their efforts at plowing. Fully aware of the agrarian methods of the day, Jesus used that image of a shared yoke and a shared burden to assure his listeners that they were not alone as they faced their future as his disciples. However, while he assured them of easy yoke and rest, he did not promise them a life free from sorrow or struggle. "He does assure them that if they keep close to him, they will find relief from such crushing burdens as crippling anxiety, the sense of frustration and futility and the misery of a sinful life.

Jesus tells us of a different kind of yoke. He offers us one that is easy to wear. His yoke binds us to him as he leads us to salvation. With Jesus at our side, we can pull safe and strong, and our burden is light.

PRAHA PICNIC CANCELLED

The Praha Picnic, Pražská Pout has been cancelled this year due to the uptick in the Corona Virus. This is to protect the vulnerable in the Praha Community and in the Maticka Praha Family. We appreciate your participation and support in the past and we look forward to a bigger and safer family reunion celebration next year. To keep up the Home Place until next year's celebration, consider making a donation to St. Mary's Church.

- St Mary's Parish Council
- Fr. Gabriel

**** *Look out for more information.* ****