

February 7, 2021

Ordinary Time

Fifth Sunday



Jesus, The Giver of Hope

Jesus knows the misery of human life, because he is one of us. However, suffering can no longer be interpreted as a direct punishment from God for sins committed as it was commonly believed at the time. The miracles that Jesus worked, freeing the man of unclean spirit, the healing of Simon's mother-in-law, and the generalized summary of miracles at sundown are preliminary acts of healing that foreshadow the greatest act of healing miracle, the death and resurrection of Christ. It is in this miracle that we partake at every Eucharist. In this miracle Jesus continues to heal the broken-hearted. Come and be healed.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Emmie & George Michalec, by their family.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Grace Schoenvogel, Geraldine & Edward Toth

Saturday, February 13

6:30 p.m. Larry Seifert

Sunday, February 14

6:30 a.m. Jewel & Cecil Castro

9:30 a.m. Rosalie Koncaba

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 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

PREPARING FOR THE SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday – Altar Society Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Parish Hall

– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

Wednesday – Christian Mothers Prayers, Family Room

– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

Thursday – **No KC Bingo** due to predicted severe weather

Friday – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the office at any time.

SOCIETY NEWS

Altar Society dues (\$10) are payable at this time. You may pay at the meeting, drop in the collection basket or mail to: Karin Filipp, P. O. Box 547, Moulton.

Knights of Columbus February meeting changed to February 16 so that members can attend the Ash Wednesday Mass on February 17.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.

Feb. 8 – K-2nd Grade Y.M.C. After School Program

Feb. 10 – 3rd-6th Grade Y.M.C. After School Program
– 9th-11th C.C.D.

Next Sunday – * 6th Grade Youth Mass; C.C.D.

* The students are asked to sit with their families as usual. Only the 6th Grade will sit as a group. Do please follow the social distancing protocol and wear a mask.

REFLECTION

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Psalm: 147
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

In Today's first reading, Job complains to his friends that his days fly by faster than a weaver's shuttle. Think of the needle of a sewing machine racing up and down faster than the eye can see. This speed of Job's days is certainly echoed in what we hear about Jesus' activities in today's gospel reading. Jesus – moving from town to town, preaching the good news and casting out demons – is a bundle of energy in Mark. Within a few verses we find him healing *all who were wicked or possessed*. Indeed, *the whole city was gathered around the door* looking for his attention!

We find Jesus entering the house of Peter (Simon) and Andrew, and there is the mother of Peter's wife sick in bed with a fever. The interesting thing is not the cure, but that upon being healed, the mother-in-law immediately began to serve. (The original Greek word for *service* is *diakonein* the same word that is the origin of the church's ministry of *deacon* today.) So, when we find gifts of God in our lives today, we give thanks to God knowing that the gift is not and end in itself but to be given back to God in service.

Consider the many gifts you have received from God. How are you using these gifts in the service of others and of God?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Feb. 7 – Judy Barta, Kamryn Darilek
Feb. 8 – Tom Lawrence, Madison Moeller,
Marilyn Strmiska
Feb. 9 – Brittanica Darilek, Phillip Geissen,
Phil Hosemann, Michael Raab, Taylor Self
Feb. 10 – Patrick Cinadr, Georgie Holub, Kyle Koncaba,
Daniel Kresta
Feb. 12 – John Gomez, Heather Rebecck
Feb. 13 – Linda Mikulencak

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Feb. 8 – Rosalyn & Alvin Kocian
Feb. 10 – LaSae & Eric Rother
Feb. 12 – Barbara & Allen Hermes
– Windi & Matt Michal
– Congratulations Cleo & Leroy Nieto
on your 55th Wedding Anniversary

Youth Ministry Fund Donation

In Memory of Lillie & Henry Dornak
Sheri & Glenn Grohmann

Diocesan Men's Conference February 20: To register (\$25) go to www.victoriadiocese.org/arise

**Blessing of New Church Organ
this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.**

Ash Wednesday Services – February 17

Mass Schedule:

St. Joseph's, Moulton
6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
St. Mary's, Praha - 4:30 p.m.



Why Ashes on Ash Wednesday?

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday the day, we usher in Lent with its three core traditional practices of **PRAYER**, **FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING**. Lenten discipleship is about making our way back to the Lord. Just as Jesus' disciples were not free from sin, neither are we. We need the Lord to call us back, to remind us of his everlasting mercy and forgiveness. The use of ashes for all the faithful at the start of Lent began in the tenth century with its roots in the Books of Job, Jeremiah and Daniel – the sprinkling of ashes, wearing of sack cloth and practices of fasting were central gestures of sorrow and repentance for the Israelites. Every year in the middle of the week in late winter we go to church and have ashes smudged upon our clean foreheads. We still undergo this ritual of ashes because at least once a year we need to be reminded that our deepest hunger is the hunger for God. It is a personal act of remembrance and a sign or a witness to others. The ashes come from the burnt palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration, which begin Holy Week. So, the ashes bring us back to our celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On this first day of Lent, we begin a journey of renewal from death to life. This is a joyful season. We make sacrifices to let the Lord transfigure us to help us grow in holiness. As the ashes are placed on our foreheads we are reminded to **Repent and Believe in the Gospel**. We wear the ashes not as a boastful sign, showing how holy we are, but as a witness to the world of our commitment to living the commandments, to have God transfigure us.



Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays of Lent, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent. See insert.

Lenten Fasting & Almsgiving

As Jesus' disciples we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters in need. Make this Lent count by being charitable.

Second Collection (Rice Bowl)

All Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday

Lenten Food Drive

We will once again be collecting canned goods for LAMB.

Praha Pancake Sunday Today