

November 8, 2015

Ordinary Time

Thirty-second Sunday



Two Daring Women

The scriptures set before us today two widows whose courage in the face of difficulty challenges our own behavior as Jesus' disciples. Neither the widow who offered hospitality to Elijah nor the widow who gave all she had to the temple treasury could be described as prudent. In their actions, both widows revealed priorities that had little to do with prudence or practicality.

The widows are examples not only of generosity, but of profound faith in God's providential care. We are challenged to model ourselves after them.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend and the Veteran's Day Service are donated by the Praha Altar Society.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, November 14

4:30 p.m. Louis & Albina Smolik

Sunday, November 15

8:00 a.m. Paul & Ludmila Pokluda

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Read ahead and be prepared for next weekend, *The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible:

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

No Bible Study Class Wednesday, November 11

No C.C.D. Wednesday, November 11

2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2015 Assessment	\$7,532.00
Contributions So Far	\$4,325.64
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$3,206.36

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Ellene Vrazel

Rosemary & Arthur Klekar

Consider at making a contribution.

Restoring Maticka Praha



Church Restoration Fund Donations

We thank the following for their recent donations:

Judith & James McCune, Wetumpka, AL - \$10
(monthly pledge payment)

In Honor of Josef & Terezie Stryk

Marie & Alfred "Al" Stryk, Pearland, TX - \$1,000

* Total contributions to date in memory of Josef & Terezie Stryk - \$11,400.

If you have not done so already, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a two-year pledge in honor of your loved ones. You however, are free to make a one-time donation or pay for an item of your choice.

A *Book of Memory* will be displayed at an appropriate place in the Church to honor all donors in these categories:

Category I – \$10,000 and above

Category II – \$7,500 to \$9,999

Category III – \$5,000 to \$7,499

Category IV – \$2,500 to \$4,999

To make a tax deductible donation towards the restoration project: Restoring Maticka Praha contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES



Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, 6:00 p.m., **Praha**
(There will be an opportunity for individual confessions beginning at 5:00 p.m.)

Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:00 a.m., **Moulton**

Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offering will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for canned goods. You may drop your canned goods at any time.

REFLECTION



Secure Before God

If we were to focus on just the widow's story in today's Gospel, we could contrast the excessive show of the scribes with her religious zeal. Only God would notice how important her seeming slight gift is. Jesus voices what God has noticed – she has given everything. Like her, Jesus is soon to be asked to give his “whole livelihood”, a total offering of his life to God. He too will hold nothing back from God.

There is a reckless quality in the widow's giving. Who among us would not hesitate if the donation we consider giving would take all that we have? The Gospel is not calling us to put all we own in the next collection but to consider the example of the widow, who is a model of radical trust in God.

Her trust challenges our less-than-total commitment and dependence on God. She is highlighted for us because her gift indicates how much her life was turned to God. Her total self-giving reminds us how distracted we are by material matters that pertain more to our abundance than to our real needs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 10 – Heather Jasek
– Ken Stryk
November 12 – David Janecka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 8 – Congratulations Robin & Gary Cerny
on your 35th Wedding Anniversary

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Nov. 9



The Basilica of St. John Lateran, in Rome, holds a special place in the memory of the Church. St. John Lateran was first dedicated by Pope Sylvester I in the year of 324.

When centuries of persecution ended with the Constantine's 313 edict granting Christians the right to publically practice their faith, St. John Lateran became the first basilica where Christians were able to worship freely in public. It is the oldest church in the West and the episcopal seat of the pope as the bishop of Rome.

VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY



We welcome our Veterans, and our visitors to the Mass and program honoring our Veterans.

Pray For Peace This Veterans Day

Veterans Day celebrates those values, not the martial violence that puts America's soldiers to the test. The focus of this commemoration has always been on peace, not war. It was first called Armistice Day, for the November 11, 1918 peace agreement that ended World War I, what was then called the “War to end all wars.” If Veterans Day has any message, it is to remind us of war's human cost and the many mourning families it leaves in its wake. It is also a reminder that armed conflict should never be accepted as an inevitability.

“We must never resign ourselves to the absence of peace. Peace is possible. Peace is urgent. Peace is an indispensable condition for a life worthy of the human person and society.” – Pope Benedict XVI

Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus!

Christian faith and life, and the Church's journey point toward the resurrection of the dead and the coming of the Son of Man. This faith is expressed in every Liturgical celebration.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Each of us proclaims it in the Lord's Prayer
***Our Father who art in heaven ...
Their Kingdom come ...***

The whole liturgical year is symbolic. It takes place through the signs and sacraments - a journey which leads from the first revelation of God and his plan of salvation to the Passover of Christ, death, resurrection, ascension, drawing us along behind him. As we approach the Feast of Christ the King, the Last Sunday of the Liturgical year, the parable to be proclaimed on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time insists on the urgent necessity of active watchfulness. Since no one can say when the Son of Man will come the celebration on this Sunday urges us to a fresh awareness of an essential dimension of our lives as well as of the Liturgy. We are expecting your glorious coming.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Shiner Strudel Sale – November 14

Homemade Apple Strudel, Unbaked Only - \$14
For Flatonia and Moulton orders call 594-8468.