

November 15, 2020

Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday

Making The Most of Each Moment



The parable of the talents reveals the meaning and the importance of the time that elapses between the Master's departure on his journey and his return. The time of the Lord's absence is for us, a time of active waiting.

We each have received invaluable capital according to each one's capacity. The Master's trust is unheard of. It exceeds the boundaries of reason. The Master relies on his servants' sense of responsibility. Obviously, only the Lord can act in this manner with his servants. In the parable we are dealing with God, who bestows his infinite riches upon his servants who have faithfully administered the portion of the capital entrusted them. The conduct of the third servant was truly a mortal sin that deprived him forever from sharing in his Master's joy.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Adela & John Lewis Beran by their family.

Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated in memory of Deacon Milburn Kram, by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, November 18
8:00 a.m. Deacon Milburn Kram
Friday, November 20
8:00 a.m. Jim, Rosalie & John Kubicek
Saturday November 21
6:30 p.m. Vernell & James Kasper
Sunday, November 22
6:30 a.m. Lalie & Willie Bartos
9:30 a.m. Larry Supak

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

PREPARING FOR THE SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Feast of Christ the King*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

- Nov. 23** - Community Thanksgiving Service at Zion Lutheran Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 25** – Thanksgiving Vigil Masses:
4:30 p.m., Praha **6:30 p.m., Moulton**
- Nov. 26** – Thanksgiving Day Mass:
8:00 a.m., Moulton in Family Room

Food baskets have been made available at the Parish Hall entrance for your canned goods and non-perishable food items (rice, pasta, dry beans, etc.). You may drop your food items at any time. Drop monetary donations in the collection basket or drop box during the month of November.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND



We thank the following for their donations:

- Dale Seifert - \$200*
- Col. & Mrs. Carl Forbrich, San Antonio, TX - \$100*

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

- In Memory of Adela Beran*
- In Memory of Sidney Bochat*
- Angeline Jalufka*

Catholic Daughters' Memorial Service/Awards Ceremony Today, November 15 in the Parish Hall, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Refreshments provided.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 6 p.m., Family Room.
WEDNESDAY – KC Meeting
THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Marjorie Anders.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development.
Be generous.

REFLECTION

Keeping Watch While Working For the Lord
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Psalm 128
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

As the liturgical year winds down, the scripture texts draw our attention to the ultimate winding down of our lives, and our world, and we are reminded that there will be a final reckoning. Each of us has been given unique gifts and abilities that we must put to the best possible use. Discovering our particular talents can be a delightful adventure; helping others to discover theirs is equally rewarding. But the real challenge lies in translating that delightful discovery into serious, practical service of God and others. This can be a rather risky enterprise. Sometimes our talents placed in the service of others are open to criticism, scrutiny and ridicule. Nevertheless, even if our efforts will never be acknowledged as eloquently as those of the worthy wife in the Proverbs reading, our belonging to Jesus calls forth our generosity and perseverance.

In all we are and all we do, we keep in mind that there is no room here for procrastination. God's gifts cannot be left on the shelf until we retire or find a more convenient moment. On the contrary, these gifts have a very short shelf life, and the precious fragility of life should spark a sense of immediacy that makes us willing to share our talents and ourselves now. Moreover, we are called to praise and foster the talents we see in others as we await our master's return.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 15 – Hudson Colburn, KayLynn Rothbauer,
Addison Simper
Nov. 16 – Irene Gold, Sharon Kram, Kenneth Rebeck
Nov. 18 – Cloey Balderas, Janet Darilek, Tais Gomez,
Curtis Mikulencak
Nov. 20 – Bethany Braeuer, Yahaira Perez
Nov. 21 – Elmer Michna, Julianne Raabe, Jeanette Targac

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 16 – Mary Ann & Patrick Wenske
Nov. 18 – Mary & Ray Michalec
– Jennifer & Donald Rothbauer

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Maggie Mejias
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



Thanksgiving Food/Monetary Collection

Make check payable to St. Joseph's designated L.A.M.B.
Put donation in the collection basket.
My Donation to L.A.M.B. \$ _____

Notice From Lavaca Country Emergency Management Office

11/13/2020 - 3:22 PM

Good Afternoon All,

The rise in COVID-19 ACTIVE cases in Lavaca County should be very concerning. Per my conversations with DSHS Public Health, it's important to continue the recommended practices as advised by DSHS and CDC.

It's easy to become relaxed about mask-wearing and social distancing etc., but the results become a spike in Active cases as you can review the trend above.

In order to be EXEMPT from the Governors Mask Order, the details are posted in the second graphic above. We must remain below 30 or fewer cases for 14-days. With the countywide 14-day Active trend, listed above, we are headed the wrong way.

It would be reckless to think that we are immune to another surge in Cases and put a burden on local and regional hospitals. If this trend continues, we may be in this unwanted situation again.

This is a gentle reminder, to kindly ask your cooperation and PLEASE continue to follow the Minimum Recommended Health Protocols, available on

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx>.

Respectfully,

Egon Barthels | Coordinator

Liturgical Orientation

Every year, on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time the Church offers us a celebration explicitly centered on the mystery of the end-time. This Sunday makes the shift in the post-Pentecost season to the great themes of the end. This theme will be in the forefront from now until the First Sunday of Advent.

The Liturgy thus invites us to consider all things under the aspect of eternity by grounding ourselves in the certainties guaranteed by faith: creation, which God made beautiful and good, will be transfigured by the Spirit; Christ will come again; those who prepared themselves to receive him will live with him forever; this future is decided in the present. It matters little to know when or how the new world will appear: whether at the end of a slow germination, invisible to human eyes, or with the dazzling suddenness of a flash of lightning? The images that evoke it must not mislead us. The day and the hour remain the secret to God alone.

Next Sunday, is the Thirty-fourth Sunday, or the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel proclaims Jesus king by the sign on his head on the throne of a wooden cross (I.N.R.I. *Iesus nazarenus rex iudaeorum* – Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews). **The New Liturgical Year begins November 29.**

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* are available at the entrance to the Social Center Pavilion for those who put in an order.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* are available for the scheduled Lectors at the entrance to the Social Center.