

April 23, 2017

## Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)



### “My Lord and My God”

Today we trace our roots to the early Church. It was solidly grounded in the teaching of the Apostles and the breaking of the bread. We also recognize ourselves in Thomas, who mingled doubt and disbelief with his growing and deepening faith. With Thomas, we rejoice that Jesus has breathed on us too as we rejoice in his Resurrection.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Ashley & Joel Novosad in memory of Fr. Dan Morales on the occasion of their wedding.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 29

4:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Maria & Joseph Kalina Family

Sunday, April 30

8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the St. Anne’s K.J.Z.T. Society #4

### PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

**Responsorial Psalm:** 16

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially James “Burt” Finney.

**St. Anne’s K.J.Z.T. #4 Quarterly Meeting April 30** in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are invited to attend.

### 2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

March 13, 2017

Dear Pastor,

Listed below is the information pertaining to your Parish’s 2016 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA):

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Praha	
Parish Goal	\$7,618
Total Number of Parishioners Pledging	45
Total Amount Pledged by Parishioners	\$7,895
Total Amount Contributed by Parishioners	\$7,895

The Total Amount Contributed by Parishioners includes all contributions received through February 28, 2017. In order to meet your 2016 Parish Goal, a total of **-\$277** is due and payable to the Diocese of Victoria on or before April 3, 2017.

Last month the 2017 DSA Brochure and Pledge Card were mailed to your Parishioners from Victoria. The 2017 DSA Appeal runs from March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018. Please note that any payments received after February 28, 2017 will automatically be applied to the 2017 Diocesan Services Appeal. For your information, **your Parish’s 2017 DSA Goal is \$7,670.00**

Sincerely,

Rene Garcia

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

#### *In Memory of Louis Barta*

*Julia Stryk - \$25*

*Pat Masek - \$15*

*Gail & Dennis Stryk - \$20*

*Georgia Cerny & Stazy Hajek - \$25*

*Merlene & Edward Jurek, Flatonia, TX – \$50*

*Don Mikulenska Custom Builder, Inc. & Family and  
Marlene & Quinton Janak, Flatonia, TX - \$200*

*Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$200*

*(pledged payment)*

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary’s Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

### ST. MARY’S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Louis Barta: Mary & Charlie Bartos*

### SPECIAL MOTHERS DAY MASS MAY 14

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop the attached Mother’s Day envelope in the collection or mail May 8.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

*Louis Edward Barta*

and for the comfort of his loved ones.

*May he rest in peace.*



## REFLECTION

*“Blessed are those who have not seen  
and have believed.”*

All three readings for this Sunday invite us into the sacred mysteries of the season. The themes set the tone for the entire Easter Season.

Most of us are like Thomas, who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We may not be as straightforward in our demands as he was. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, as obstinate as he first appeared, he was open to the power of the resurrection. Thomas is the model of those who are willing to listen to the good news that comes through the words of others.

We find the same situation in the reading of the Acts. The Christian Community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been through the ages. Although we were not eyewitnesses of the actual events, we are the ones called through the teaching of others to witness to the power of the resurrection in our day.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 23 – Brian Noska  
April 24 – Randy Barta  
April 27 – James E. Kubecka  
April 28 – Andrew Velasquez



Through the waters of Baptism

**Tripp Alexander Brown**  
child of Erin & Thomas Brown, Jr.

**Dylan Christine Johnson**  
child of Veronica & Chad Johnson

**Simon Alexander Thorwart**  
child of Marilyn & Stephen Thorwart

have begun their journey of faith  
in our Christian community.

## Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat April 27-30, 2017

The Retreat will be leaving out of Mentz, Texas. Forms available at the main entrance of church. For more information contact Johnnie Hoffman or Martin Svatek.

## Special Collection Next Weekend

**Mission Sunday - Please be generous.**

## Easter Activities at St. Mary's

Look out for an article next week.

## ORIENTATION – OCTAVE OF EASTER

Today marks the conclusion to the octave of Easter.

It is the eighth day: the day of new creation.



Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come. In a similar way to Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy.

This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings for today and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church's Easter faith.

## VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in



Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts.

They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.

### Remember to pray for the following intentions:

*For Peggy Sykes*

*For Safe Passage*

*For Family Strength*

*For Peace In Our Family*

*For Brennan Todd Caswell*

*For Help For Better Health*

*For Health For Our Family*

*For Peace & Unity In My Family*

*To Give Me & My Wife Good Health*

*For Peace & Harmony of My Family*

*Pray For An Atheist That Maligns People & Me*

*For The Health & Happiness of My Baptized Son, Simon*

*For The Special People On My Thought For The Day List*

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued