

November 6, 2016

Ordinary Time

Thirty-second Sunday



Children of the Living God Children of the Resurrection

Jesus' answer to the Sadducees reminds us of what Jesus says about the resurrection of the dead; the Christian resurrection hope depends, not upon wishful thinking, but upon the very nature of the God we believe in. God has revealed himself as the God of the living. In both the Old and New Testaments, he enters into a personal relationship with human beings and that relationship cannot be destroyed, even by death.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend and the Veteran's Day Service are donated by St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, November 12

4:30 p.m. Robert R. Schaefer

Sunday, November 13

8:00 a.m. Ludmila & Paul Pokluda

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



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

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

Responsorial Psalm: 98

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Praha Altar Society Meeting Next Sunday, Nov. 13 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY



We welcome Bishop Brendan J. Cahill, 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

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day Mass, 7:00 a.m., Praha

Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:30 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.

St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

In Memory of Claudie & Valentine Jurek

Merlene & Edward Jurek, Flatonia - \$50

In Memory of Agnes (Bily) & Adolph Fajkus

In Memory of Judith & Emil Pavlica

Dianna & Benedict Kallus, La Grange, TX - \$50

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REFLECTION

Living in the Future in the Present

The last three Sundays of the year invite us to look into the future. Though we are accustomed to think of the close of the Liturgical Year as the end, it is really an opening into the end-time, into the future. Each of the remaining Sundays flashes a spotlight of some aspect of what God is doing in preparation for this future. Today's Bible passages lead us to look at the question of resurrection and the manner of life we are to live in anticipation of it. The Sadducees insisted on understanding the next life as if it were merely a continuation of the present one. Jesus corrected this error in his answer to them. Jesus does not say what the future life will be like. He simply states that it will be different. The method of assuring the continuation of life will be radically transformed. What is clear is the assurance that our relation with God will continue. If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns on us? In fact, our future is already present by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We are therefore called to live lives that have been radically transformed. We live both in this age and in the age to come. We live future lives, but we live them in the present. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn on us in the present.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 7 – Leo Janak
November 10 – Heather Jasek
– Ken Stryk
November 12 – David Janecka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 8 – Robin & Gary Cerny

2017 MASS BOOK OPENS NOVEMBER 8

Mass Offering Stipend – Make a donation.



Called in requests will be honored only upon receipt of donation.

** Owing to the large volume of Mass requests for loved ones each family is limited to 3 Masses per year. The stipend for the Mass is an offering to God. \$5 is the least you can offer. It is recommended you give generously from your heart and not the least possible. To book a Mass call the Parish Office or put your intention and offering into the collection basket, drop slot or mail.*

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Archdiocese for the Military Services

This collection offers each of us a substantial way to “*serve those who serve.*” Funds raised will help bring the Church’s full range of pastoral services to the men and women in uniform as well as their families and patients in the nation’s VA Medical Centers. *Please be generous.*

Memorial Chapels Renovated



The three Memorial Chapels built in 1945 in remembrance of the Nine Boys of Praha who were killed in World War II have been renovated. You may pay your tribute to our Boys who gave their lives for our country by visiting the chapels.

LOOKING AHEAD

The 32nd & 33rd Sundays in Ordinary Time

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 ...

Thy Kingdom come ...

One may wonder whether our daily life and the way we perceive the Church have much to do with this. However, the readings of the 32nd & 33rd Sundays, deal with death and life after death and the events related to the final victory of Christ. The Gospel According to Luke has drawn us, from Sunday to Sunday, on Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem. Jerusalem, which we enter with Jesus, is not the end of a long earthly road. It is the city where the events in the Gospel are unfolded. The life of each Christian is a journey with Jesus, a participation in his Paschal life.

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. The fulfillment of all things is found in the return of the Lord. The First Sunday of Advent sets before our eyes, Jesus speaking to his disciples of his coming. This sets the background from the very beginning for the whole Liturgical year.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!