

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter



“You Are Witnesses of These Things”

During his mortal life, Jesus could not proclaim the Kingdom of God beyond the confines of the country where he lived. After his resurrection, through the ministry of the apostles, his voice can echo throughout the earth. The forgiveness of sins and salvation that comes from the resurrected can reach all those who believe in him. Going out from Jerusalem, the place where the mystery of the incarnation reached its summit with Jesus’ Passover, the disciples witnessed to this by responding in faith. How do you witness to the resurrection by your life?

Today’s Bulletin printed in memory of Carrie & Frank Zamykal by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 21
8:00 a.m. Claude Jalufka
Friday, April 23
8:00 a.m. Joyce Dillman
Saturday, April 24
6:30 p.m. Carrie & Frank Zamykal
Sunday, April 25
6:30 a.m. Lucille Gold
9:30 a.m. Paul Leininger

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

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.

Catholic Daughters Spring Bake Sale April 30

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Rose & Marvin Rothbauer.



2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

March 18, 2021

Dear Pastor,

Listed below is the information pertaining to your Parish’s 2020 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA):

St. Joseph’s Church, Moulton	
Parish Goal	\$17,685
Total Number of Parishioners Pledging	56
Total Amount Pledged by Parishioners	\$22,250
Total Amount Contributed by Parishioners	\$22,250

The Total Amount Contributed by Parishioners includes all contributions received through February 28, 2021. In order to meet your 2020 Parish Goal, adjusted for the one-time rebate approved by the Bishop, a total of **\$-6,284.95** is due and payable to the Diocese of Victoria on or before April 6, 2021.

Last month the 2021 DSA Brochure and Pledge Card were mailed to your Parishioners from Victoria. The 2021 DSA Appeal runs from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. Please note that any payments received after February 28, 2021 will automatically be applied to the 2021 Diocesan Services Appeal. For your information, **your Parish’s 2021 DSA Goal is \$17,848.00.**

Sincerely,

Rene Garcia

ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH REPAIR FUND



We thank the following for their continued donations. Without your help and the help of many others our church building would have been in bad shape:

Floris Ann & David Simper - \$500

Bernadette & Darren Fikac - \$50

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 6 p.m., Parish Hall
WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Knights of Columbus Meeting, George’s Hall
THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Erwin Leon Faltisek
and the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



REFLECTION

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19 Psalm 4
1 John 2:1-5a Luke 24:35-48

He Is Living In Our Midst

The privileged experience of the Twelve means first of all that they truly saw Jesus, and not the product of their imagination. The appearance of the resurrected Jesus surprised them, making them startled and terrified. He had to prove to them many times over that it really was he. Despite this, “they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed.” He whom they had seen die was now “in their midst.” He showed them his crucified hands and feet, inviting them to touch him: “Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as I have.” At his request, they gave him “a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.” One could hardly claim more concretely the identity of the resurrected and the crucified – “It is really I” – and the reality of his body. What is the nature of this body? The Gospels content themselves with saying, with no explanation that it was not subject to the constraints of mortal bodies, such as that with which Jesus experienced death and burial. Henceforth, Jesus may come and go anywhere he pleases. Paul asks himself about his own resurrection: “With what kind of body will (the dead) come back?” “A spiritual body,” he responds (1 Cor 15:35-44).

As we celebrate Easter the readings invite us to contemplate Jesus as the one raised by the Father to give us peace.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr. 18 – Mateo Vasquez
Apr. 19 – Roy Drabek, Martha Gold, Kendall Kristynik,
Carolyn Whitmire
Apr. 20 – Patricia Anders, Justin Pilat
Apr. 21 – Cynthia Beran, Talan Darilek, Nicholas Perez
Apr. 23 – Samuel Fishbeck

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Apr. 18 – Stacy & Dusty Wagner
Apr. 19 – Patricia & James Anders
Apr. 23 – Lisa & Duane Fojtik

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – 6th Youth Mass; C.C.D.
Apr. 19 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Apr. 21 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program
– 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – 8th Grade Youth Mass; C.C.D.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

HOME MISSIONS - Please be generous.

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

The Lectionary For Mass

The First Reading: Peter’s speech to his fellow Jews in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost accuses them and the Jewish leaders of maneuvering to do away with God’s servant, Jesus. Peter accused them of putting to death the “author of life,” but God raised him from the dead, and they are living witnesses to the risen Christ. This was all part of God’s plan, announced by the prophets, that God’s Christ or Messiah would suffer. None of that matters, for God now calls all to repent and be converted, so that sins are wiped away and forgotten. God invites all to the same repentance and conversion.

The Responsorial Psalm: The psalmist prays in confidence asking God to “let your face shine on us.” No matter what we have done, if we turn back to the Lord in fidelity and trust, God will answer, restore us and put gladness into our hearts once more. The Lord is the only one who can relieve our distress and bring security and peace to our hearts and minds. This is the essence of what Peter is preaching to his fellow Jews and to us today.

The Second Reading: As believers, we are called to a life of love. When we falter in that love, we should not be overwhelmed for we have Jesus, our advocate with our Father. Through his word and deeds, Jesus has reconciled the whole world to the Father. All we have to do is turn to God for forgiveness and reconciliation. This is best manifested when we love others the way God has loved us. No one can truly claim to love God and not follow through on love of others. They fool only themselves. We are to keep God’s word and grow daily in our love of others.

The Gospel: Another appearance of the risen Christ to his fearful disciples stresses that Jesus is not a ghost but really and truly risen. Showering them with peace, he affirms his living presence by asking for something to eat. The disciples, overwhelmed with joy, are instructed by Jesus as he opens “their minds to understand the Scriptures” that were written about him. Having previously instructed them, he now reiterates how the Scriptures predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer and die, but rise on the third day. In this manner repentance and forgiveness of sin would be preached to all. They and we are witnesses to these things. This Easter Time, examine how you are a faithful witness to the risen Christ.

Triduum/Easter Activities At St. Joseph’s

The Triduum / Easter Liturgical Celebrations were well attended. The Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Picnic were very successful. We served around 1800 plates. Look out for a complete report soon.

Pictures of the Triduum/Easter Activities, the Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter Picnic are needed. You may email them to the Parish Office at st_joe@sbcglobal.net.

Remember the sick in your prayers,
especially Linda Muehlstein.